



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

RESCHEDULED

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024 ~ 4:00 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, Interim Marshal
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Gloria Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Jake Quinones Andrea Schneider
Patrick Vigil Edith Wyndham
Rosemary McLoughlin Veronica Alvarez
Lupe Armijo Catherine Walkinshaw
Mary Helen Ratje Eric Walkinshaw

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

No Discussion – Passed unanimously

d) PUBLIC INPUT ON CASES BEING HEARD– 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 *)

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

Motion passed unanimously

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT, January 12, 2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
b) ***PZHAC CASE #061773** – 2832 Erminda St in Mesilla Farms, submitted by Natalie Salopek. Requesting approval to construct a driveway on her property. Zone: Historical Residential (HR) *Approved by consent agenda*
c) ***PZHAC CASE #061774** – Calle de Santiago, submitted by Pena Rentals, LLC. Requesting approval to install wooden dog ear plank fence along his back property line. Zone: Historical Residential (HR) *Approved by consent agenda*
d) ***PZHAC CASE #061776** – 2116 & 2118 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jade Bossert Trustee, LTD (real estate). Requesting approval to renovate duplex exterior walls/trim. Looking to repair stucco and repaint the walls a different color. Zone Historical Residential (HR) *Removed from consent agenda*

Motion: To bring back Consent Agenda item d) PZHAC Case #061776 – 2116 & 2118 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jade Bossert Trustee, LTD (real estate). Requesting approval to renovate duplex exterior walls/trim. Looking to repair stucco and repaint the walls a different color. Zone: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
Trustee Nevarez Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick expressed her concerns; color should be off the adopted color chart not similar.

Trustee Nevarez stated the color falls within the chart.

Trustee Johnson-Burick referenced the Development Zone.

Trustee Cadena stated it may be a matter of taste.

Motion: To approve PZHAC CASE #061776 – 2116 & 2118 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jade Bossert Trustee, LTD (real estate). Requesting approval to renovate duplex exterior walls/trim. Looking to repair stucco and repaint the walls a different color. Zone Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =3; No=1)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick No
Trustee Nevarez Yes

f) PRESENTATION:

- a) **Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit**

Beasley, Mitchell & Co. made a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit.

g) OLD BUSINESS

- a) **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)

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

Trustee Johnson-Burick appreciated the amendment.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

h) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061770** – 2571 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Greg McBride and Jane Mercer, requesting approval to construct a wall structure on their property. Zone: Historical Residential (HR).

No Discussion – Approved unanimously

- b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE # 061775** – 1970 Calle de Pacana, submitted by Andrea Schneider, requesting approval to a single-family home on property. Zone: Historical Residential (HR).

No Discussion – Approved unanimously

- c) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE # 061778** – 1701 Calle de Mercado, Unit #1, submitted by Hacienda Investments LLC. Requesting approval to enclose a commercial patio/porch with a 3 ft black ornamental iron fence. Zone: Commercial (C).

No Discussion – Approved unanimously

d) DISCUSSION: Committee Assignments including Liaison Assignments

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the assignments.

Trustees expressed their thoughts and concerns.

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

No Public Input

j) BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting, next MPO meeting in April

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting, Executive meeting; next MPO meeting in April

Mayor Hernandez: STRD meeting

k) BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Trustee Nevarez expressed his concerns about roads and the lack of sidewalks.

Trustee Johnson-Burick expressed her concerns with burglaries happening around Mesilla.

Trustee Cadena thanked the officers for helping the surrounding entities.

Interim Marshal Azcarate stated he would be doubling the patrol around the town.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update of things taking place around the town.

l) CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Discussion – Approved unanimously

Entered Closed Executive Session at 5:15 p.m.

- 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 Discussion and no action taken – Approved unanimously

Entered at Regular Meeting at 5:55 p.m.

m) ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Open Positions

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the town's open positions.

b) Calendar Of Events

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the Calendar of Events.

c) Next Meeting Date

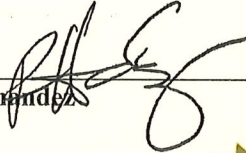
Mayor Hernandez stated a Special Meeting will need to be held on March 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

n) ADJOURNMENT

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

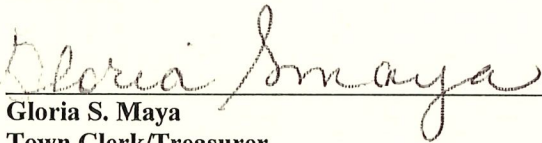
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:03 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer

