



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF MESILLA  
WORK SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 934-0917-6886#.**

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

**STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
Eddie Lerma, Marshal  
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director

- Discussion of the Town of Mesilla Preliminary Budget for FY 2020/2021– **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez presented the Town of Mesilla’s Preliminary Budget for FY 2020/2021.

- 3% increase in health benefits
- Adjustments made to all department’s operation line item to allow for the bottom line to remain the same
- 1% increase as per collective bargaining to union employees
- 1.4% Experience Modifier for Worker’s Comp which is based on claims 3 years ago
- Savings due to personnel and benefit changes in the Marshal’s Department will help cover the School Resource Officer contract and add to the operational budget
- Marshal’s budget may change due to personnel assignments
- Savings due to benefit changes in Public Works will be moved to the Community Center line item
- 2% utility service increase due to CPI; senior trash will remain the same
- Fire Protection Fund will receive \$145,946 which is less than what received this year due to COVID19
- EMS Fund shows the minimum that we could receive; adjustment will be made once the final number is received
- Correction Fund has never met the budgeted amount, so it was decreased. She is waiting to hear from Ms. Carbajal who stated it may need to remain the same due to State Statute.
- Changes in personnel in School Resource Officer
- Marshal Lerma is going to request more funding from the Las Cruces School District for the School Resource Officer

1 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal expressed concerns with other employees not being union. All employees  
2 deserve at least a 1% increase.

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4 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded when union first came forth it was offered to everyone and the only  
5 one that chose to participate was the Marshal's Department.

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7 Mayor Barraza stated she feels confident with the preliminary budget as presented. We have been able  
8 meet most of what was projected in the 2019-2020 budget; adjustments will be made once we receive  
9 final numbers. Had the GRT trend continued we would have exceeded what had been projected.

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11 Trustee Garcia asked if the Recreation Fund is only for Summer Recreation and asked if the town will be  
12 affected by the minimum wage.

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14 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded it is only for Summer Recreation Program. We are fine with regards  
15 to the minimum wage. She understands the City of Las Cruces will have an increase, but she will do  
16 research to see if the state will have an increase.

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18 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated we are being proactive with the preliminary budget.

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20 Mayor Barraza stated the budget needs to be submitted to the state by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She asked the trustees to  
21 bring forth any concerns or questions so they can be addressed.

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23 Trustee Caro stated we need to watch our expenditures since we do not know what will be cut at the state  
24 level.

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26 Mayor Barraza stated Capital Outlay funding which has not obligated has been frozen. A Special  
27 Legislative Session may be scheduled in June where more cuts may take place.

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30 Worksession ended at 5:41 p.m.

1 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2 **TOWN OF MESILLA**  
3 **REGULAR MEETING**  
4 **MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**  
5 **6:00 P.M.**

6 **VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 918-4113-2473#.**

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9 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
10 Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem  
11 Jesus Caro, Trustee  
12 Veronica Garcia, Trustee  
13 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
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15 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
16 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
17 Eddie Lerma, Marshal  
18 Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director  
19 Dorothy Sellers, Special Events Coordinator  
20 Larry Shannon, Community Development Coordinator  
21 Joseph Cervantes, Attorney  
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23 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

27 **Roll Call.**

28 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick.  
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30 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

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

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

33 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

34 Trustee Garcia Yes

35 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
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38 **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

39 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read public input submitted in writing; see attached. No other  
40 input was received during the meeting.  
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42 **5. \*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – (The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the  
43 following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk \*):

1 **Motion: To approve consent agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Mayor**  
2 **Pro Tem Arzabal.**

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4 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal placed new business items c, d, and e on the consent agenda.

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6 Trustee Garcia questioned attachments of the April 23, 2020 public hearing.

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

9 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

10 Trustee Garcia Yes

11 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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13 **Motion: To pull April 27, 2020 minutes and postpone them to the next board meeting, Moved**  
14 **by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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16 Trustee Johnson-Burick pulled April 27, 2020 minutes for a correction to page 12.

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

19 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

20 Trustee Garcia Yes

21 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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23 a) \* **BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a public hearing held April 23, 2020. *Approved by consent*  
24 *agenda*

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26 b) \* **BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting on April 27, 2020. *Postponed until next*  
27 *board meeting for corrections.*

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29 **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

30 a) For consideration: **Ordinance 2020-02** – Revising Chapter 18.35 Historic Residential Zone.  
31 – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**

32 **Motion:** To approve Ordinance 2020-02 – Revising Chapter 18.35 Historic Residential Zone, **Moved**  
33 **by Trustee Johnson-Burick, No Second; motion failed.**

34 Mayor Barraza presented information regarding the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan from  
35 2017. Further, she presented Mr. Cervantes' opinion to the Board of Trustees relating to  
36 grandfathering in.

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38 Trustee Garcia stated she had not received this information until 5 p.m. when she got home from  
39 work.

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41 Trustee Caro echoed what Trustee Garcia stated and had gotten the attorney's information late.  
42 Further, he stated that he would like to wait until COVID is over to have Public Hearing.

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44 Trustee Arzabal also related concerns with public meetings during this time.

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46 Trustee Garcia asked Mr. Cervantes if having this presented during these times is against Open  
47 Meetings Act.

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49 Mr. Cervantes responded that he had not had time to review this and apologized for the Trustees

1 getting his opinion late.

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3 Mayor Barraza stated that the County had a meeting and it was in the paper that they violated the  
4 Governor's Orders by having so many people in a public meeting. She did not want to go against  
5 these orders.

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7 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated that families can still build, this ordinance change does not prohibit  
8 them from building. She was elected to help Mesilla maintain its historical integrity and she plans to  
9 continue to do so.

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11 b) **Resolution 2020-10:** A resolution repealing all resolutions regarding a moratorium ceasing  
12 all construction of new building in the HR Zone. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

13 **Motion:** To approve Resolution 2020-10: A resolution repealing all resolutions regarding a  
14 moratorium ceasing all construction of new building in the HR Zone, **Moved by Trustee Garcia, No**  
15 **Second; motion failed.**

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17 c) For consideration: awarding RFP 2020-05; a construction contract to the low bidder for CN  
18 LC00320 La Llorona Trail Extension Project. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director.**

19 *Approved by consent agenda*

- 20 d) For consideration: awarding RFP 2020-04; a contract to serve as On-Call Engineer for the  
21 Town of Mesilla. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director.** *Approved by consent*  
22 *agenda*

- 23 e) For consideration: awarding RFQ 2020-01; a contract to design/construct the Town of Mesilla  
24 Plaza Lighting Replacement Capital Outlay project. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works**  
25 **Director. Capital Outlay Frozen**

- 26 f) For consideration: amending the Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness  
27 Commission and/or Board of Trustee meeting times during this pandemic crisis. – **Nora L.**  
28 **Barraza, Mayor.**

29 Mayor Barraza stated the requested amendment is only for the Planning, Zoning and Historical  
30 Appropriateness Commission meetings. The recommended times are 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.

31 A resolution will be brought forth at the next Board of Trustee Meeting to approve the change.

32 **7. \*STAFF REPORTS:**

33 Community Development  
34 Community Programs  
35 Finance Department  
36 Fire Department  
37 Marshal's Department  
38 Public Works Department  
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40 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

41 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated there will be an MPO meeting soon, working on it virtually with  
42 Andrew Wray.

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45 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

46 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she feels for people not being able to build at this time. She  
47 reiterated that she was elected to help preserve Mesilla and will not be responsible for allowing  
48 another property to go up like the ones near the Geck's.

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2 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated this does not mean it is dead it will depend on Government orders.  
3 Two trustees did not get it until 5:00 p.m.  
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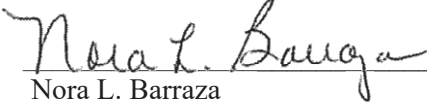
5 Mayor Barraza responded two trustees will be needed to bring it back with revised ordinance if they  
6 want for a vote. Staff will not be putting in any more time on this ordinance. Staff spend so much  
7 time on this for the Board not to vote. Submit in writing if Trustees want to bring it back. In  
8 addition, a Re-opening Plan was to submit to Gov office. Mayor Barraza plans on bringing back the  
9 Architectural styles committee.  
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11 **10. ADJOURNMENT**


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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF MAY 2020.**

  
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Nora L. Barraza  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez  
Town Clerk/Treasurer



## Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

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**From:** Biviana Cadena <bivianasnt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 8:27 AM  
**To:** cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov  
**Subject:** Ordinance 2020-02

Dear Trustees,

As a land owner and citizen of Mesilla; I am asking that you Table Ordinance 2020-02 until there is an opportunity for more research and Public Input. A change like this is not warranted at this time, without more information. It seems rushed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Biviana M. Cadena  
2087 Stithes Rd.  
Mesilla, NM 88046

## Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

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**From:** Nora L. Barraza <mayor@mesillanm.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez  
**Subject:** Fwd: Concerning Ordinance 2020-2  
**Attachments:** image009.png; Town of Mesilla 2020.pdf

FYI

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**From:** Joni <[jonig@zianet.com](mailto:jonig@zianet.com)>  
**Date:** Fri, May 8, 2020 at 12:37 PM  
**Subject:** Concerning Ordinance 2020-2  
**To:** <[mayor@mesillanm.gov](mailto:mayor@mesillanm.gov)>

Nora,

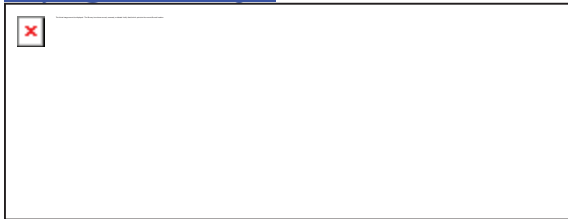
I hope you are staying well. Please read & consider the attached letter concerning Ordinance 2020-2 that will have its First Reading, I believe at this Mondays Meeting.

Thank You for all you do!

Joni

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**Nora L. Barraza**  
Mayor, Town of Mesilla  
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Joni Marie Gutierrez & Lowell B. Catlett  
2350 Calle de Parian  
Mesilla, NM 88046

May 7, 2020  
Mayor Nora L. Barraza  
P.O. Box 10  
2231 Avenida de Mesilla  
Mesilla, NM 88046

Dear Mayor Barraza & Trustees:

After several hours of thinking about Mesilla's Proposed Ordinance 2020-20, we are urging you to make some adjustments before passing this Ordinance.

We believe that the Ordinance has taken on an approach that does not actually fall within the original plan of Historic Mesilla and could be damaging to the image of Mesilla in the future.

Our concerns are more specifically Item 18.25.0470, A, B & D.

*A. Each lot developed in H-R Zone shall have a minimum 80 feet of frontage & a minimum of 8000 sf of area.*

*B. Population Density..... Each Lot or parcel shall have sufficient area to provide 48,000 sf of area for each family unit.....*

*The maximum number of dwellings allowed on any property shall be two providing density & parking requirements are met..... A maximum of 40% impervious & 60% pervious shall be required...*

*D. Yards for all new buildings, front, side & rear yard must be at least seven feet.*

### **Regarding Item A.**

According to *The Historical Buildings Survey of the Greater Las Cruces Area*, published in 1982. "La Mesilla; the first buildings erected in Mesilla were jacales centered around the plaza for defense against the Apache.....

....Between the mid 1850's through the 1870's district neighborhoods took shape. Businesses centered around the plaza and streets leading into it. Surrounding this nucleus of the town **were blocks of continuous adobe residences which fronted the street line and usually had patios and corrals in back enclosed by high walls**. Residences also clustered the Acequia Madre and Contracequia, the life providing irrigation ditches".

Mesilla was built by planners that followed traditional Spanish town layouts.

### **Possible Solutions A:**

- Follow the historic building models that made Mesilla a quant community by allowing houses to be built close to the street and have walled Patios as entryways.
- Consider allowing homeowners to design their lots so that cars are parked in the back as was done in historic Mesilla.
- Allow for Owners to be creative, new trends are happening every day in the housing market, Tiny Homes, Smaller block sizes, Walkable urban places, Smart Homes.

**Regarding Item B.**

Traditionally in Mesilla, families used to buy one large lot for their entire family. As members got older and started their own families, they would simply build another house on their parent's lot or divide the large house into multi homes.

In the past multi residential lot owners have had the resources to develop them. However many may not have the money at this time.

With the adoption of this Ordinance, you are discriminating against those older families/property owners that may have a dream of one day building a home on their lot for their children or older relative as well as dividing their home for the same reason.

I am hoping that 48,000 sf is a typo & you meant 8,000 sf. As it is written it contradicts with Item A. In addition, 48,000 sf is 1.1 Acre. Imagine if the founders of Mesilla followed this rule, we would have no plaza and none of yours or my house would be built.

Why is a maximum of 40% impervious & 60% pervious required?

If the reason is that Mesilla is trying to be a more Green Community or retain surface water than require Trees for shade & Plants to provide wildlife habitat & absorb water.

**Possible Solutions B:**

- Follow the historic building model that made Mesilla a quant community by continuing to allow multifamily lots.
- If you must adopt.....Allow current property owners to build multi homes on their lots. If the property is sold after a specified date at that time new property owner will need to appeal to Town of Mesilla.

**Finally Regarding Item D.**

The requirement of a setback & frontage is straight out of 1920's Suburban Subdivision Development Standards.

Why is 7' required on all sides? As long as safety & possibly utilities can be accessed from 1 or maybe even 2 sides 7' on all sides in not necessary. Again look to your Historic Mesilla Model.

Zoning –and laws pertaining to site development, such as setbacks have been criticized recently by urban planners (most notably Jane Jacobs) for the role that these laws have played in producing urban sprawl and automobile-dependent cities.

**Possible Solutions D:**

- Allow flexibility on setbacks. Focus on the goal of access for safety reasons.

Mayor Barraza & Trustees

May 7, 2020

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We hope that you will find that what you are accomplishing if this Ordinance is adopted is exactly what you do not want Mesilla to become, that is a typical suburban community. Try to visualize Mesilla if you adopt this Ordinance. I believe it will be large lots (if you do mean 48,000 SF), very suburban with driveways & garages as the focal point.

Please remember, Zoning Laws & Design Standards are adopted for the *health, safety and general welfare* of the public.

If you have any questions we can be reached at 575 496-2474 or email.

We appreciate your time in considering these observations.

As Always,

*Joni Marie Gutierrez & Lowell B Catlett*

Joni Marie Gutierrez & Lowell B. Catlett

C: Trustee Stephanie Johnson-Burick

Trustee Veronica S. Garcia

Trustee Carlos Arzabal

Trustee Jesus Caro

Attorney Joseph Cervantez

## Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez

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**From:** Micaela Cadena <micaela.cadena@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez; cc: Nora L. Barraza; Stephanie Johnson-Burick; veronicag@mesillanm.gov; lucasa@mesillanm.gov; jesus@mesillanm.gov; Joseph@cervanteslawnm.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comment  
**Attachments:** Mesilla\_Final.jpg; Mesilla\_Final Page 2.jpg

Dear Mayor and Trustees-

I ask that you vote down the proposed revisions to the Historical Residential Zone on your agenda for tonight's meeting.

There is a way to get this right, please let's take the time needed to make that happen.

Best,  
Micaela

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**From:** Micaela Cadena <[micaela.cadena@gmail.com](mailto:micaela.cadena@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Mon, May 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**To:** Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez <[cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov](mailto:cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov)>

Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees-

I write again with concerns related to the revision of Chapter 18.35 Historical Residential Zone.

1) The Mayor continues to move forward these revisions during a public health emergency when impacted property owners have not had a real in-person mechanism to engage in this process. Additionally, you would be eliminating rights that have been on these properties since Mesilla's first comprehensive plan in the 1970s, and should you pass these revisions you would be eliminating millions of dollars of property rights and property value from our families. This is not a time-sensitive issue, and this should be addressed with real public meetings on the other side of this crisis.

2) To date, the Town has still not communicated with property owners to let them know that there may be revisions made to zoning ordinances that will significantly diminish their property rights.

3) While the Mayor has continued to repeat that efforts to amend this ordinance have been going on since November of last year, upon detailed review of minutes (all BOT meetings, work sessions and public hearings since October 2019) there was not a single documented notice, mention or discussion about of changing zoning density standards and/or eliminating the currently held development rights of property owners prior to sharing the draft amendments to this ordinance with the public on March 9th. **According to the approved and published minutes, the discussions related to eliminating development rights simply did not happen.**

Please see additional attachments for statement I have shared publicly.

Micaela Lara Cadena

At different times, every single Town Trustee has raised concerns about causing harm to our Mesilla families and regret about the recent apartment complex construction. By insisting that her proposal is the only way to eliminate apartments, Mayor Barraza has put the Trustees in a difficult position. Unfortunately, many of the Mayor's comments have not been factual or accurate.

**THE SOLUTION:** This issue is not time-sensitive as required by the Attorney General in order for a public entity to meet virtually during COVID-19. For now, the Mayor needs to pull this ordinance from upcoming agendas and wait until Mesilla can return to in-person meetings and concerned residents can show up and participate. Eventually, the Town could amend the Historical Residential Zone ordinances and effectively eliminate apartments by only allowing single family units or multiple detached single family units, without changing density limitations. Additionally, Mesilla could pass and enforce a new height limit for all construction and a new lot set-back, both of which would minimize construction that frustrates the existing neighbors. We need to support our Town Trustees in slowing down the process and getting this right.

In my conversations with municipal planners, attorneys who practice in land use/zoning, and elected trustees/councilors in different parts of New Mexico, they were all shocked to hear this could be happening now. Several commented that by moving these proposed amendments during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order the Mayor might be violating the Open Meetings Act. Others remarked that their communities would literally be up in arms if the government came for their property rights, as what is currently happening in Mesilla. Notably, it was shared that if a municipality were ever to consider undoing development rights it would be most appropriate to do so in a widely publicized and extensive comprehensive planning process, if for no other reason than to avoid costly and unneeded litigation.

**The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11th.** These proposed amendments to the ordinances could be voted on then. Do you have property in Mesilla, do you know family or friends that might? Please call or text or reach out by any safe means to let them know what's going on. Let's make sure all those that might be impacted by the Mayor's plan hear about it.

Together we can find common sense solutions to protect the culture, history, and way of life for us and for generations to come.

Don't wait. Let your voice be heard today.

Below are the names, numbers, and addresses of the people who hold our future in their hands. I've also provided the advisory memo from the Attorney General mentioned above.

In community-

Micaela

**THE BACKSTORY:** This began several months ago when the town approved the new construction of an apartment complex inside our Historical Residential Zone. They did so legally, following our current Mesilla ordinances. As construction proceeded, many in Mesilla agreed that large apartment complexes do not conform with the historical character that we seek to preserve. Since then, the Mayor and Trustees have expressed a desire in preventing this kind of development in the future.

I fully support their efforts to stop this type of unsightly development AND know that there are thoughtful mechanisms to do so without causing harm to the development rights our families and property owners may have held for generations.

You see, if the mayor's proposal were to advance, any new development would require 8,000 square feet per unit and would be limited to two units per lot, no matter how large your lot is. For my family, that means the mayor would have eliminated more than half the development rights that have been attached to our property for decades, since we bought the land from my Papo, Manuel "Nene" Cadena.

In every comprehensive plan that has been community-developed since the Yguado Plan in the 1970's, high density housing has been allowed and encouraged. This approach matched the precedent and characteristics of housing in place when Mesilla was incorporated. Such development is not only beautiful to admire, but it also preserves our centuries-old culture. Our development traditions also provide our children with affordable housing options that are close to home, and they protect our agricultural heritage and outdoor recreation opportunities.

**WHERE WE STAND TODAY:** I am concerned that property owners likely do not know that these amendments are being considered right now, nor that language in these proposed amendments would decrease their development rights. To date, property owners have not been formally notified of this proposal; we have not received a certified letter, communication or notice of any kind.

Over several weeks, the Mayor has held two virtual Board of Trustees meetings and a virtual public hearing with items relating to her proposal. Throughout this process I've asked, in writing, the Mayor and Town Clerk how many vacant or partially developed properties within the Historical Residential Zone would these proposed amendments impact, and asked what communication the Town has had with residents and property owners about eliminating their currently held development rights. I've repeatedly asked that the Town consider changing the ordinances in a way that would eliminate apartments from the zoning code for any new construction AND respect the currently held development rights for Mesilleros and other property owners.

Although my questions and comments have been read into the record, I've had no response from the Mayor or town staff.

Throughout these virtual meetings, the Mayor has made statements saying that she doesn't want any new apartments or rental units. Residents have wondered and asked if her comments and agenda amount to housing discrimination. Others have politely requested that the Town not rush into changes that would be a hardship for those families that have owned these properties and now can't use them as they could before.

## Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez

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**From:** Maryhelen Ratje <maryhelen.ratje@jpaultayloracademy.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** cynthias-h@mesillanm.gov  
**Subject:** Public Input for tonight's meeting

Under New Business a) I am requesting that you please take Ordinance 2020-02 off the agenda's new business and wait until we can meet in person to discuss. I believe discussion is needed and input from residents is vital, but with the current stay at home orders it is limiting fairness with something that is as important as this issue.

Thank you,  
Mary Helen Ratje  
2231 Calle de Santiago

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## Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

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**From:** Susan krueger <skrueger575@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez  
**Cc:** Susan krueger  
**Subject:** BOT meeting 5/11/2020

Good afternoon Cynthia,

Regarding New Business, 6. e) Plaza lighting replacement capital outlay project.

Will this project comply with MTC Chapter 18.50 "Outdoor Lighting"?

Initially, Plaza lighting was grandfathered in; however, now the grandfathering period has expired. Plus, it appears that the Plaza lighting fixtures will be replaced, so it's a perfect opportunity to have the Plaza come into compliance with the purpose stated at 18.50.020, and to set an example for the Townspeople as well as save the night sky.

Thanks, Susan