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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019
5:00 P.M.

- TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee
- STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC:

1. **Discussion:** Revisions to the Town of Mesilla Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook. –
Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Barraza reviewed additions, deletions and changes for each article in the Town of Mesilla Personnel Rules and Regulations Handbook.

Worksession closed at 6:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019
6:00 P.M.

8 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
9 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
10 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
11 Jesus Caro, Trustee
12 Veronica Garcia, Trustee
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14 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
15 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
16 Ron McGillivray, Public Works Director
17 Enrique Salas, Lieutenant
18 Gloria Maya, Recorder

20 **PUBLIC:** Mary Helen Ratje Mike Noonchester
21 Rafael Geck Sam Kane
22 Davie Salas Kelly Salas
23 Susan Krueger Becky King
24 Victor R. Sakalys B. Denton

27 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

28 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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30 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

31 **Roll Call.**

32 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee
33 Garcia.

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35 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

36 Mayor Barraza requested postponing PZHAC Case #060698 & #060973 from agenda until we receive
37 clarification from the attorney.

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39 Trustee Arzabal asked if there could be a Special Meeting once we received the information from the
40 attorney.

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42 Mayor Barraza asked for a motion with the condition that once written information is received that the

1 required posting be done accordingly for a Special Meeting.

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3 **Motion:** To approve agenda as amended with the condition that once written information is received that
4 the required posting be done accordingly for a Special Meeting, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded**
5 **by Trustee Garcia.**

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7 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

8 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

9 Trustee Arzabal Yes

10 Trustee Caro Yes

11 Trustee Garcia Yes

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13 **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

14 Mr. and Mrs. Noonchester thanked the town for fixing Bowman Street; everyone is thrilled.

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16 Mayor Barraza stated she is thankful as well.

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18 Ms. Ratje stated they are waiting for information on the wellness classes that were held at the Community
19 Center. They are hoping it will be discussed during trustee comments. She stated there was concern
20 regarding liability and insurance and hopes the town has that covered.

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22 Ms. King stated the fee for City of Rocks is \$5 for the whole day. We are asking for 2 days a week, 1
23 hour a day for use of the Community Center.

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25 **5. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – (The Board will be asked to approve by one
26 **motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is**
27 **marked with an asterisk *):**

28 Trustee Arzabal asked if the resolution can be placed on the consent agenda.

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30 Mayor Barraza responded she would like to leave it on the agenda for discussion.

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32 **Motion:** To approve consent agenda, **Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson Burick, Seconded by**
33 **Trustee Arzabal.**

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35 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).

36 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

37 Trustee Arzabal Yes

38 Trustee Caro Yes

39 Trustee Garcia Yes

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41 **a) *BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Work Session & Regular Meeting on November 12, 2019.
42 *Approved by consent agenda*

43 **b) * For Acknowledgement:** termination of contract regarding the Town of Mesilla Arson
44 Dog program. *Approved by consent agenda*

- 1 c) ***PZHAC Case 060979** – 2305 Calle de Colon, submitted by Gerard Nevarez, a request for
2 a zoning permit to allow the addition of a sunroom to an existing dwelling at this
3 address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*
- 4 d) ***PZHAC Case 060982** – 2184 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Eric Serna for
5 Eleda Guggiana; a request to discuss plans to renovate a dwelling at this address.
6 (Case 060982) Zoned: Historic Commercial (HC). *Approved by consent agenda*
- 7 e) ***PZHAC Case 060986** – 1750 Calle de Mercado, submitted by Melissa Roybal for
8 “United Country Real Estate – Revolution LLC”; a request for zoning permit to
9 allow a wall sign for a real estate office at this location. Zoned: General Commercial
10 (C). *Approved by consent agenda*

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12 **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 13 a) **PZHAC Case 060968** – SW corner of Calle de Colon and Calle de Tercera; submitted by
14 Samuel Kane; a request for a zoning permit to allow the construction of four units on a
15 property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). *Postponed*
- 16 b) ***PZHAC Case 060973** – Immediately adjacent to the east side of 2138 Calle del Sur
17 submitted by Davie and Kelly Salas; a request for a zoning permit to allow the construction
18 of two units on a property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). *Postponed*

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20 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 21 a) **Resolution 2019-26:** A resolution by the Board of Trustees acting on a 120-day
22 Moratorium regarding multifamily housing in the Historic Residential Zone. – ***Nora L.***
23 ***Barraza, Mayor.***

24 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated approval of this resolution will gives us 3 months for further review and
25 research to see if ordinance changes are needed.

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27 Mayor Barraza stated she would like the resolution to address all residential HR Zoning.

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29 **Motion:** To approve Resolution 2019-26: A resolution by the Board of Trustees acting on a 120-day
30 Moratorium regarding all residential housing in the Historic Residential Zone, **Moved by Mayor Pro**
31 **Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.** *****Removed multifamily and added all***
32 ***residential housing in HR Zones.***

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34 Mayor Barraza responded this would apply to construction of new homes.

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36 Trustee Arzabal stated permits for a single house should be given the opportunity. The issue is
37 apartments, multifamily homes, casitas.

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39 Mayor Barraza responded she also wants to address setbacks to include new housing as well. The
40 moratorium can be lifted if things are completed before the 120 days.

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42 Mayor Barraza responded it does not include any remodeling or renovations; strictly new construction.
43 There will be a worksession; information will be sent to the trustees for review.

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45 Trustee Arzabal stated at the last meeting we did not talk about new buildings or setbacks.

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2 Mayor Barraza responded she wants to address everything at one time as to not prolong the process.

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4 Trustee Arzabal recommended a 60-day moratorium.

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6 **Amended Motion:** To approve Resolution 2019-26: A resolution by the Board of Trustees acting on a
7 60-day Moratorium regarding all residential housing in the Historic Residential Zone; Chapter 18, **Moved**
8 **by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal ***Removed multifamily and**
9 **added all residential housing in HR Zones.**

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12 **Amended Motion Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).

13 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

14 Trustee Arzabal Yes

15 Trustee Caro Yes

16 Trustee Garcia Yes

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18 **Original Motion Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).

19 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

20 Trustee Arzabal Yes

21 Trustee Caro Yes

22 Trustee Garcia Yes

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24 **b) For Approval:** A stipend for Lieutenant Salas for temporary assignment of duties. - *Nora*
25 *L. Barraza, Mayor.*

26 **Motion:** To approve a stipend for Lieutenant Salas for Temporary assignment of duties, **Moved by**
27 **Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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29 Mayor Barraza stated it is only fair and fitting that we provide Lieutenant Salas a stipend for fulfilling the
30 duties of the Marshal's position.

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32 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated we are proposing \$100 a week until a new marshal is actually working.

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34 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =4).

35 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

36 Trustee Arzabal Yes

37 Trustee Caro Yes

38 Trustee Garcia Yes

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40 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

41 Trustee Arzabal stated CEO meeting December 13th in Hatch.

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43 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated MPO meeting will be December 11th at the City of Las Cruces
44 Chambers. At the last MPO meeting there was a temporary hire for a Planning Assistant position, Valley
45 Drive project should be finished in February, Round About Project on I25 will begin in January,
46 University Avenue project is in process, I10 project will begin soon to the Arizona border.

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48 Mayor Barraza stated the trail will be going out to bid for Phase I (river through Calle de Norte) soon with
49 Phase II (Calle de Norte, Calle de Oeste to Community Center Park) to follow. I10 had work done from

1 Las Cruces to Deming; looking for funding to work on I10 to the Arizona border. The National League
2 of Cities Summit in San Antonio was enlightening. Cynthia could probably tell you more on that.
3 Attended the Ribbon Cutting at the Leadership Academy; fortunate to have them as a neighbor. Las
4 Cruces Public Schools have been hit with Ransom Ware; they are coming over to use our internet to
5 complete projects. Asked Trustee Garcia to attend the RTD meeting on Wednesday. The offices will be
6 closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.
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8 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

9 Lieutenant Salas thanked the board for approving the stipend.

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11 Trustee Garcia wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She asked the Mayor to update the wellness
12 representatives.

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14 Trustee Arzabal thanked the town for helping the schools.

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16 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson Burick thanked the applicants for their patience. She believes that people who
17 assume higher duties should be compensated. She happy to see projects being fulfilled. She stated that
18 something needs to be done for the exercising class. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and
19 thanked staff for all they do for the town and the residents.
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21 Trustee Caro stated the wellness class is asking for limited space; believes there should be a minimum
22 fee. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.
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24 Mayor Barraza stated when she met with the group, she indicated she would be looking at a grant to hire
25 an instructor and there would be a fee for participants. She is looking at getting other exercise classes as
26 well. If the person is a town employee, the town picks up the additional liability.
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28 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick asked if participants will be charged a fee; what would the grant money
29 do.
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31 Mayor Barraza responded the participants will be charged a fee; the grant money pays the instructor. Ms.
32 Sellers collected food for 60 Thanksgiving Baskets for the schools in the town. We are so thankful to our
33 local businesses for their donations. Town Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving,
34 Military Civilian Luncheon is December 10th at 11:30 a.m. at La Posta, SCCOG meeting December 13th
35 at 10:30 a.m. at La Posta, MPO meeting December 11th. Congratulations to all the newly elected persons
36 for the City of Las Cruces. Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Friday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m.; there will
37 be entertainment. Thanked the residents for the information regarding Bowman Street. She wished
38 everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
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40 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

41 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**

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43 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.**
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1 APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

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Nora L. Barraza

Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

10 ATTEST:

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Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

