



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

TRUSTEES: Nora Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee (left meeting at 6:46 p.m.)
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Eddie Lerma, Marshal
Dorothy Sellers, Community Events Coordinator
Larry Shannon, Community Development 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 Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence for those who have passed away.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- a) **A proclamation-** declaring the month of March 2021 “Athletic Training Month” in the Town of Mesilla. – **Fyzical Las Cruces/Southwest Sport and Spine.**

Mr. Krentz read proclamation declaring the month of March 2021 “Athletic Training Month” in the Town of Mesilla.

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

Public input in writing shall be received at cynthias-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.

No Public Input

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

Trustee Arzabal requested placing New Business item a under the consent agenda.

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a Joint Work Session & Regular Meeting on February 22, 2021. **Approved by consent agenda**
- b) ***PZHAC Case 061169** – 2445 Calle de Santa Ana, submitted by Jack and Lisa Kirby; a request for a zoning permit to allow the construction of a rock wall around the residential property at this address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). **Approved by consent agenda**

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) **A presentation and Public Input on Calle de Norte Phase II. – John Montoya, Molzen Corbin and Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director (added 3/5/21 at 12:16 p.m.)**

Mr. McGillivray gave an update on the status of the trail. The town does not want to lose the \$84,000 (with no match) it received for the project, so other options are being considered.

Mr. Montoya gave a presentation of the other options.

Motion: To close regular meeting and open Public Input, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Opened Public Input at 6:25 p.m.

Ms. Krueger stated it is better when trails connect to each other; option 4 is her preference.

Motion: To close Public Input and open regular meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Opened Regular Meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor Barraza read Mr. Gary Esslinger's, EBID Treasurer/Manager, letter denying use of EBID property for trail use.

Trustee Garcia asked if this trail would connect to the University Avenue trail.

Mayor Barraza responded there are no options that would connect to the University Avenue trail.

Mr. McGillivray responded when EBID begins to allow trails on their property, the trail can then be continued on the Mesilla lateral.

Trustee Caro asked if warning lights will be installed. Recommended the area behind Town Hall to continue the trail. He is in support of the trail continuing on Calle del Norte, on the west side, to the river.

Mr. McGillivray responded that would be an inconsistent connection due to lack of space. The design team is considering lights, but they are not required.

Mr. Montoya responded flashers have been included in the budget; DOT will need to give us permission for installation.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated she is concerned navigating a trail on Avenida de Mesilla due to the car traffic.

Mayor Barraza stated we do not want to lose the funding; board is in support of the last scenario. She asked Mr. McGillivray and Mr. Montoya to move forward.

b) For approval: An agreement with Molzen Corbin to provide engineering services for the 2020-2021 LGRF project including design, bidding, and construction administration in the amount of \$7,840.00 without NMGRT. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director. *Approved by consent agenda***

c) For Approval: Permission for a water line extension in Raasaf Hills for Mr. Gilbert Chavez on Mesilla Hills Drive. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director.**

Mr. McGillivray reviewed the request from Mr. Chavez to extend the water line. Mr. Chavez will pay the town an administrative fee and he will absorb the cost of running the line. The town will receive fees for each meter installed (8), and for safety issues a fire hydrant will be installed. He confirmed that residents outside of Mesilla pay higher utility rates and higher fees.

Motion: To approve permission for a water line extension in Raasaf Hills for Mr. Gilbert Chavez on Mesilla Hills Drive, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes
Trustee Caro Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes

d) **Resolution 2021-06:** a resolution adopting the 2020 Dona Ana County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director.**

Mr. McGillivray stated this comes to the board every five years for adoption.

Fire Chief Hoban stated the final document will come forth until everyone has voted on their resolutions.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-06: a resolution adopting the 2020 Dona Ana County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

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

8. *STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development
Community Programs
Finance Department
Fire Department
Marshal's Department
Public Works Department

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting April 14th

Trustee Garcia: same MPO Meeting.

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Marshal Lerma gave an update on the burglaries and arrests that have taken place.

Fire Chief Hoban stated Brush Truck delivery is behind schedule.

Mr. McGillivray stated fountains are being worked on, school lights are working, issues with dog poop at the parks especially Commemorative Park.

Mayor Barraza stated Mr. McGillivray will be posting signs asking residents to pick up after their pets. The rock wall that faces Commemorative Park has gates, so Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez recommended getting on the Mesilla Farms Homeowners agenda to address the issue.

Mr. McGillivray stated Ms. Toomey is working behind the scenes with him in addressing this issue.

Trustee Garcia stated Happy International Women's Day.

Trustee Caro stated he feels the town's hookup fees are high and suggested revisiting them. He thanked the Public Works for the quick response with some issues he noticed.

Mayor Barraza encourages everyone to register for the vaccine. She feels for the restaurants when we keep changing status from yellow to red and vice versa. People need to get tested even if they have no symptoms to bring us back to yellow status. The plaza was packed this weekend and mostly with people from Texas which is concerning. We will wait to see if our ICIP projects will be funded through capital outlay.

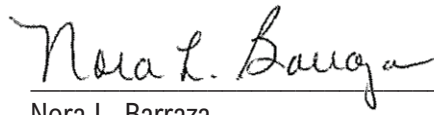
Board thanked the Marshal's Department for a job well done.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

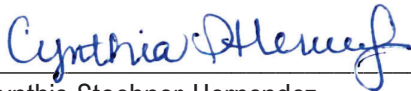
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:01 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2021.



Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Stoenher-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

