



Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

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

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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, Interim Marshal
Tress Diaz, Sergeant
Edward Salazar, Community Development
Greg Whited, Fire Chief
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

PUBLIC: Lori Miller Crystal Davis-Whited
Mary F Lucero Greg Lester
Andrea Bryan Ed Madson
Trina Witter Mary H Ratje

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

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

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion passed unanimously.

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

No Public Input

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 *)

Motion passed unanimously.

- a) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT, 03.11.2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
- b) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of Public Hearing/Special Meeting, 03.13.2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) ***BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT Special Meeting, 03.18.2024 *Approved by consent agenda*
- d) ***Resolution 2024-11 – FY23 Audit Acceptance** *Approved by consent agenda*
- e) ***PZHAC CASE #061791** – 2200 Calle de Los Huertos, submitted by John S Robinson. Requesting approval to pour a concrete sidewalk along the east side of his house and a slab under his patio. Concrete slab will be stained/color light tan to blend into the landscaping. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) APPROVAL: Award of RFP 2024-01: General Engineering Services

Mr. Armijo gave an overview of the RFP process and the committee’s recommendation and the need for two (2) firms, Molzen-Corbin and SMA.

Motion: To approve Award of RFP 2024-01: General Engineering Services, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Trustee Johnson-Burick asked who was on the committee.

Mayor Hernandez responded himself, Ms. Maya, and Mr. Astorga. Mayor Pro Tem Merrick had an emergency and could not attend.

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

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

b) DISCUSSION: 2025 Budget Schedule

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the proposed 2025 Budget Schedule.

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

Ms. Lucero expressed her concerns.

Ms. Ratje expressed her concerns.

8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) – Marshal Department

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Closed Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

9. APPROVAL: Any actions that may arise as a result of discussions in closed session.

Motion: To approve any actions that arose because of discussion in Closed Executive Session, 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

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting April 10th

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO meeting April 10th

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Marshal Azcarate gave an update on inventory, no issues this weekend with the run and on the new deputies.

Fire Chief Whited gave an update on his department and stated he would be out of town the first week of April.

Mayor Hernandez stated Mr. Salazar has provided information which is in the packet.

Trustee Nevarez stated he has met with the Community Development and Community Events Coordinators.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she will be meeting with the Fire Chief.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick stated she is meeting with Mr. Astorga.

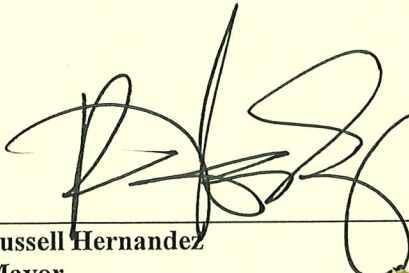
Mayor Hernandez stated Public Works interviews will be held. Mr. Burch has donated a painting to the town. Easter Bunny on the plaza will be Wednesday, March 27th at 12:00 noon. He will be meeting with the departments to review their budgets. Joint Worksession with Mr. Zamora on April 1st at 4:30 p.m. Offices will be closed Friday, March 29th as well as Monday, April 1st. On call will be available for any emergencies.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

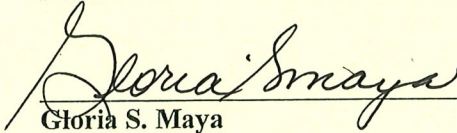
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2024



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



