



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

****FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF ALL PUBLIC,
MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE PUBLIC MEETING****

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES: Nora Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Bivian Cadena, Trustee
Veronica Garcia, Trustee
Adrianna Merrick, Trustee

STAFF: Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Enrique Salas, Marshal
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Joseph Cervantes

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 Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Merrick

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, 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 Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Merrick Yes

Mayor Barraza welcomed the Trustee Cadena and Trustee Merrick.

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

Space is limited and may require persons giving public input IN PERSON to rotate if capacity of the room is exceeded.

No Input

5. **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 consent agenda, 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 Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a work session and regular meeting December 27, 2021. *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a public hearing on December 27, 2021. *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of a special meeting December 30, 2021. *Approved by consent agenda*

6. **CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7): discussion limited to pending litigation of which the Town is or may become a participant – Verizon, Strain, Bustamante. – **Board of Trustees.**

Motion: To enter Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7): discussion limited to pending litigation of which the tow is or may become a participant, 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 Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.

7. **STATEMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION AND ROLL CALL VOTE** – discussion was limited to pending litigation of which the Town is or may become a participant – Verizon, Strain, Bustamante per pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7). – **Board of Trustees.**

Motion: To enter Regular Meeting pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7): after discussion limited to pending litigation of which the tow is or may become a participant – no action taken, 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 Cadena Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Merrick Yes

ENTERED REGULAR MEETING AT 7:21 P.M.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Presentation of an update on Capital Outlay Projects. – **Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director.**

Mr. McGillivray gave an update on Capital Outlay Projects.

Mayor Barraza stated this includes vehicles for the Marshal's department.

Trustee Garcia asked if we had overspent or had any money left over.

Mr. McGillivray responded there was very little money left over.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick asked about Colonia funding.

Trustee Garcia asked if we could apply for multi projects at a time.

Mr. McGillivray responded we are looking at Colonia funding to replace the waterlines on University Avenue. It is recommended that we apply for one project at a time.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick asked about the status of Calle de Cura. Roads are backing up when it rains.

Mayor Barraza stated planning to do this right, so we do not have to tear up roads to repair waterlines.

9. *STAFF REPORTS:

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

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting January 12th 1:00 p.m. at Dona Ana County

Trustee Garcia: MPO and Architectural meetings

Mayor Barraza stated committee assignments will be done at the next meeting.

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Fire Chief Hoban stated the department is being asked to answer calls in the county. The department will be applying for a PRC Certificate so we can receive compensation. We have staff that will be attending training.

Marshal Salas stated Animal Control and Codes is moving forward.

Trustee Merrick stated she is excited and looking forward to a good year.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick welcomed the new trustees.

Trustee Garcia welcomed the new trustees. A shout out in appreciation of Law Enforcement. Sad to see Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez leave.

Trustee Cadena stated she is here to work for Mesilla and to represent its citizens.

Mayor Barraza stated there is a NMML Mayor Summit on Friday in Santa Fe. Newly Elected Officials along with MOLI Training will be March 23-25 in Santa Fe; highly recommends this training to the new trustees. New Mexico Municipal Day is scheduled for February 3rd & 4th; let staff know if you would like to attend. Mr. Baca, Animal Control and Codes Officer, is doing a great job. Beginning in March we will begin enforcing the ordinances regarding signs, etc. She asks that phone calls received by the trustees are referred to her. She is available for any questions or concerns the new trustees may have.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Rani Bush 4/26/22

Rani Bush
Town Clerk/Treasurer

