



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

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

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 Garcia

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Mayor Barraza removed minutes from June 10, 2021, meeting, and Case #161224 from the consent agenda.

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

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

Mayor Barraza Yes

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

4. PRESENTATIONS: Citizen's Life Savings awards by Marshal Enrique Salas to:

- Arely Iracheta
- Jim Langell

Marshal Salas presented Citizen's Life Savings Awards to Ms. Iracheta and Mr. Langell.

Mr. Langell stated they were glad they were able to help.

1 Mayor Barraza stated the town is so grateful for their actions.

- 2 **5. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.**
3 **Space is limited and may require persons giving public input IN PERSON to rotate, if**
4 **capacity of the room is exceeded.**

5 **No Public Input**

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

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

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

14 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

15 Mayor Barraza yes

16 Trustee Garcia Yes

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18 a) ***BOT MINUTES** – BOT minutes of a Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 27, 2021.
19 *Approved by consent agenda*
20 b) ***BOT MINUTES** – BOT minutes of a Special Meeting on June 10, 2021. *Removed from*
21 *consent agenda*
22 c) ***BOT MINUTES** – BOT minutes of a Regular Meeting June 14, 2021. *Approved by consent*
23 *agenda*
24 d) ***PZHAC Case 061224-** 2424 Calle de Parian, submitted by Cecilia Quintana; a request for a
25 zoning permit to allow the replacement of an exterior bedroom door on a dwelling at this
26 address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Removed from consent agenda*
27 e) ***PZHAC Case 061233** – 2685 Calle de Parian, submitted by William McIlvaine; a request for a
28 summary subdivision to allow a 0.91acre parcel to be split into two parcels. Historic Residential
29 (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*
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31 Mayor Barraza asked if there is a 7 ft. setback on both parcels.

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33 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded yes.

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35 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 36 a) **For Approval:** An MOU between the Las Cruces Public Schools and the Town of Mesilla for
37 FY 22 School Resource Officer Services at Zia Middle School and Rio Grande Prep. – **Enrique**
38 **Salas, Marshal.**

39 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the agreement is to have two SROs for FY 2021-2022. The contract has been
40 increased substantially.

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42 Mayor Barraza stated our attorney has reviewed the MOU and there is an agreement by both parties.

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44 **Motion: To approve an MOU between the Las Cruces Public Schools and the Town of Mesilla for FY 22**
45 **School Resource Officer Services at Zia Middle School and Rio Grande Prep, Moved by Mayor Pro**
46 **Tem Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

49 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

50 Mayor Barraza Yes

1 Trustee Garcia Yes

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4 **b) For Approval:** An audit contract for the FY 20/21 fiscal year, with the option of two additional
5 years. – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**

6 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the audit firm is Beasley, Mitchell and Company, LLC.

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8 **Motion: To approve an audit contract for the FY 20/521 fiscal year, with the option of two additional**
9 **years, Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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

12 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

13 Mayor Barraza Yes

14 Trustee Garcia Yes

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16 **c) Discussion/Approval:** Updating Job Descriptions and duties for Town Positions (Resolution
17 2021-15). – **Board of Trustees.**

18 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviewed the Job Descriptions for SRO, Community Development Coordinator and
19 Codes Officer.

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21 Mayor Barraza stated Animal Control and Codes Officer will be under the Marshal's Department, there is a
22 decrease in salary for the Community Development Coordinator due to a reduction in duties. The budget will
23 be revisited.

24 Trustee Garcia asked who the interim Community Development Coordinator will be.

25 Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez and herself will be doing the work.

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27 Trustee Garcia asked if they would be receiving extra pay during that time.

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29 Mayor Barraza responded no extra pay will be given. She will be stepping up to ensure complete packets and
30 plans are submitted.

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34 **Motion: To approve updating Job Descriptions and duties for Town Positions (Resolution 2021-15),**
35 **Moved by Trustee Garcia, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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37 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated if this takes extensive time, we should revisit this.

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

40 Mayor Barraza Yes

41 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

42 Trustee Garcia Yes

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44 **d) Resolution 2021-16:** A resolution approving participation in the program of the South Central
45 Council of Governments, Inc for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. – **Board of Trustees**

46 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2021-16: A resolution approving participation in the program of the**
47 **South Central Council of Governments, Inc for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, Moved by Trustee Garcia,**
48 **Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick.**

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

51 Mayor Barraza Yes

52 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

53 Trustee Garcia Yes

1 Mayor Barraza stated she was elected as chairperson at the last meeting.

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3 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

4 Mayor Barraza: SCCOG, Tree Planting Memorial for Ms. Gloria Garza, participating in the Dona Ana County
5 High School Summer Interns, 4th of July event beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Fire Chief Hoban stated there is a lot of improvement with the drainage at the intersection at Calle de Norte
8 and Calle Picacho. He will know more on Thursday regarding July 4th restrictions.

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10 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated we have not been able to get food trucks for the plaza.

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

14 Marshal Salas stated two of the new units have been stripped.

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16 Fire Chief Hoban advised everyone to watch for lighting, drive safe; there is currently a flash flood watch.
17 Sandbags are available at the Fire Department.

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19 Trustee Garcia stated the board will be hosting a thank you breakfast for staff at the Community Center from
20 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. She will continue to farm on her land.

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22 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick stated over the years the Green Belt has diminished. We need to protect
23 Mesilla. She is keeping up with the Comprehensive Plan. She was honored to attend the Tree Planting
24 Memorial for Ms. Gloria Garcia. She asked if Mr. Lee has been contacted regarding vector control.

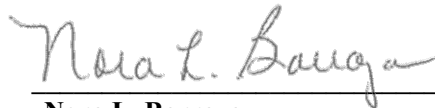
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26 Mayor Barraza stated we rely on word of mouth to spread the word in Mesilla. Ms. Garza’s family attended as
27 well as co-workers and former students making it so special. She encourages everyone to attend the firework
28 display. The PZHAC meeting for July 6th may be postponed due to lack of a quorum. She asked for everyone
29 to reach out to residents to see if anyone may be interested in serving on the PZHAC. The board we will
30 continue to move forward on the Historic Residential Ordinance with a possible worksession before the next
31 Board of Trustee meeting with a possible 1st reading. Meetings will be held in person, no Zoom.

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34 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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37 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.**

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39 **APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF JULY, 2021.**

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43 **Nora L. Barraza**
44 **Mayor**

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47 **ATTEST:**

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51 **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez**
52 **Town Clerk/Treasurer**

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