



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA  
MESILLA TOWN HALL,  
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 6:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

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

**STAFF:** Enrique Salas, Marshal  
Greg Whited, Fire Marshal  
Gloria Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

**PUBLIC:**

Mary F Lucero	Andrea Bryan
Greg Lester	John Montoya
Edith Wyndham	Rosemary McLoughlin
Lori Miller	Catharine Walkinshaw
Trina Witter	Russell Hernandez
Susan Krueger	Mary H Ratje
Andy Embury	Silvia Delgado
Crystal Davis-Whited	

### 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 Cadena, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick

### 3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

**Motion:** To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

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

Ms. Lucero stated her concerns about the future of Mesilla and behavior of the board.

Ms. Krueger stated there needs to be transparency regarding the Municipal Court.

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 BOT, November 13, 2023

**Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

Trustee Cadena stated 3<sup>rd</sup> page, bottom; she did not make the comment.

Mayor Barraza stated after the comment congratulating Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Cadena did not make that comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated the minutes were not in her packet.

Mayor Barraza asked if the minutes were in the packet that were emailed to her and if she had reviewed them.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick responded they were in the emailed packet, but she had not reviewed them.

Trustee Garcia stated the comment was made by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Mayor Barraza stated the minutes are not verbatim.

Trustee Cadena stated the comments should be verbatim so to be more transparent.

Trustee Garcia stated we need to speak loudly into the microphones. Suggested that the board review the minutes and email Ms. Maya if they would like them to be verbatim.

Mayor Barraza stated the date, the time, the place, what the motion is, and the outcome of the motion is all that is required by state law. Minutes should reflect Mayor Pro Tem Merrick as making the comment.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **PZHAC BUSINESS LIC #1156 – 1680 Calle de Alvarez, Suite #5, submitted by Gary Van, requesting approval to operate a business called STONE CROW GOURMET. Zone: Commercial (C).**

**Motion: To approve PZHAC Business License #1156 – 1680 Calle de Alvarez, Suite #5, submitted by Gary Van, requesting approval to operate a business called STONE CROW GOURMET, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

b) **APPROVAL: Agreement between the Town of Mesilla and Molzen-Corbin for design services for Calle del Norte Multi-Use Path Phase III.**

Mr. Montoya gave an overview of the agreement for design services for Calle del Norte Multi-Use Path Phase III.

**Motion: To approve agreement between the Town of Mesilla and Molzen-Corbin for design services for Calle del Norte Multi-Use Path Phase III, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

c) **APPOINTMENTS: Mr. Jaime Dimatteo as Municipal Judge and Mr. John Fietze as Alternate Municipal Judge.**

Mayor Barraza reviewed the appointments for Municipal Judge and Alternate Municipal Judge.

**Motion: To approve appointments of Mr. Jaime Dimatteo as Municipal Judge and Mr. John Fietze as Alternate Municipal Judge, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

Trustee Garcia asked if the board has previously approved an alternate judge.

Mayor Barraza responded Judge Toomey brought forth Mr. Heinrick for approval.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

## 7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in December.

Mayor Barraza: STRDT meeting on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Trustee Cadena requested a budget update by Mr. Fuentes and Ms. Maya.

Trustee Garcia stated she agrees with Ms. Lucero's comments. She has been doing some research and the Town of Mesilla is the only municipality that is made up of five Mexican American Female board members. That is something we should be proud of.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated she has submitted budget questions to Ms. Maya. She will bring forth questions to the auditors.

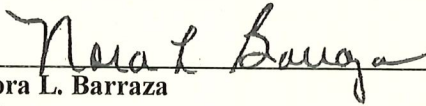
Mayor Barraza stated Mr. McGillivray resigned effective November 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Tree Lighting will be Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

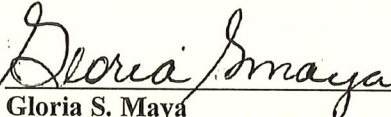
The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-3):

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:21 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023.

  
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Nora L. Barraza  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gloria S. Maya  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

