



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

TOWN OF MESILLA

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 – 6:00 PM

MINUTES

TRUSTEES: Nora Barraza, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
Biviana Cadena, Trustee (ABSENT)
Veronica Garcia, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

STAFF: Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director
Enrique Salas, Marshal
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC:

Mary H Ratje	Pat Taylor
Diego Casanova	Catharine Walkinshaw
Eric Walkinshaw	Crystal Davis-Whited
Gregory Whited	Becky King
Susan Krueger	Bill Cook
Guillermo Acosta	Karina Oberman
Victor R Sakalys	Rosemary
Janice Cook	Jackie Meinecke
Lori Miller	

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 Merrick, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

4. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.

Mr. Acosta stated he is not opposed to the cell tower but feels there is a better location. The site at 2021 Boutz seemed to be an acceptable location. 5G serves a 1-mile radius and placing the tower somewhere other than the historic zone would still provide adequate service.

Ms. Walkinshaw read correspondence. Ms. Miller made a comment at the last meeting; it was listed incorrectly as Ms. Duffy.

Ms. Krueger recommended changing the designation of Old Business to Unfinished Business.

Ms. Ratje thanked Mesilla for all their graciousness and everyone's cooperation during the loss of her father. Mr. Taylor would not be in agreement on the cell tower location.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone. He would like to make a presentation on preservation.

Ms. Oberman stated while in Santa Fe she saw a cell tower which to her was disrespect of the historic area and its ancestors. She asks that they find a different location for the cell tower.

- 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 as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Barraza stated the correction regarding Ms. Miller will be done.

Trustee Garcia asked to correct the omission of Mayor Barraza name where she broke the tie vote on the February 13th minutes; page 2; line 25-31.

Trustee Johnson-Burick asked to correct her statement to read "they may"; page 6 line 41.

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** - Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 26, 2023
Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 13, 2023

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Colonias University Avenue – Bohannon Huston Amendment #1 for engineering services – Rod McGillivray

Mr. McGillivray reviewed Bohannon Huston Amendment #1 for \$22,500.00

- b) 21-G2841 Plaza Sidewalk Improvements recommendation to awarded project to A-Mountain Construction – Rod McGillivray

Mr. McGillivray gave an update on awarding the project to A-Mountain Construction.

Mr. McGillivray stated answer to Trustee Garcia's question, we have two years from the date the contract is signed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **PZHAC Case #061521** - 2592 Calle de Cura, submitted by Ralph Lucero to renovate by repairing stucco cracks and painting, same color to match existing one. Zone: **Historical Residential (HR)**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061521 – 2592 Calle de Cura, submitted by Ralph Lucero to renovate by repairing stucco cracks and painting, same color to match existing one. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- b) **PZHAC Case #061526** – 2810/2820 Calle Principal, submitted by Larry Limon to renovate windows/back door by removing, painting (same color), and reinstalling. No changes to structure or windows. Change color of trim from light brown to blue on a detached structure in order to match rest of trim on primary home. Replacing screen door request was redacted. Zones: **Historical Residential (HR)**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061526 – 2810/2820 Calle Principal, submitted by Larry Limon to renovate windows/back door by removing, painting (same color), and reinstalling. No changes to structure or windows. Change color of trim from light brown to blue on a detached structure in order to match rest of time on primary home. Replacing screen door request was redacted. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- c) **Approval:** Colonias University Avenue – Bohannon Huston Amendment #1 for engineering services

Motion: To approve Colonias University Avenue – Bohannon Huston Amendment #1 for engineering services, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia asked where the \$22,500 shortfall will come from.

Mr. McGillivray responded from the budget and the match will come from the ARCA fund; these items have been approved by the board. The design services were paid by the match.

Trustee Garcia asked when the project will start.

Mr. McGillivray responded we do not have a start date since we just went out to bid last week.

Mayor Barraza stated this is only for replacement of the sewer and waterlines.

Trustee Garcia asked if DOT would be doing the road.

Mr. McGillivray responded the DOT project is too far out. The town will be replacing the road over the

waterline.

Trustee Garcia stated she is concerned that there is a 2-year timeframe to finish the project. Also, half of the money needs to be used before we can apply for another Colonia grant.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- d) Approval:** 21-G2841 Plaza Sidewalk Improvements recommendation to awarded project to A-Mountain Construction

Motion: To approve 21-G2841 Plaza Sidewalk Improvements recommendation to award project to A-Mountain Construction, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia asked where the money will be coming from.

Mr. McGillivray reviewed the project breakdown. The goal is finishing the project by the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

8. Old Business

- a) APPROVAL:** PZHAC Case #061518 – 2285 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Pedro Jurado for new Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC by Crown Castle USA Inc. for a minor modification for an antenna per sector (total of 3), and 3/50 AMP breakers for AIR B77D ground equipment as per plans for an existing carrier on an existing wireless communication facility. Zoned: Commercial (C)

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061518 – 2285 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Pedro Jurado for a new Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC by Crown Castle USA inc. for a minor modification for an antenna per sector (total of 3), and 3/50 AMP breakers for AIR B77D ground equipment as per plans for an existing carrier on an existing wireless communication facility. 21-G2841 Plaza Sidewalk Improvements recommendation to award project to A-Mountain Construction, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick asked if Trustee Cadena's questions regarding this case had been addressed.

Mayor Barraza responded Trustee Cadena's questions and concerns were addressed by Mr. Salazar, by email, and will be included the record.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Special Meeting March 3rd 1:00 p.m. DAC meeting room

Trustee Garcia: New Mexico Workforce Solutions Meeting March 17th Silver City; Lucky Charms Jobsite Meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Special Meeting March 3rd 1:00 p.m. DAC meeting room

Mayor Barraza: RTD Meeting was cancelled; Municipal Day and met with Legislators Santa Fe

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Salazar stated he looks forward to serving the town and making a difference.

Fire Chief Evans stated there were 16 calls on Sunday during the windstorm.

Mr. McGillivray stated there was a power outage in the Raasaf area. The existing booster station that is scheduled to be replaced lost all it's water and suffered some damage. Service was restored at 7:20 a.m.; crew is still working at this time to get water service back to the area.

Trustee Johnson-Burick thanked Public Works for quickly replacing the stop sign that was damaged by a moving van and the windstorm.

Trustee Garcia encouraged the board and PZHAC to look at the NMML website for classes and training. She requested a list of projects that would include the funding information and their status.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated she appreciates the detail on the Board Action Forms. Public Input is important to her. She has never expressed anything for or against the towers as we are currently in litigation. Mr. Taylor's services were beautiful. She encourages everyone to be proactive.

Trustee Garcia stated we do not ask for the attorney to be present at the meetings as we are currently at \$32,000 in legal fees. We listen to everyone's comments but due to the litigation we cannot respond.

Mayor Barraza stated residents have attained an attorney so we cannot comment. Residents can submit comments to be included. Information on PZHAC workshops will be forwarded once it is received. Mr. Salazar is doing a fabulous job. Business Licenses have been mailed out. Parking fees will be enforced this year. He is also working closely with Codes Enforcement to start enforcing the ordinances. Mr. McGillivray includes the projects and their status on his Monthly Report. Projects are held up by the process, companies not getting back with information and also material being delayed. Mr. McGillivray keeps up on those projects. Thanked the Fire and Marshal Departments for their participation with Mr. Taylor's services. Spring Break is March 12th – 26th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:51 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria S. Maya

Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



TOWN OF MESILLA
SIGN IN SHEET
BOARD OF TRUSTEE
FEBRUARY 27, 2023

NAME	ADDRESS	COMMENTS
Mary H. Katz PAT TAYLOR	5231 Calle de Santiago Mesilla	
Diego Casanova	Mesilla	
Catherine Wallanshaw	2134 Calle de Principal	Yes
Richard Knutson	2134 Calle de Principal	
Crystal Davis-Whited	M.F.D	
Gregory Whited	M.F.D	
Becky King		
NASH FURBER	Mesilla	
BILL COOK	Mesilla	
Guillermo Acosta	Mesilla, 2194 Calle de Los Huertos	Yes
Karena Queeman	2835 Baldt LC. 88005	Yes
VICTOR R. SAKALYS	5624 RED WOLF, LC. 88007	
Keremy D. Smith	2184 Calle de Arroyo	
JANICE COOK	2260 Calle principal	
JACQUE MEYNECKE	3714 N. HWY 28, LENM 88008	NO
Lori Muller	2250 Calle de Peaches	