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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2016
6:00 P.M.

TRUSTEES: Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
Jesus Caro, Trustee
Linda L. Flores, Trustee

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
Lance Shepan, Sergeant
Enrique Salas, Sergeant

PUBLIC:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Flores.

3. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.

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

37 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

38 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

39 **Trustee Caro Yes**

40 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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42 **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

43 **No Public Input**

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

48 **Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.**

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

51 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

52 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

53 **Trustee Caro Yes**

54 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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56 **a. *BOT MINUTES** – Regular Meeting minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2016. *Approved by consent*
57 *agenda*

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59 **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

60 **a.** For approval: A contract allowing the Town of Mesilla Fire Department to use the services of
61 Russell Baker, DO for Emergency Medical Services, Medical Director. – **Kevin Hoban, Fire**
62 **Chief.**

63 **Motion: To approve a contract allowing the Town of Mesilla Fire Department to use the services of**
64 **Russell Baker, DO, for Emergency Medical Services, Medical Director, Moved by Trustee Arzabal,**
65 **Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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67 Chief Hoban gave an overview of the agreement.

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69 Mayor Barraza asked if the information is different from the one in our packet.

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71 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded there was a conflict with the verbiage which read \$300 and the
72 correction is \$250.

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74 Mayor Barraza asked Chief Hoban to give a summary on why we use a physician.

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76 Chief Hoban responded this allows the officers and medical staff to be able to use the defibrillator. We
77 also do advanced life support such as IVs, etc. It allows EMTs, such as himself, to be able to do their
78 job.

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80 Trustee Caro asked about prior Medical Director contracts.

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82 Chief Hoban responded we've had a Medical Director even prior to him coming on board.

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84 Trustee Caro stated he wants to ensure he is covered and licensed in New Mexico.

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86 Chief Hoban responded yes.

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88 Trustee Caro asked if he would be held liable for any litigation.

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90 Chief Hoban replied yes and Dr. Baker is allowing us to work under his license.

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92 Trustee Caro stated he reads this that we may cancel if anything goes wrong.

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94 Chief Hoban replied yes, there is a 30-day notice for termination of the contract.

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96 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick stated her questions were addressed.

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98 Chief Hoban stated that Dr. Baker does have a local office, even though his address is in El Paso, TX.
99 We prefer to have Medical Director that is in the front end of this. Dr. Baker is part of the faculty at the
100 new medical school facility at Memorial Medical Center.

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102 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick reviewed a concern on page 16 exhibit 4.

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104 Chief Hoban responded this is a common practice.

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106 Trustee Arzabal called for the question.

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

109 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

110 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

111 **Trustee Caro Yes**

112 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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114 **7. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

115 Trustee Arzabal stated we must be very careful now with the Special Session. Las Cruces Public Schools had
116 to give back \$2 million dollars. We would like to give the employees a \$5 raise but he looks at the other side
117 as well. He is happy employees are getting paid for 40 hours and have benefits. It hurts when you have to
118 give back money. Albuquerque Public Schools gave back four or more times what LCPS gave back. He
119 wants everyone to understand why we look at budgets so early in the year. The most difficult decision I have
120 made as a trustee was cutting employee hours.

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122 Trustee Flores stated that there were some comments about security at the church at the last meeting. She
123 believes the church has had someone serving as security during events; we may need to remind them.

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125 Trustee Caro stated with Halloween coming around, please be careful on the dark streets while you're driving
126 around. He wished everyone a nice Halloween.

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128 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick stated she is excited about another festival on the plaza which will help bring
129 revenue to the town.

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131 Mayor Barraza asked Ms. Parra to give an overview of events happening on the plaza this weekend.

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133 Ms. Parra stated alters will be set up on Friday, Dia de los Muertos festivities begin at noon on Saturday and
134 Sunday. The procession will be on Wednesday. They will leave the plaza at 6:15 p.m. and walk to the
135 cemetery; Spanish bread will be provided to the participants. The Halloween Carnival is from 6-9 pm at the
136 Community Center on Saturday, October 29th. Set up will begin on Thursday for the Haunted Hallway from
137 5-8 and Friday from 5-8pm. Volunteers are welcomed.

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139 Trustee Flores asked if pumpkins are needed.

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141 Ms. Parra responded yes.

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143 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick asked if candy is needed.

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145 Ms. Parra responded yes. We are getting attention on Facebook. Los Leones, Arrowhead School and Zia
146 School will be helping set up and running the gates.

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148 Trustee Arzabal asked if the plaza would be blocked off.

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150 Ms. Parra responded yes; she will be sending a reminder to businesses and to the Trustees as well.

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152 Trustee Caro asked if the no smoking and no dogs' rule will be enforced.

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154 Ms. Parra responded yes.

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156 Veteran's Day event will be taking place on November 11th at 11 a.m. at Parque de los Veteranos. Andele's
157 will be providing lunch. The program is currently being completed. Veteran's Day event will be taking place
158 on November 11th at 11 a.m. at Parque de los Veteranos. Local schools will be involved.

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160 Mayor Pro-Tem Johnson-Burick stated she will unfortunately miss the event on Veteran's Day. She will be
161 making arrangements for the November 14th Meeting to attend via phone.

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163 Mayor Barraza stated she will be at an Infrastructure Conference in Ruidoso from Wednesday to Friday.

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165 Ms. Lujan stated that Ms. Debbie Hudson from DOT submitted our project for Calle Tercera and Calle de
166 Guadalupe for pervious concrete for the Best Practice Award.

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168 Mayor Barraza stated if anyone would like to donate pumpkins and candy; contact Ms. Parra.

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170 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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174 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:25 P.M.**

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176 **APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016.**

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Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

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ATTEST:

Cynthia Stohner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer