



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN OF MESILLA  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799**

**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  
Dorothy Sellers, Special Events Coordinator  
Larry Shannon, Community Development

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Roll Call.**

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

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

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  
Trustee Caro Yes  
Trustee Garcia Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

2           Public input in writing shall be received at [cyntias-h@mesillanm.gov](mailto:cyntias-h@mesillanm.gov) at by 5:00  
3           p.m., the day of the meeting and will be read into the record. You will also be given  
4           an opportunity to speak during this time by pressing \*9 while in the teleconference.  
5           You will be prompted when to begin speaking.  
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7 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read public input submitted; see attached.  
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10           **5. \*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** –

11           (The Board will be asked to approve by one motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The  
12           Consent Agenda is marked with an asterisk \*):

13 Mayor Barraza removed Case 061033 and 061047 from consent agenda.  
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15 **Motion: To approve consent agenda as amended, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by**  
16 **Trustee Garcia.**

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

19 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

20 Trustee Caro Yes

21 Trustee Garcia Yes

22 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
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24           a) **\*BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Work Session & Regular Meeting on May 11, 2020.  
25           *Approved by consent agenda*

26           b) **\*PZHAC Case 061026** – 2149 Calle de Los Huertos, submitted by Martin Serna for  
27           Gabriel Quintana; request for a zoning permit to allow the construction of stucco wall  
28           around a courtyard at this address. **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).** *Approved by*  
29           *consent agenda.*

30           c) **\*PZHAC Case 061033 w/Condition of submittal of right-of-entry agreement** – 2230  
31           Calle del Sur, submitted by Stephen Cadena; a request to for a zoning permit to construct a  
32           rock wall and a stucco wall on a property at this address. **Zoned: Historic Residential**  
33           **(HR).**

34 **Motion: To approve PZHAC Case 061033 w/Condition of submittal of right-of-entry agreement –**  
35 **2230 Calle de Sur, submitted by Stephen Cadena; a request for a zoning permit to construct a rock**  
36 **wall and a stucco wall on a property at this address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by**  
37 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**  
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39 Mayor Barraza asked if the color of the stucco was discussed; permit does not indicate the color.  
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41 Mr. Shannon responded it was discussed; will match the color of the house. Approval of the gate was  
42 postponed.  
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44 Mayor Barraza asked if the stucco wall will be on 1 or 2 properties.  
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46 Mr. Shannon responded it is on the east side of the applicant's property; Referred to the site plan.  
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48 Mayor Barraza stated the stucco wall runs north to south; rock wall runs southwest to northeast. She  
49 asked if the properties are 1 or 2 addresses and if the application is for 2230 Calle de Sur will it create a  
50 problem.  
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52 Mr. Shannon responded there are 2 addresses, but the application is for 2230 Calle de Sur. The property  
53 landowner to the south has submitted a letter of agreement granting permission for the wall.  
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1 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if the wall is not going across both properties why is permission from the  
2 other property owner being requested.

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4 Mr. Shannon responded the wall is on the property line which requires a letter of agreement.

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6 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if there is anything in writing referencing the color of the wall.

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8 Mr. Shannon responded the color was discussed at the Planning and Zoning Meeting.

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10 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she is not comfortable approving something that is not in writing show  
11 support of the ordinances.

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13 Mr. Shannon stated the board can place a condition on the case.

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15 **Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case 061033 w/condition of submittal of right-of-entry**  
16 **agreement – 2230 Calle del Sur, submitted by Stephen Cadena; a request for a zoning permit to**  
17 **construct a rock wall and a stucco wall on a property at this address./ Zoned: Historic Residential**  
18 **(HR); with condition that color of stucco wall be submitted in writing, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem**  
19 **Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

22 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

23 Trustee Caro Yes

24 Trustee Garcia Yes

25 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

28 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

29 Trustee Caro Yes

30 Trustee Garcia Yes

31 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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33 d) **\*PZHAC Case 061044 w/Condition of submittal of right-of-entry agreement – 2545**  
34 **Calle Santa Ana, submitted by Oscar Fritze; a request for a zoning permit to install a fence**  
35 **along the west edge of a pecan grove at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**  
36 **Approved by consent agenda**

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38 e) **\*PZHAC Case 061047 w/Condition submittal of right-of-entry agreement for all sides**  
39 **and only approving the 6 ft wall in the back until documentation is given for clear-**  
40 **sight-triangle on the walls for the sides of the property. – Calle Tercera; submitted by**  
41 **Frankie Torres, a request for a zoning permit to allow a rock wall to be constructed on the**  
42 **property lines of a residential property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

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44 **Motion: To approve PZHAC Case 061047 w/Condition submittal of right-of-entry agreement for**  
45 **all sides and only approving the 6 ft. wall in the back until documentation is given for clear-sight-**  
46 **triangle on the walls for the sides of the property – Calle Tercera; submitted by Frankie Torres, a**  
47 **request for a zoning permit to allow a rock wall to be constructed on the property lines of a**  
48 **residential property at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro**  
49 **Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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51 Mayor Barraza asked for clarification on the discussion that took place.

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53 Mr. Shannon responded the resident began work prior to getting a permit. He directed the applicant to get

1 a right-of-entry agreement from the adjacent property owner for the back wall. The front wall is 4 ft.  
2 high; with 2 openings (only 1 will be used as a driveway). The applicant will provide a site plan diagram  
3 with the clear-sight-triangle. The wall at the clear-sight-triangle can only be 3 ft. in height as per  
4 ordinance. The applicant will come back to Planning and Zoning with the requested information for the  
5 front wall prior to approval.

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7 Mayor Barraza asked if the board is only approving the back wall at this time.

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9 Mr. Shannon responded yes.

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11 Mr. Shannon responded documentation for the right-of-entry is for the back-wall driveway which is being  
12 considered tonight. The case can be approved with the conditions; a permit will not be issued until the  
13 condition is met.

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15 Mayor Barraza clarified the front wall which faces Calle Tercera is going back to the Planning and  
16 Zoning once the required documentation is presented for approval and then will come to the board.  
17 Tonight, the board will be approving the 6 ft. back wall with condition. Asked if the applicant was being  
18 fined for beginning work prior to getting a permit.

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20 Mr. Shannon responded the applicant will be double fined.

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

23 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

24 Trustee Caro Yes

25 Trustee Garcia Yes

26 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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28 **f) \*For Approval:** the hiring of three (3) temporary employees for the Summer Recreation  
29 program. *Approved by consent agenda*

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32 **6. \*OLD BUSINESS:**

33 a) \* **BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting on April 27, 2020. *Approved by consent agenda*

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38 **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

39 Ms. Stohner-Hernandez reviewed the Public Hearing cases.

40 **Motion: To close regular meeting and open Public Hearing on Planning and Zoning Case 061021-**  
41 **1922 Calle de Cura, submitted by Nia Rucker; a request for a zoning permit to replace windows on**  
42 **a dwelling at this address. Zoned: Historical residential (HR) and A LIQUOR LICENSE -**  
43 **Application 1156030 for Creative Spirits Distillery LLC aka Dry Point Distillers for a winegrower**  
44 **liquor license, with on premises consumption and package sales, Moved by Trustee Johnson-**  
45 **Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

48 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

49 Trustee Caro Yes

50 Trustee Garcia Yes

51 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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53 **Closed regular meeting and opened Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.**

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2 a) **AN APPEAL FROM A PLANNING & ZONING DECISION**: on Case 061021- 1922  
3 Calle de Cura, submitted by Nia Rucker; a request for a zoning permit to replace windows  
4 on a dwelling at this address. **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**  
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6 Mr. Shannon gave a summary of case 061021.  
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8 Ms. Rucker stated she is requesting that she be allowed to use windows where the panes are framed with  
9 aluminum. The window frames will remain wood and will not affect the architecture of the house. She is  
10 requesting that the Planning and Zoning decision be overturned.  
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12 Ms. Amanda stated the frames would remain intact; the frame holding the panes would be different.  
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14 Mayor Barraza asked for clarification on what the Planning and Zoning wanted to see.  
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16 Mr. Shannon responded the Planning and Zoning wants to see less aluminum and more wood.  
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18 Mayor Barraza stated they want the windowpanes to have wood frames.  
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20 Ms. Amanda responded the frames will remain intact.  
21

22 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal referred to the Action Form which is different from what is being said tonight.  
23

24 Mr. Shannon stated the Planning and Zoning spoke about rebuilding the entire window so that it would be  
25 wood. Windows with aluminum or vinyl have been allowed in the surrounding area.  
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27 Mayor Barraza asked if the building is a contributing dwelling per New Mexico Historic Inventory.  
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29 Mr. Shannon responded yes.  
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31 Mayor Barraza understands the Planning and Zoning wants to continue the use of wood frame since the  
32 building is a contributing dwelling in the Historic Residential area.  
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34 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she has the understanding that other homes have been allowed to use  
35 aluminum.  
36

37 Mayor Barraza stated we need to look at what is before us and not look at the past.  
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39 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she is concerned with the hardship it would present to the homeowner.  
40

41 Ms. Amanda stated Ms. Rucker has paid for the windows that have been here since November. These  
42 windows are energy efficient and healthier.  
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44 Mayor Barraza asked if the wood frame provide the same coverage as the aluminum or vinyl.  
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46 Ms. Amanda responded the vinyl would be better.  
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48 Mayor Barraza stated the New Mexico Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) demanded the town keep  
49 the wooden frames during the renovation of the Community Center and the town was able to support that.  
50 She understands that the Planning and Zoning is trying to preserve historical buildings.  
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52 Ms. Amanda stated they can keep the wood frames and work around it.  
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1 Ms. Rucker stated the architecture is not going to change; only the part that holds the glass.

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3 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal asked if this is the same information that was provided to the Planning and  
4 Zoning. He believes the information is conflicting.

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6 Ms. Shannon responded the information is in the board's packets.

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8 Ms. Amanda responded this is different information. They did not know the window frame issue would  
9 come up and there was new management at Window World.

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11 Mayor Barraza asked if the windows purchased before going to Planning and Zoning.

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13 Ms. Rucker responded yes; she did not think it out clearly.

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15 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal recommended the case go back to Planning and Zoning so they can see the new  
16 information that is being presented to the board.

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18 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded the Planning and Zoning's decision was based on the information that  
19 was not provided to them. It is up to the board to send it back or reverse the commission's decision.

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21 Trustee Johnson-Burick agreed it should go back to the Planning Zoning.

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23 Ms. Micaela Cadena spoke during the public hearing and agreed the case should be sent back to the  
24 Planning and Zoning to review the information that is being presented to the board. The board should not  
25 be picking and choosing who they decide to allow to move forward on projects, which sets precedence.  
26 Recommends reviewing the definition of wood frame. It is obvious the applicant has intent of respecting  
27 the integrity of the home she purchased.

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29 b) **A LIQUOR LICENSE** - Application 1156030 for Creative Spirits Distillery LLC aka Dry  
30 Point Distillers for a winegrower liquor license, with on premises consumption and package  
31 sales.

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33 Mr. Shaefer stated they applied for a Wine Growers License which will allow them to produce wine and  
34 serve on site as well as package sales.

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36 **Motion: To close Public Hearing and open regular meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal,**  
37 **Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

40 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

41 Trustee Caro Yes

42 Trustee Garcia Yes

43 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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45 **Closed Public Hearing and Opened Regular Meeting at 7:01 p.m.**

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48 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 49 a) **For Consideration:** an appeal of the PZHAC's decision on Case 061021- 1922 Calle de  
50 Cura, submitted by Nia Rucker; a request for a zoning permit to replace windows on a  
51 dwelling at this address. **Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).**

52 **Motion: To approve sending Case 061021-1922 Calle de Cura, submitted by Nia Rucker; a request**  
53 **for a zoning permit to replace windows on a dwelling at this address. Zoned: Historical residential**

1 **(HR) back to Planning and Zoning Commission for further review of current information, Moved**  
2 **by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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4 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the Planning and Zoning needs to have the same information as presented  
5 to the Board of Trustees for consistency.

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

8 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

9 Trustee Caro Yes

10 Trustee Garcia Yes

11 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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13 **b) For consideration:** Application 1156030 for Creative Spirits Distillery LLC aka Dry Point  
14 Distillers for a winegrower liquor license, with on premises consumption and package sales.  
15 – *Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.*

16 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this is a change to the liquor license; there are no concerns.

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18 **Motion: To approve Application 1156030 For Creative Spirits Distillery, LLC aka Dry Point**  
19 **Distillers for a winegrower liquor license, with on premises consumption and package sales, Moved**  
20 **by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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22 Mayor Barraza had concerns with the amount of parking at this location.

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

25 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

26 Trustee Caro Yes

27 Trustee Garcia Yes

28 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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30 **c) For consideration:** FY 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Mesilla. – *Cynthia*  
31 *Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.*

32 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviewed the FY 2020.2021 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Mesilla.

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34 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated the budget is the same as FY 2019.2020. The board received an email  
35 requesting a 5% increase for the Court Clerk. Even though the town is not in charge of the court he does  
36 not feel it is appropriate currently for increases or moving monies around.

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38 Trustee Garcia stated she does not see Capital Outlay monies for the Marshal's Department in the budget.  
39 Were those monies spent?

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41 Mayor Barraza responded money approved at this year's legislative session will not become available  
42 until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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44 Mayor Barraza responded there will be a Special Legislative Session in June to discuss the money  
45 situation. They are looking at pulling back Capital Outlay funding for projects that were approved during  
46 the last legislative session. Mesilla's Capital Outlay Projects were the Marshal's vehicles and the booster  
47 pump at Raasaf Hills.

1 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated we need to be careful moving forward.

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3 Mayor Barraza stated is very conservative with the budget. She does not want to have to cut the budget  
4 and/or staff in mid-year. The budget was not increased; monies were taken from other funding items to  
5 meet the health increases. Operating expenses has not been increased in years. Things were going well  
6 for the town before the pandemic. The GRT that will come in for the last two months will be almost  
7 nothing; we may have to tap into our reserves. She cannot see where we can get funding to cover the  
8 Judge's request for an increase.

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10 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated a 5% increase is the highest request ever since he has been on the board.

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12 Trustee Garcia asked when we will get a final budget.

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14 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded Preliminary Budget is due to the State by June 1<sup>st</sup>; Final Budget is  
15 due by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

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17 Mayor Barraza stated we send the Preliminary Budget for review and approval. If changes need to be  
18 made Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will be contacted prior to submitting the final budget. Ms. Stoechner-  
19 Hernandez will present the final budget to the board with any recommendations brought forth by DFA.

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21 Trustee Garcia stated an increase would need to be given to all employees and not just the court clerk.

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23 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the judge is free to work out his budget and do what he sees fit. We should  
24 not increase the court's budget when we cannot take care of our employees.

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26 Mayor Barraza responded that is correct. To ask for increase in the budget to meet the 5% increase  
27 cannot be done; none of the other departments are getting a budget increase.

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29 Trustee Caro stated eliminating the take-home car policy for the Marshal's Department can be looked at  
30 as a way of saving money.

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32 Mayor Barraza responded it is going to take a while for things to get back to some normalcy.

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34 Trustee Garcia asked if the judge knows how the budget works.

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36 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she reached out to him and told Ms. Carbajal for him to come speak  
37 to her with any questions and he has not reached out.

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39 Trustee Garcia asked if the Judge had been notified of this meeting?

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41 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded yes.

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43 **Motion: To approve FY 2020-21 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Mesilla, Moved by Mayor Pro**  
44 **Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**



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2 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).  
3 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  
4 Trustee Caro Yes  
5 Trustee Garcia Yes  
6 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
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8 d) **Resolution 2020-10:** amending the Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness  
9 Commission meeting time to 2:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's of each month. – *Nora*  
10 *L. Barraza, Mayor.*

11 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2020-10: amending the Planning, Zoning and Historical**  
12 **Appropriateness Commission meeting time to 2:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday's of each month,**  
13 **Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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15 Mr. Shannon stated the Planning and Zoning Commission would like this change to be temporary,  
16 duration of the pandemic. It can then revert to the original scheduled time after.

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18 Ms. Stohner-Hernandez responded resolutions can be repealed at any time or changed at the Board's  
19 pleasure.

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21 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =4).  
22 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  
23 Trustee Caro Yes  
24 Trustee Garcia Yes  
25 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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## 28 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

29 Trustee Garcia - MPO meeting on June 10th.

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31 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal – CFO meeting will be held by June 30<sup>th</sup> to close out fiscal year via Zoom.

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33 Trustee Johnson-Burick – MPO meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> pending restrictions

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35 Mayor Barraza – SRTD (teleconference); MAC updates (weekly); NMML Mayor's updates (weekly); as  
36 well as other weekly updates with other entities.

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## 38 **10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

39 Trustee Garcia asked what is frozen with regards to Capital Outlay.

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41 Mayor Barraza responded any project that has not been expended or obligated is frozen. The plaza  
42 lighting and a portion of the Marshal's equipment will be affected.

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44 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal reiterated as a finance board we need to make sure we are doing the right thing  
45 for our town. He was on a conference call with other entities regarding safety precautions.

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47 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the June 1<sup>st</sup> target date to reopen is dictated by the Governor and the state;  
48 she understands why the need to reopen but feels it is unrealistic. Restaurants will be allowed to open at  
49 25% patio dining.

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51 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated there have been spikes in the Sunland Park area; recommendation has

1 been to not go to El Paso.

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3 Mayor Barraza stated many of the new case numbers in are from the southern part and Chaparral of Dona  
4 Ana County. We are doing the best we can promoting public safety. Ms. Sellers is doing a good job in  
5 keeping the town updated. She is seeing what the county is doing with regards to facemask requirements  
6 to see what direction we want to take. There are more and more Texas plates being seen in Mesilla. Our  
7 Public Safety personnel is doing a great job enforcing our regulations; town parks are closed. We did the  
8 best we could while putting together the budget. We did meet our GRT projections for this fiscal year  
9 with the last GRT distribution. The moratorium is no longer in place. Town Hall is still closed to the  
10 public, but appointments can be made by calling the departments. The Marshal's Department has a  
11 vehicle in the shop. She asked Marshal Lerma for the status on the new vehicles.

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13 Marshal Lerma responded the vehicles are on hold as the manufacture is closed due to COVID19.


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15 Mayor Barraza stated she is in contact with the state regarding police vehicles which are part of the 2020  
16 Capital Outlay money. The Summer Recreation Program start date has not been decided on. Staff ratio  
17 will be on 1 to 5 students. El Paso Electric has given us a \$4,500 sponsorship for the Summer Recreation  
18 Program. She asked everyone to continue to be safe. We will look at a meeting at the Community Center  
19 as to include the public.

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21 **11. ADJOURNMENT**


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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:46 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020.**

  
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Nora L. Barraza  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Cynthia Stohner-Hernandez  
Town Clerk/Treasurer



Susan Krueger: thoughts regarding the proposed ordinance to revise 18.35, the Historic Residential Zone.

Being a resident who is interested in what the Board of Trustees is proposing for Mesilla, I track and attend Town meetings regularly and often provide comments, some factual and some opinion. With regard to Chapter 18.35, each meeting was posted as required by ordinance, and if the Board needed a legal interpretation, it consulted with the Town's attorney. It is probable that elimination of development rights was not discussed because the proposed ordinance does not do that. While some may believe their property values will go down if such an ordinance is passed, others believe without such an ordinance their property values will go down and a group of such minded residents came and addressed the Board.

To me, the research and work that went into this proposal was a Town effort, directed by the Mayor at each meeting as is her responsibility, but not manipulated by her. Even though, my suggestions were not incorporated into the several drafts, I was impressed by the Board's concern with maintaining the historical character of the Town, because once it's gone, it's gone.