

Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA
WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 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: Richard Moreno Ruben Quintana
Andrea Bryan Greg Lester
Pat Taylor Mary H Ratje
Crystal Davis-Whited Bill & Janice Cook
Paul Germani Susan Krueger
Karena Oberman Stewart Oberman
Russell Hernandez Jasha Zapien
Edith Rosemary Mc....

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

Trustee Garcia requested the removal of items 5a and 6e from the agenda.

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

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. Cook stated great work was done on the plaza and on handicap access.

Mr. Taylor gave an update on the workshops being held.

Ms. Krueger stated her concerns regarding lack of public input and reviewed the Historic Preservation ordinance.

Ms. Ratje stated praised the plaza curbing and ramps. Requested information on the Lodger's Tax Committee.

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 *)
 - a) ***BOT MINUTES** - Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 24, 2023 *removed from agenda*

6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) **PZHAC CASE #061584 – submitted by Roberto Garcia, 2630 Calle de Guadalupe, request approval to reroof his house from conventional shingle with natural corrugated roofing. Zone: Historical Residential (HR)**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061584 – submitted by Roberto Garcia, 2630 Calle de Guadalupe, request approval to reroof his house from conventional shingle with natural corrugated roofing. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick asked if there is a list of things that are administratively approved.

Mayor Barraza responded the ordinance does reference administrative approvals. She will ensure that both the PZHAC and the Board of Trustees are informed of what can be administratively approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated the Board Action Form indicates it was administratively approved.

Mayor Barraza responded since the case is on the agenda for approval the board will need to vote.

Trustee Garcia recused herself from voting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- b) **PZHAC CASE #061585 – submitted by Jose Torres, 2780 Calle de Cuarta, requesting approval to replace 7 windows and stucco his primary residence. Zone: Historical Residential (HR)**

Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061585 – submitted by Jose Torres, 2780 Calle de Cuarta, requesting approval to replace 7 windows and stucco his primary residence - w/condition. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick asked if the work had been started.

Mayor Barraza responded that will need to be verified by Mr. Torres.

Mr. Torres stated he had replaced 3 of the windows.

Trustee Garcia stated a condition should be added.

Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Torres will be double fined.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- c) **PZHAC CASE #1061587** – submitted by Bill and Janice Cook, 2260 Calle de Santiago, requesting approval to build a porch. **Zone: Historical Residential (HR)**

Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #1061588 – submitted by Jose Torres, 2780 Calle de Cuarta, requesting approval to replace 7 windows and stucco his primary residence. **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

- d) **APPROVAL: First American Bank authorization changes.**

Motion: To approve: First American Bank authorization changes, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

Trustee Garcia reviewed the authorization changes.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Garcia Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

- e) **NMZLO: Semi Annual Conference Update** – Trustee Garcia *removed from the agenda*

6. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Garcia: meeting June

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Meeting Wednesday, 1:00 Dona Ana County Chambers

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Meeting Wednesday, 1:00 Dona Ana County Chambers

Mayor Barraza: MPO

8. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

(Written staff reports included in packet)

Lt. Davis-Whited stated just today there were 7 calls. They have been meeting with MVRDA/DAC to discuss several items. There 4 new volunteers this month unrelated to the academy that will be begin in May.

Marshal Salas stated we were awarded a grant for laptops but not for the radios.

Trustee Garcia asked if the laptops need to come to the board for approval and if the budget will be brought forth.

Mayor Barraza responded that the laptops will be brought forth for approval. A budget worksession will be scheduled.

Trustee Garcia stated a MOLI training will be held in June and encourages everyone to attend. The PZHAC Conference was very informative.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it was a great fiesta. Thanked the staff for their dedication.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated she asked about administrative approvals and apologized to Mr. Torres. She spoke to Ms. Sellers regarding some concerns during the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. She asked if there is a way that they could get a GRT report for the fiestas. They may have to look at ways of making the fiestas profitable or seeking sponsorships. We need to make crossing the streets safe for the people attending the fiestas.

Mayor Barraza stated there was a pedestrian accident Sunday on Avenida de Mesilla. GRT does not release the information. There have been issues in the past with the dumping of food and wastewater. She asked if the issue is with the fiesta vendors or mercado vendors.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick responded this issue was during the fiesta. Recommended providing an information packet to the vendors.

Mayor Barraza encouraged trustees to attend MOLI training. NMML Annual Conference will be held in August in Albuquerque; will ask NMML to see if it is beneficial for PZHAC. The PZHAC Conference was very informative and beneficial, several commissioners did attend. Ms. Sellers puts forth a lot of effort into the fiestas as do the Public Works, Marshal, and Fire Departments. She will work on having a Budget Worksession on Monday.

Trustee Garcia asked the mayor to answer Ms. Ratje's question regarding the Lodger's Tax.

Mayor Barraza responded once the budget is complete, she will begin working on the Lodger's Tax Committee.

Trustee Garcia stated she is willing to volunteer to serve on the committee. She asked about placing blinking lights at the crosswalk and was told there needed to be a study done; asked staff to look into that.

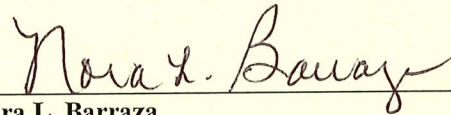
Mayor Barraza stated trustees do not serve on the Lodger's Tax Committee. Avenida de Mesilla is a state highway; DOT would need to do the study. We will ask at the yearly meeting with DOT about a study.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

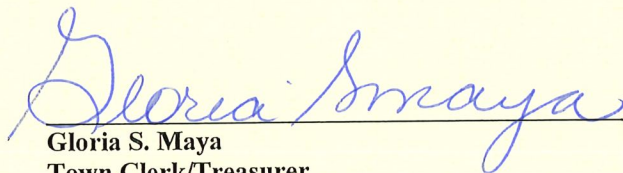
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:38 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF May, 2023.



Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer

