



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) TOWN OF MESILLA REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M.~

### MINUTES

**TRUSTEES:** Russell Hernandez, Mayor  
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Biviana Cadena, Trustee  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

**STAFF:** Ben Azcarate, Lieutenant  
Gloria Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

**PUBLIC:** Mary Lucero Catharine Walkinshaw  
Erick Walkinshaw Nora L Barraza  
Mary H Ratje Michael Taylor  
Bill & Janice Cook

Mayor Hernandez held a Moment of Silence.

**a) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b) ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Nevarez

**c) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**d) PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair for the agenda being heard.**

**No Public Input**

**e) 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, January 22, 2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) **\*PZHAC BUSINESS LICENSE #1139** – 2691 Calle de Principal, submitted by Peregrino Properties (Joseph Foster). Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental. Zone: Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

- c) **\*PZHAC BUSINESS LICENSE #1182** – Contractor business license request, submitted by Solar Works Energy. Solar Works, a business based out of Albuquerque, has submitted a zoning application to install solar panels at 325 Capri Arc. *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) **\*PZHAC SIGN PERMIT #061766** – 2222 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Verna Dawson. Requesting approval to change the name of an existing sign with her business sign. Zone: Historical Commercial *Approved by consent agenda*

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**f) NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Presentation: Finance**

Ms. Maya and Mr. Fuentes gave a finance update.

- b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061768** – 2425 Calle de Santa Ana, submitted by El Agave Properties (Jack & Lisa Kirby). Requesting approval to construct a single-family residential home. Zone: Historical Residential ((HR)

Trustee Johnson-Burick requested postponing PZHAC Case #061768; more information requested.

**Motion: To postpone PZHAC Case #061768 – 2425 Calle de Santa Ana, submitted by El Agave Properties (Jack & Lisa Kirby). Requesting approval to construct a single-family residential home. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Ms. Walkinshaw expressed her concerns.

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Ms. Ratje expressed her concerns.

Ms. Barraza thanked the Fire Department and the EMTs and expressed her concerns.

Ms. Lucero expressed her concerns.

**h) CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a) **Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Marshal Department**
- b) **Discussion concerning attorney/client privilege matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7)**

**Motion: To enter Closed Executive Session: a) Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Marshal Department. b) Discussion concerning attorney/client privilege matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Closed Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

Motion: To enter Regular Meeting after: a) Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Marshal Department. b) Discussion concerning attorney/client privilege matters pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) – no action taken, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

i) **BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
*(Written staff reports included in packets)*

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Meeting Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Meeting Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

j) **BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

Interim Marshal Azcarate gave an update on the laptops and investigations taking place.

Trustee Nevarez stated he is interested in the town's operations.

Trustee Cadena thanked the public for attending the meetings and their Public Input.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick thanked the businesses for their donations presented to the legislators; gave an update on her trip to Santa Fe.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update on his trip to Santa Fe. Attended an event at Mission Academy and Cupid Race. Mr. Zamora, NMML attorney, will participate during the worksession on February 26, 2024. SUP Public Hearing will be March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Reviewed residents concerns and will do research.

k) **ADJOURNMENT**

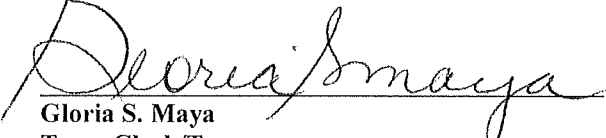
The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

  
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Russell Hernandez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gloria S. Maya  
Town Clerk/Treasurer





