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8 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
9 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
10 **WORK SESSION**
11 **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019**
12 **5:30 P.M.**
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15 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
16 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
17 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
18 Jesus Caro, Trustee
19 Veronica Garcia, Trustee
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21 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
22 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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24 **PUBLIC:**

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

29 Mayor Barraza asked if the Trustees had any comments. She will pull it from the agenda so that we can
30 send it to the attorney for a final review prior to bringing it back for approval. Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez
31 incorporated some of the language that Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick submitted.
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33 Concluded work session at 5:40 p.m.
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES: Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee (absent)

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Enrique Salas, Lieutenant

PUBLIC: Susan Krueger Rafael Geck
Charles Madrid Raymond Bernstein

22 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

23 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

25 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

26 **Roll Call.**

27 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro.

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

31 **Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.**

33 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

34 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

35 Trustee Arzabal Yes

36 Trustee Caro Yes

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

40 Ms. Krueger commented regarding Kane and Salas properties in the core. Her notes state something
41 about doing away with zero lot line which would require an ordinance change. Development standards
42 suggestions are located within Chapter 17 which could be adapted. Perhaps it would be appropriate to ask
43 the P&Z and the concerned residents for suggestions that could be passed on to the board. She asked that
44 they consider stopping the Northern New Mexico style.

46 Mr. Bernstein stated there is a rezoning issue, at Boutz and Stern, that is before the Las Cruces City
47 Council. This item has been cancelled twice but has now been scheduled on February 18th. The proposal
48 is for 65 single family dwellings and 60 apartments. The residents feel it is not appropriate to do so
49 because of traffic and the infrastructure. The residents also asked that the reduce the number of dwellings
50 and apartments. He invited the board to the City Council meeting on the 18th of February.

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2 Mr. Geck stated his comments regarding the Kane/Salas property. He thanked Mr. Caro for voting
3 against the application. He was dismayed at the other trustees who let them down. There were several
4 signatures on the petition and the trustees chose to ignore them. All the trustees want to do is hear the
5 concerns but vote their way.
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7 **5. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – (The Board will be asked to approve by one**
8 **motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is**
9 **marked with an asterisk *):**

10 **Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Caro.**

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12 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =3).

13 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

14 Trustee Arzabal Yes

15 Trustee Caro Yes
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17 a) * **BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Work Session & Regular Meeting on December 9, 2019.

18 *Approved by consent agenda*

19 b) * **BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Special Meeting on December 16, 2019. *Approved by*

20 *consent agenda*
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22 **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

23 a. **For 1st Reading/Public Hearing: Ordinance 2020-01:** An ordinance to be called
24 chapter 10.15 – adopting regulations for recreational off highway motor vehicles.

25 Mayor Barraza requested removing “recreational” off the ordinance.
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27 **Motion: To close regular meeting and open public hearing, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded**
28 **by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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30 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =3).

31 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

32 Trustee Arzabal Yes

33 Trustee Caro Yes
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35 Opened Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.
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37 The ordinance was reviewed for the public to comment on.
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39 Comments received were:

40 Ms. Krueger reviewed some concerns and asked who would oversee the ordinance and is it similar to
41 other ordinances like the County and the City of Las Cruces.
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43 Lt. Salas responded the County has adopted an ordinance, but he is unsure if the City has adopted an
44 ordinance. These vehicles are not allowed on state roads. The county allows them on county roads only.
45 Driver must have a driver’s license; vehicle must be insured and registered.
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47 **Motion: To close public hearing and open regular meeting, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by**
48 **Trustee Arzabal.**

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Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Open Regular Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Barraza opened discussion amongst the Trustees regarding this ordinance and reviewed her changes. She wants to change the speed from 35 mph to 25 mph and to add multi-use trails wording. She asked how we can keep from these vehicles from crossing in the middle of the road.

Lt. Salas responded the ordinances does require a complete stop before crossing the road. There really is no way to prevent from crossing the road; they are permitted to drive on the laterals.

Trustee Caro responded they are not going to stop when getting to the road they are going to cross.

Fire Chief Hoban stated there are currently regulations for yielding right of way.

Mayor Barraza asked if the officers would have something in writing to back them up

Lt. Salas responded yes as it is State Law.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick reviewed her changes.

Trustee Arzabal stated this is an ordinance that the Town has been needing. Thanked Lt. Salas for doing it.

Trustee Caro stated he wants to ensure that Town Staff is also aware of these changes.

Mayor Barraza stated these changes will be made and this ordinance will be up for adoption at our next meeting.

- b. Resolution 2020-01:** A resolution establishing, amending and repealing certain sections of the Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Town of Mesilla; all prior resolutions are repealed.

Motion: To postpone this item until reviewed by attorney, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

7. ***STAFF REPORTS:**

Community Development

Community Programs

Finance Department

Fire Department

Marshal's Department

Public Works Department

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

3 Trustee Arzabal attended the CO meeting December 13th in Hatch. March 13th meeting will be in
4 Elephant Butte followed by June 21st in Silver City.
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6 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick attended the MPO meeting on January 8th along with Mayor Barraza and
7 Trustee Garcia. Adopted Safety Performance Standards for the MPO and finalized options for the multi-
8 loop trail. They were given updates on construction around town.
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10 Mayor Barraza stated we had a meeting with Legislators on December 17th. Great representation of
11 communities. First time that we have tried to organize a meeting of this type. Christmas activities on the
12 plaza went very well. We were worried about the rain, but it cleared up enough to celebrate. Very
13 grateful to our businesses that helped us put it together. We had a mandatory training on Friday called
14 Stop the Bleed. It was great training and hopes that we can continue with an Active Shooter Training.
15 Town Hall Legislative meeting yesterday with Senator Papen and Representative Cadena; great
16 information.
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18 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

19 Chief Hoban stated we received a \$167,000 grant to replace our 16-year-old brush truck.
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21 Mayor Barraza stated the board hired an officer at our last meeting, but he accepted a position with the
22 County. We will be interviewing for our Marshal's position tomorrow.
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24 Trustee Caro thanked everyone that participated in the festivities. .
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26 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick reiterate about Christmas festivities and the hard work; beautiful as
27 always. The new cars are impressive and that the State Police. She feels they might deter a few
28 individuals since they are not our standard vehicles.
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30 Trustee Arzabal stated each town event is getting bigger; he is worried about the plaza being closed
31 numerous times. He understands that is done for safety reasons, but he doesn't know how fair this is to
32 the businesses.
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34 Mayor Barraza replied that when we have new activities coming in, the Coordinators and Department
35 Heads discuss attendance and how are we going to keep people safe. Businesses are notified through
36 emails. The board had recommended staff go to each business to inform them; staff is treated with
37 hostility by some of the businesses.
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39 Lt. Salas added that we do post signs around the plaza before closures.
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41 Mayor Barraza stated we are in the process of purchasing two new vehicles in the Marshal's Department
42 from the loan we received. We have added two more Marshal's vehicles on the ICIP for this year. She
43 has requested that Lt. Salas wrap the doors to the two black vehicles in white. She asked that the board
44 contact Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez to let her know if they are planning to attend Municipal Day in Santa Fe
45 so that she can make arrangements. She feels we should have a ribbon cutting ceremony for Bowman or
46 something because it's finally finished! The work on McDowell should be completed soon. We are in
47 the planning stage of updating the lighting around the plaza and Community Center Park.
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49 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

50 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-5)**
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52 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:42 P.M.**
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1 APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.

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Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Cynthia Stehner-Hernandez

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Town Clerk/Treasurer

