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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
CLOSED SESSION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

VIA TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 983-7900-0389, PASSWORD 971704

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
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director

- 1. CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion limited to personnel matters in the Public Works Department.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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REGULAR MEETING
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Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Edward Lerma, Marshal
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Dorothy Sellers, Community Events Coordinator
Gloria Maya, Recorder

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

Mayor Barraza requested removing Resolution 2020-24 from the consent agenda.

Trustee Arzabal placing under New Business item 9b on the consent agenda.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez recommended waiting until after the Public Hearing to allow for a roll call.

Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

Public input in writing shall be received at cvnthias-h@mesillanm.gov an hour before the meeting begins on the day of the meeting and will be read into the record. You will also be given an opportunity to speak during this time by pressing *9 while in the teleconference. You will be prompted when to begin speaking.

1 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read letter submitted by Ms. Krueger.

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3 **5. STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AND ROLL CALL VOTE** – discussion
4 during the closed session was limited to personnel matters in the Public Works Department
5 pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2). – **Board of Trustees.**

6 **Motion: A Closed Session was held prior to regular meeting to discuss limited personnel matters in**
7 **the Public Works Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): no action was**
8 **taken, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

11 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

12 Trustee Caro Yes

13 Trustee Garcia Yes

14 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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16 **6. ACTION ON PERSONNEL MATTERS:** discussed during the closed session was limited to
17 personnel matters in the Public Works Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-
18 1(H)(2). – **Board of Trustees.**

19 Mayor Barraza asked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez for guidance.

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21 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded the board has not acted on what was discussed during closed session.

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23 Mayor Barraza stated she would like to postpone the item and schedule a Special Meeting.

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25 **Motion: To postpone item 6a for a Special Meeting, no motion made: Failed.**

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

30 **Motion: To approve consent agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by**
31 **Trustee Caro.**

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

34 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

35 Trustee Caro Yes

36 Trustee Garcia Yes

37 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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39 a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a Work Session and Regular Meeting on October
40 26, 2020. *Approved by consent agenda*

41 b) ***Resolution 2020-24:** A resolution establishing dates for holiday observance for the
42 Town of Mesilla in 2021.

43 Mayor Barraza requested removing Cesar Chavez Day from the holiday observance dates.

44
45 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated that since she come into office, she has been concerned with the
46 number of holidays observed by the town, not that the employees do not deserve them but
47 compared the number of holidays to other entities.

1 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2020-24: A resolution establishing dates for holiday**
2 **observances for the Town of Mesilla in 2021 with the exclusion of Cesar Chavez Day,**
3 **Motion by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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5 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated this is only one day. The employees work very hard and he has a
6 problem taking anything away from them especially at this time.

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8 Trustee Caro stated he also feels due to the struggles Cesar Chavez went through we should
9 observe his day.

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11 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion Passed (summary: Yes=3, Nay=2).

12 Mayor Barraza Yes

13 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Nay

14 Trustee Caro Nay

15 Trustee Garcia Yes

16 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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18 **8. OLD BUSINESS**

19 a) **Resolution 2020-25:** A resolution on an appeal for Case 061110, 2341 Calle de Arroyo
20 submitted by Susan Krueger. – **Mesilla Board of Trustees.**

21 Ms. Stohner-Hernandez red Resolution 2020-25: A resolution on an appeal for Case 061110, 2341 Calle
22 de Arroyo submitted by Susan Krueger.

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24 **Motion: To approve Resolution 20205: A resolution on an appeal for Case 061110, 2341 Calle de**
25 **Arroyo submitted by Susan Krueger, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee**
26 **Garcia.**

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

29 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

30 Trustee Caro Yes

31 Trustee Garcia Yes

32 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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34 **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

35 a) **A PUBLIC HEARING:** on two separate winegrower offsite liquor licenses with on premises
36 consumption and package sales with patio service for license numbers 1174715 and 1174716
37 for Tres Amigos Winery, LLC at 2261 Calle de Guadalupe and 2251 Calle de Guadalupe
38 respectively.

39 **Motion: To close Regular Meeting and open Public Hearing on two separate winegrower offsite**
40 **liquor licenses with on premises consumption and package sales with patio service for license**
41 **numbers 11747715 and 1174716 for Tres Amigos Winery, LLC at 2261Calle de Guadalupe and**
42 **2251 Calle de Guadalupe respectively, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
43 **Garcia.**

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

46 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

47 Trustee Caro Yes

48 Trustee Garcia Yes

49 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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51 Opened Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

1 Mr. McMillan stated correct address is 2215 Calle de Guadalupe. The state is requiring that there be two
2 licenses. This license will restrict us to only New Mexico products. He requested a copy of the approved
3 and signed minutes which are required by the state before they can proceed.
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5 **Motion: To close Public Hearing and open Regular meeting, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick,**
6 **Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal.**
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8 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion Passed (**summary:** Yes=4).

9 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

10 Trustee Caro Yes

11 Trustee Garcia Yes

12 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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14 Opened Regular Meeting at 6:27 p.m.
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- 16 b) **FOR APPROVAL:** two separate winegrower offsite liquor licenses with on premises
17 consumption and package sales with patio service for license numbers 1174715 and 1174716
18 for Tres Amigos Winery, LLC at 2261 Calle de Guadalupe and 2251 Calle de Guadalupe
19 respectively. These licenses will replace Josephina's current licenses. – Cynthia Stoehner-
20 Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.

21 **Motion: To approve two separate winegrower offsite liquor licenses with on premises consumption**
22 **and package sales with patio service for license numbers 1174715 and 1174716 for Tres Amigos**
23 **Winery, LLC at 2261 Calle de Guadalupe and 2215 Calle de Guadalupe respectivel, Moved by**
24 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**
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26 Trustee Johnson-Burick referenced to page 24. She understands that the property is owned by Ms.
27 Foreman and not Mr. McMillan.
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29 Mayor Barraza responded Mr. McMillan owns one of the buildings and Ms. Foreman owns the other
30 building.
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32 Mr. McMillan responded we are purchasing the inn and are leasing the restaurant. He explained how the
33 licenses will be applied.
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35 Mayor Barraza asked if he was required to get a letter from Rio Grande Prep as well as the Basilica de
36 San Albino.
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38 Mr. McMillan responded he was not required to obtain anything from Rio Grande Prep.
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40 Mayor Barraza referred to page 23; asked if the information is for the inn which is owned by him.
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42 Mr. McMillan responded the building is owned by him.
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44 Mayor Barraza clarified that Mr. McMillan purchased the inn property.
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46 Mr. McMillan responded Mr. Chris Lang and himself purchased the inn property and are leasing it to Ms.
47 Mendoza from Tres Amigo Winery.
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49 Mayor Barraza asked who Tres Amigo Winery is.
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1 Mr. McMillan responded Tres Amigo Winery is a partnership; Mr. Lang will be joining the partnership as
2 well.

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4 Mayor Barraza asked if the inn will be a Bed and Breakfast.

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6 Mr. McMillan responded it is currently not a Bed and Breakfast; it is an inn. The restaurant will have
7 extended hours with food available at the inn which has two rooms. Mr. Lang and himself currently own
8 an internet company that ships New Mexico chili around the county and are planning to include the
9 shipping of wine as well.

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11 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal called for the question.

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

14 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

15 Trustee Caro Yes

16 Trustee Garcia Yes

17 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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19 Mr. McMillan stated the Town of Mesilla staff have been the most amazing people to deal with.

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21 **10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

22 Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting discussed and approved several items; MPO meeting December
23 9th

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25 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal: CEO meeting discussed spending funds

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27 Mayor Barraza: Regular weekly meetings; RTD, Mayor Caucus (changed to every other week).

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29 **11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

30 Fire Chief Hoban stated they are exploring distance learning and online education for EMS and Fire.

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32 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez gave an update on the GRT collected for the month.

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34 Trustee Johnson-Burick thanked staff for all they do.

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36 Trustee Garcia stated she spoke to Fire Chief Hoban and Mayor Barraza regarding a COVID19 policy.

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38 Trustee Caro stated he feels the bicycle trail is good but should have been built up; a big rain will cover it
39 with water. He felt it was poor planning.

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41 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated his cousin, Gloria Garza, who works the town's Summer Recreation
42 Program is in the hospital with COVID19.

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44 Ms. Sellers stated through everyone's generosity we were able to provide 75 families with Thanksgiving
45 Baskets.

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47 Mayor Barraza stated Governor Lujan Grisham has called a Special Legislature Session to discuss relief
48 packages. NM Department of Health will begin to give COVID19 test results through text or email.
49 There are 34 COVID cases in the 88046 area now. We are doing everything possible to ensure that we
50 have a safe environment for our staff and residents.

1 Fire Chief Hoban stated every decision made affects you and everyone you meet be it at home or work.
2 Wearing a mask works.

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4 Mayor Barraza stated we have had businesses that have stayed open after restrictions were put in place by
5 the governor. There is confusion with regards to retail businesses. She is planning to put out an
6 executive order telling businesses that curbside service only will be allowed in the Town of Mesilla.
7 Currently only Shorty's and NM Vintage are the only ones that can have people in their place of
8 businesses. She encourages everyone to distance themselves from their families not living in the same
9 household and wear a mask.

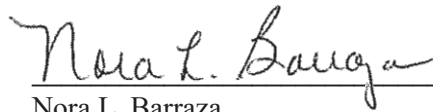
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11 Board of Trustees and staff wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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13 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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


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16 **Meeting ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M.**

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18 **APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.**

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22 Nora L. Barraza
23 Mayor

24 **ATTEST:**

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28 Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez
29 Town Clerk/Treasurer

