



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
TOWN OF MESILLA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023
MINUTES

10 **TRUSTEES:** Nora Barraza, Mayor
11 Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem
12 Biviana Cadena, Trustee
13 Veronica Garcia, Trustee
14 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
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17 **STAFF:** Enrique Salas, Marshal
18 Edward Salazar, Community Development Coordinator
19 Greg Whited, Fire Chief
20 Gloria Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder
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22 **PUBLIC:** Richard Moreno Ruben Quintana
23 Crystal Whited Xavier Sanchez
24 Jasha Zapien Catharine Walkinshaw
25 Russell Hernandez Andy Embury
26 Greg Lester Andrea Bryan
27 Priscilla A Sandoval Lori Miller
28 Susan Krueger C Huizar
29 Trina Witter Bill & Janice Cook
30 Karina Oberman Stewart Oberman
31 Bader Jouda Mary H Ratje
32 Edith Wyndham Rosemary McLonghlan
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35 Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence in remembrance of September 11, 2001.
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37 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

38 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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40 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

41 **Roll Call.**

42 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick.
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44 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

45 Trustee Johnson-Burick requested postponing New Business Item #d until the September 25th meeting.
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47 **Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee**
48 **Garcia.**
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50 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated the statement she made was “we don’t have enough data to back that up”.

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2 Mayor Barraza asked that those corrections be submitted in writing to Ms. Maya.

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

5 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

6 Trustee Cadena Yes

7 Trustee Garcia Yes

8 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

11 Ms. Krueger stated her concerns regarding PZHAC Case #060693; referenced Chapter 18. September 6th
12 minutes...

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14 Inaudible owner is not opposed to erecting a wall.

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

18 **Motion: To approve the consent agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by**
19 **Trustee Garcia.**

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21 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the corrections Page 5 line 25: should read 18.85 not 18.25, line 33: should
22 read June 26th not June 20th.

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24 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated her moments should read “they just don’t have enough data”.

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26 Trustee Garcia asked since Ms. Krueger ran out of time when she was asking about permits; would it be
27 possible to send those corrections through email.

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29 Mayor Barraza responded no; Ms. Krueger’s comments cannot be sent through email. Also, it is the trustee’s
30 responsibility to review the minutes.

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32 a) ***BOT MINUTES** - Minutes of SUP Public Hearing/Special Meeting, September 6, 2023

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34 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3; Abstain=1).

35 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

36 Trustee Cadena Abstain

37 Trustee Garcia Yes

38 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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40 **6. STAFF REPORTS**

41 a) Resolution 2023-16 – Assignment Authorization for Waterline Improvement of Authorized
42 Officer(s) and Agent(s) – Rod McGillivray

43 Mayor Barraza gave a summary of Resolution 2023-16.

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45 b) Resolution 2023-17- Cooperative Agreement Between the Town of Mesilla and NMDOT – Rod
46 McGillivray

47 Mayor Barraza gave a summary of Resolution 2023-16.

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49 **7. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1 a) **PZHAC CASE #061693** – 1705 Tierra de Mesilla, requesting approval to construct an 8,500 square
2 feet commercial building next to his existing commercial building. Building will be used for future
3 rental space. Zone: Commercial (C)

4 Mr. Salazar gave a brief summary of PZHAC Case #061693.

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6 Mayor Barraza stated all comments and questions are to be directed to her and not to the applicant or staff.

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8 **Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061693 – 1705 Tierra de Mesilla, requesting approval to construct**
9 **an 8,500 square feet commercial building next to his existing commercial building. Building will be used**
10 **for future rental space. Zone: Commercial (C), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by**
11 **Trustee Garcia.**

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13 Trustee Cadena stated the staff is responsible for ensuring the paperwork is correct; these things are critical.
14 There is a need for more clarification with Chapter 18. People interpret things differently; she believes there
15 should be a 6 ft. fence.

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17 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick asked if these are preliminary drawings.

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19 Inaudible responded these are preliminary drawings.

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21 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated preliminary plans cannot be approved.

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23 Mr. Salazar stated we request applicants to spend money before being approved. Cases can be approved with
24 conditions.

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26 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated we are now hoping that it fits since we do not have an Architectural Style
27 Committee.

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29 Mayor Barraza responded that is the responsibility of the PZHAC.

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31 Trustee Johnson-Burick reviewed the timeline of the case. Drawings do not meet the ordinance.

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33 Mr. Salazar responded that new construction needs to submit engineer stamps.

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35 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated we are receiving drawings that don't meet the ordinances.

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37 Mayor Barraza asked how many applications are submitted that do not have engineer stamps.

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39 Mr. Salazar responded there have been cases approved with conditions.

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41 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked how Mr. Salazar knows there have been prior cases approved that have not had
42 the engineer stamps.

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44 Mr. Salazar stated he was referring to cases not meeting codes, not to the engineer stamps.

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46 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated we can place a condition that plans must include the engineer stamps prior to
47 construction.

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49 Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Salazar is recommending placing a condition that plans must have engineer stamps
50 before construction.

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52 Mr. Salazar stated CID will not accept applications without the engineer stamps.

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54 **Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061693 – 1705 Tierra de Mesilla, requesting approval to**
55 **construct an 8,500 square feet commercial building next to his existing commercial building. Building**

1 will be used for future rental space with conditions. Zone: Commercial (C), Moved by Trustee
2 Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

5 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

6 Trustee Cadena Yes

7 Trustee Garcia Yes

8 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

11 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

12 Trustee Cadena Yes

13 Trustee Garcia Yes

14 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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17 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- 18 a) **PZHAC BUSINESS LICENSE #1136** – 2185 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Dickie Richard
19 Moreno, requesting approval to start a home occupation business, Mesilla in Motion. Zone:
20 Historical Residential (HC)

21 Mr. Salazar gave a summary of PZHAC Business License #1136.

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23 Mr. Moreno explained the details of the proposed home occupation business.

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25 **Motion: To approve PZHAC Business License #1136 – 2185 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Dickie**
26 **Richard Moreno, requesting approval to start a home occupation business, Mesilla in Motion. Zone:**
27 **Historical Residential (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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29 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if the bikes would be kept in a storage shed.

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31 Mayor Barraza responded storage area will be off the property.

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33 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated her concern regarding parking.

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35 Mayor Barraza responded applicant will pay a parking fee to use town parking.

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

38 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

39 Trustee Cadena Yes

40 Trustee Garcia Yes

41 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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43 b) **APPROVAL:** Resolution 2023-16 Assignment Authorization for Waterline Improvement of
44 Authorized Officer(s) and Agents(s)

45 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2023-16 Assignment Authorization for Waterline Improvement of**
46 **Authorized Officer(s) and Agents(s), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

49 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

50 Trustee Cadena Yes

51 Trustee Garcia Yes

52 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

1 c) **APPROVAL:** Resolution 2023-17 Cooperative Agreement Between the Town of Mesilla and
2 NMDOT

3 **Motion: To approve Resolution 2023-17 Cooperative Agreement Between the Town of Mesilla and**
4 **NMDOT, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

7 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

8 Trustee Cadena Yes

9 Trustee Garcia Yes

10 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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12 d) **FACTS AND FINDINGS:** Resolution 2023-18 SUP Case #061636 *Postponed*

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

15 Trustee Garcia: Southwest Workforce Development Board meeting September 15th in Silver City, via Zoom
16 or by phone

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18 Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting September 13th 1:00 p.m. CLC

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20 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting September 13th 1:00 p.m. CLC

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22 Mayor Barraza: MPO meeting September 13th 1:00 p.m. CLC

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

25 *(Written staff reports included in packets)*

26 Fire Chief Whited stated September 11th is a day of ending and a day of beginning. Graduation Academy was
27 held on September 2nd. Promotion of Xavier Sanchez, Engineer; Andy Embury, Fire Marshal.

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29 Trustee Cadena stated she would like a fiesta report. 9/11 is a sensitive day and what it means to first
30 responders.

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32 Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated we need to work together to move forward. She believes she sent an email to
33 Ms. Sellers regarding the Porta-Potties.

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35 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it was a nice thing to do the promotions on this day.

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37 Mayor Barraza stated the fiesta will be September 16th and 17th. Porta-Potties will be next to the Public
38 Restrooms. Anyone wanting to participate in the parade can be at the starting location by 10:00 a.m. and on
39 the plaza at 12:00 noon for opening ceremonies. The Las Cruces Public School Board is only funding 1 SRO;
40 and not the 1.75 SRO. The vacant position in the Marshal's Department will be filled by the other existing
41 SRO. The school board is not in favor of having law enforcement officers at the schools and will vote on
42 September 19th to see if they will continue using SRO at the schools. Questions and comments are to be
43 directed to her only. Meetings are becoming unprofessional, unethical. The raising of voices to applicants is
44 not very professional. Scolding applicants is not very professional. Comments regarding not liking staff
45 should not be brought up during a meeting, those comments should be kept to yourself. An IPRA should be
46 submitted to staff. Recommends setting a time to come meet with staff. She is disappointed with the behavior
47 and responses of the trustees, such as attacking an applicant at the last meeting. Questions and concerns
48 should be brought to staff prior to a meeting to avoid holding up applicants.

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50 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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53 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:03 P.M.**

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55 **APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023.**

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Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Gloria S. Maya

Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
SIGN UP SHEET
September 11, 2023**

NAME	ADDRESS
Rubén Quintana	2185 Calle De Guadalupe
Richard Moreno	2185 Calle De Guadalupe
Greg Whited	MFD
Crystal Whited	MFD
Xavier Sanchez	MFD
Jaska Zapier	MFD
Catherine Waller	2134 Calle de Principal Mesilla
Russell Hernandez	2200 Snow rd
Andy Embury	2870 McDowell Plc
Hope Embury	2870 McDowell Plc
GREG LEGG	2557 calle de Parian
ANDREA BRYAN	2557 calle de Parian
FASCILLA A SANDOZA	2755 C.de San Alvaro
Lori Miller	2250 Calle de Peaches
JUSANKUAGU	Mesilla
C. Heizer	1705 Tierra de Mesilla
Tram Witter	Mesilla
Bill & JANICE COOK	MESILLA
Karina Oberman	Mesilla
Stewart Oberman	"
Jo	
Bader Jaydo	2060 calle de parian
Mary Hattie	Mesilla
Edith Wynch	Mesilla
Rosemary McLaughlan	Mesilla

