



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
4:00 P.M.**

**IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 2251 CALLE DE SANTIAGO (SPACE IS LIMITED) OR VIA
TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 983-7900-0389 PASSWORD 971704**

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

PZHAC: Yolanda Lucero, Chairperson
Jerry Nevarez, Commissioner
Davie Salas, Commissioner (absent)

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

**1. Discussion on Historic Residential (HR) Ordinance Changes. – Board of Trustees & Planning,
Zoning and Historical Appropriateness Commission.**

Mayor Barraza:

- Reviewed the changes
- Reviewed the deletions
- Definitions
- Language clarification
- Use of barbed wire fencing
- Moratorium expires in June; possible extension
- Open spaces
- Need for clarifications
- Fences
- Use of barbed wire
- Need for consistency
- Items being in Public View Right of Way access

Trustee Garcia:

- Comprehensive Plan should be discussed at next meeting

- People must commit themselves to these committees
- Fencing with access to houses
- Need for clarifications
- Owner maintaining the 7ft. Right of Way

Trustee Caro:

- Cannot plant anything due to lack of water
- Need to look at future development
- Asked about the number of fire hydrants on his road
- Language clarification

Fire Chief Hoban

- Explained the reason for the number of fire hydrants

Mayor Barraza stated she will ask for a worksession to move forward on this ordinance. The moratorium will need to be extended. Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez sent out an email asking for recommendations and did not receive any correspondence.

Ms. Garcia reiterated that if a person does not commit to attending and participating in a committee; it is best they just stay away.

2. Discussion regarding Town of Mesilla FY 22 budget. – Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.

Mayor Barraza reviewed the Town of Mesilla FY 22 budget.

Marshal Salas has recommended 2 SROs (Zia Middle School and Rio Grande Prep) for FY 2021-22 and removing the CSO position due to specific requirements to the Las Cruces Public Schools and awaiting to hear from them as they will be funding the positions excluding uniforms, vehicles, training, and equipment.

Trustee Caro expressed his concern with reaction time and agrees with the recommendation.

Trustee Garcia asked if the position will be posted.

Marshal Salas responded there have been some interest expressed but the position will still be posted.

Trustee Garcia asked about the \$2,000 for Officer Madson's certification.

Marshal Salas responded instructor certification required.

Mayor Barraza responded the town pays for their employees' certification. Officer Madson will be the SRO assigned to Rio Grande Prep. Reviewed the GRTs and a COLA increase.

Trustee Garcia asked if no one is hired for the position of Community Development; will a stipend be given to Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez like the one we gave to Marshal Salas.

1 Mayor Barraza stated we are looking about dividing the duties; animal control, codes which should be
2 under the Marshal Department and Community Development. Budget will be adjusted as needed. We
3 have yet to get notification regarding the American Recovery Act so that is not included in the budget.
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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

**IN PERSON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 2251 CALLE DE SANTIAGO (SPACE IS LIMITED) OR VIA
TELECONFERENCE 1-346-248-7799, MEETING ID 983-7900-0389 PASSWORD 971704**

TRUSTEES: Nora Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem (absent)
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee

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

PUBLIC: Heather Nevarez Andy Embury
Jimmy Nevarez Amy O'Brien

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Barraza, Trustee Arzabal (6:10 p.m.), Trustee Caro, Trustee Garcia.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =2).

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a) A presentation of the Town of Mesilla's 2020 Audit – **Mariem Tall, Harshwal & Company, LLP.**
Ms. Tall gave a presentation of the Town of Mesilla's 2020 Audit.

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 24 hours in advance to 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. Space is limited and may require persons giving public input to rotate, if capacity of the room exceeded.**

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 *)

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

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

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a Work Session and Regular Meetings on May 10, 2021.
Approved by consent agenda

b) ***PZHAC Case 061213** – 2391 Calle de Parian, submitted by Robert Reynolds, a request to install a gazebo type shade structure on a residential property at this address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

c) ***PZHAC Case 061219** – 2488 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Juan Albert for “Rincon de Mesilla”; a request for a sign permit to allow a twelve square foot (3 foot by 4 foot) metal sign to be installed next to a sign for another tenant located on the property. Zoned: Historic Commercial (HC). *Approved by consent agenda **stipulation for a double fine*

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Presentation and action on Resolution 2021-07:** an emergency resolution declaring limiting the use of fireworks in the incorporated areas of the Town of Mesilla. – **Chief Kevin Hoban.**

Fire Chief Hoban gave a presentation on an emergency resolution declaring limiting the use of fireworks in the incorporated areas of the Town of Mesilla. He read Resolution 2021-07; added an amendment to allow firecrackers.

Trustee Garcia stated she observed tax permits were not being issued last year.

Fire Chief Hoban asked that it be reported to Central Dispatch so it can be taken care.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-07: an emergency resolution declaring limiting the use of fireworks in the incorporated areas of the Town of Mesilla as amended, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

b) **Resolution 2021-08:** A resolution for the regular local election of municipal officers. – **Board of Trustees.**

Mayor Barraza read Resolution 2021-08: a resolution for the regular local election of municipal officers.

1 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-08: a resolution for the regular local election of municipal officers,**
2 **Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Trustee Caro.**

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4 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =2).

5 Trustee Caro Yes

6 Trustee Garcia Yes

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9 **c) Resolution 2021-09:** Acceptance of the Town of Mesilla 2020 Audit. – **Board of Trustees.**

10 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-09: acceptance of the Town of Mesilla 2020 Audit, Moved by Trustee**
11 **Caro, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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13 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =2).

14 Trustee Caro Yes

15 Trustee Garcia Yes

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17 **d) Resolution 2021-10:** A resolution declaring surplus property to be nonessential for
18 **Government Functions to be sold pursuant to NMSA §3-54-2. – Board of Trustees.**

19 Mayor Barraza read Resolution 2021-10: a resolution declaring surplus property to be nonessential for
20 Government Functions to be sold pursuant to NMSA §3-54-2.

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22 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-10: a resolution declaring surplus property to be nonessential for**
23 **Government Functions to be sold pursuant to NMSA §3-54-2, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee**
24 **Garcia.**

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26 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =2).

27 Trustee Caro Yes

28 Trustee Garcia Yes

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30 **e) For consideration:** approval of FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Mesilla. –
31 **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**

32 Mayor Barraza stated a work session was held prior to the regular board meeting.

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34 **Motion: To approve of FY 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget for the Town of Mesilla, Moved by Trustee Caro,**
35 **Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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37 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes =2).

38 Trustee Caro Yes

39 Trustee Garcia Yes

40 41 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

42 Trustee Garcia: MPO meeting

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44 Mayor Barraza: MPO meeting, La Colonias presentation, Mayor Caucus, RTD meeting, Fiber Optic meeting, Los
45 Leones meeting.

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Mayor Barraza stated Ms. Sellers is working on the Music on the Plaza and the 4th of July events.

Trustee Arzabal thanked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez and Ms. Maya for their work on the audit.

Mayor Barraza responded La Colonia designation will be brought forth for approval at the first meeting in June. Next meeting will be in-person and via Zoom. Send any concerns to the appropriate staff. Offices are open to the public. Asked that if anyone that is not vaccinated to please wear their mask.

The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-3)

APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

