



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**THE PLANNING, ZONING AND
HISTORICAL APPROPRIATENESS COMMISSION (PZHAC)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 2:30 PM**

MINUTES

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Lucero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Barraza: Madam Chair and Commissioners, we do have our community development coordinator on board. To get this meeting started, I am going to conduct this meeting. He has been with us for a week now,

Mayor Nora L. Barraza took roll call.

Commissioner Jones – Present
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Present
Chairperson Lucero – Present
Commissioner Salas – Present

Mayor Barraza: Introduced new commissioner David Rockstraw.

Gloria Maya, deputy clerk, administered the oath to new appointed commissioners; David Rockstraw, Yolanda Lucero, Davie Salas, and Eddie Salazar as Community Development Coordinator.

3. CHANGES / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Rockstraw and seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes
Chairperson Lucero - Yes
Commissioner Salas – Yes
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

Motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes
Chairperson Lucero – Yes
Commissioner Salas – Yes
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

5-0, Motion passes.

PZHAC case#061518 –

Mayor Barraza: this is zoned commercial, Mr. Salazar is getting the hang of it, it is commercial, cotton gin, 3385 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Pedro Jurado want to upgrade to the antenna. All documentation has been submitted and provided.

Motion to approve the case was made by Commissioner Rockstraw and seconded by Commissioner Walkinshaw.

Commissioner Walkinshaw: Asked for clarification on the zoning of the property in question. Zoning map on the comprehensive plan is confusing, map 2 on page 46, does show industrial and also map on page 49. Also on, 48, map 4 land use scenario trend.

Mayor Barraza: Explained we do not have industrial zone in the Town of Mesilla, the zoning Commissioner Walkinshaw mentioned was when we had annexed that area but it has been de-annexed. Since then, that area has been rezoned to commercial.

Commissioner Walkinshaw: At some point, we need to correct our maps.

Commissioner Salas: Commented on using too much paper and not needed for his benefit.

Mayor Barraza: Wouldn't want any case to be tabled due to lack of information, and CID office requires the same paperwork.

Inspector Maese: Redundant, is needed for approval in our office.

Commissioner Rockstraw: Electronically would be more convenient rather than use of paper.

Mayor Barraza: Due to different opinions of the commission, it will be emailed and same documents for purpose of consistency.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Jones - Yes
Commissioner Walkinshaw – Yes
Chairperson Lucero – Yes
Commissioner Salas – Yes
Commissioner Rockstraw – Yes

5-0, Motion passes.

Election of Officers

5-0, Motion passes.

Commissioner Jones: Asked what the responsibilities of a secretary are.

Mayor Barraza: Collaborate with Community Development Coordinator, Mr. Salazar

Mayor Barraza: Affirmed newly elected commissioners; Chairperson Lucero, Vice-Chairperson Commissioner Rockstraw, and Secretary Commissioner Jones. Congratulations!

Chairperson Lucero: Opened the floor on the next item for discussion, Roles of Commissioners

Mayor Barraza: Handed out a copy of Chapter 18 of our Municipal Code
Asked if everyone had a copy of municipal code book. Mesilla Town Code book is the code book. Commissioner Walkinshaw will be getting a book soon.

Mayor Barraza: The purpose of knowing responsibilities, read Chapter 18.06 Planning, Zoning and Historical Appropriateness Commission, verbatim and out loud.

7. COMMISSIONERS/STAFF COMMENTS

Chairperson Lucero: Delivery of packets before meeting, review packet and contact Community Development Coordinator if there are any questions, to avoid tabling anything in our agenda.

Chairperson Lucero: Asked about the container case, Mr. Lara.

Mayor Barraza: Reached out to Mr. Lara last week and advised have not received documentation required by PZHAC. Code Enforcement to proceed and issue citation.

Chairperson Lucero: Stated glad we now have a community development coordinator.
Requested Mr. Salazar to approach the podium and introduce himself and tell a little bit about himself.

Comm. Dev. Coordinator Salazar: Background, worked for the City of Anthony as Director of Neighborhood Services, strong background in law enforcement, familiar with packets and building cases. After that I had 13 years in processing engineering, married and 3 kids. Grew up in the area. Do my best to maintain the historical culture of this town. Apologize for any errors in the packets. Please let me know if there is any errors for me to fix.

Commissioner Walkinshaw: Coach applicants to submit all documents and information for better decisions.

Comm. Dev. Coordinator: Do my best to build packets to prevent aggravation on both sides.

Commissioner Rockstraw: Discussed meetings scheduled time at 230 pm versus before 6 pm.
Requested an explanation on why that is

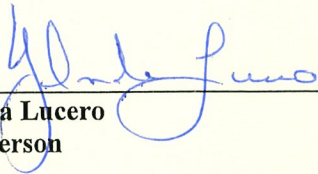
Mayor Barraza: Covid was the main culprit on moving the time. That is not to say it can't be changed. It is always a balancing act depending on residents, gave examples.

Chairperson Lucero: One of our ex-commissioners used to walk to the meetings and it was harsh for him to walk late in the evenings. I really don't see a difference in attendance between both times.

Commissioner Salas: Been a commissioner since covid, I am retired, so I can work around it.

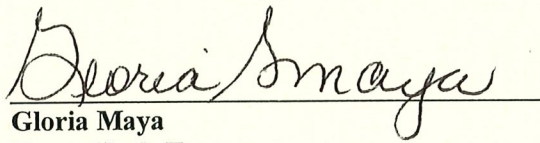
8. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF MARCH 2023.



Yolanda Lucero
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Gloria Maya
Town Clerk-Treasurer

