



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014
5:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES: Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem (absent)
Sam Bernal, Trustee
Linda L. Flores, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Ron Burick Patricia Lozano
Susan Krueger Mary Helen Taylor Ratje
Alexandra Nason Hall

1. Presentation and discussion of the Town of Mesilla water rate structure. – Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director/ J.T. O’Brien, BECC.

Ms. Lujan indicated the Water Audit was conducted by JBS Water Inc. who will be guiding the town on what is needed in order to continue getting funding. There will be a public meeting on Wednesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center to educate and inform the public. If we do not follow through on their recommendations future funding will be affected. As the Mayor has indicated before the state is asking entities to be more self-sustaining due to funding constraints.

Mayor Barraza stated Mr. O’Brien is here to educate us in terms of how we, as a board, can implement the increases and for what reason.

Mr. O’Brien made a power point presentation.

Trustee Flores asked if employee costs is included as she wants to know all costs.

Mr. O’Brien stated Mr. Escarcega did the cost analysis and may not have included the employee cost.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she understands that if water rates are not raised the town will not be allowed to continue in the program.

Mr. O’Brien responded that is true because the entity must self-sustaining.

Trustee Johnson-Burick asked what you mean....

1 Mr. O'Brien indicated this is a grant fund and will cover the final construction costs. We already covered
2 the costs the associated costs, i.e. master plan, water audit, so we have invested a fair amount. Once the
3 water audit was reviewed we discovered it was not self-sustaining.
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5 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the audit focused on identifying water leaks, outdated equipment and
6 several things were identified. The Mayor did put money in the budget for meter replacements. The
7 study identified faulty equipment so if this is correct we may be seeing more adequate or proper water
8 bills. She asked if this will have a positive impact in more revenue based on the new equipment.
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10 Mr. O'Brien responded the main reason for doing the metering is so the utilities can audit themselves.
11 Currently the meters are not adequately measuring water usage. The wells and the meters are not in good
12 agreement in water usage. Once you can account for water delivery it will help a little. But most of the
13 residents use very little water that without a rate increase there will not be an increase in revenue.
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15 Trustee Flores stated she would like a larger copy to review.
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17 Mayor Barraza asked Mr. O'Brien to forward the power point to Ms. Lujan who in turn will forward it to
18 the trustees.
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21 **2. Discussion regarding the fourth quarter report to DFA and the FY 14-15 Operating Budget. –**
22 **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer.**
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24 Ms. Stoechner Hernandez gave a presentation regarding the fourth quarter report that will be sent to
25 Department of Finance (DFA) and the FY 14-15 Operating Budget.
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27 Trustee Flores no questions
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29 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she previously asked about the difference in Miscellaneous Revenue which
30 was budgeted at \$132,194 but YTD reflected \$37,310 in revenue.
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32 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded the Miscellaneous Revenue varies drastically from year to year due to
33 the different items that generate the expenditures and revenues. For example DWI Seizures has always
34 been over budget; this year it has exceeded. She is willing to sit down with any trustee to go over each
35 line item expenditures and revenues.
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37 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if it was lowered for this year.
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39 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded yes it was lowered. She asked the board to come to her to discuss
40 concerns or issues they may have. Indicated final budget is due to DFA by July 31, 2014.
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42 Mayor Barraza recommended meeting on a one-to-one basis with Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez.
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44 Mayor Barraza closed the worksession at 6:00 p.m.
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23 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

24 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

25 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

26 **Roll Call.**

27 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Trustee Bernal, Trustee Flores, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

28 **3. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes. The Board
29 will take all comments under advisement for potential action at a later date if warranted.

30 No public comments

31 **4. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

32 Mayor Barraza asked to remove Case #012292 from the consent agenda as it is regular residential it does
33 not need to come to the trustees for approval.

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35 **Motion:** To approve agenda as amended, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.

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

37 Trustee Bernal Yes

38 Trustee Flores Yes

39 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

43 **Motion:** To approve consent agenda as amended, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee
44 Flores.

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

2 Trustee Bernal Yes

3 Trustee Flores Yes

4 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

5 • ***BOT MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of June 9, 2014 *Approved by consent agenda*

6 • ***BOT MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of July 14, 2014 *Approved by consent agenda*

7 • ***PZHAC Case 012292** - 3000 McDowell Rd; Submitted by Andre Larranaga for Wayne
8 Wallace, a request for a permit to construct an addition to a dwelling at this address. Zoned:
9 Single Family (R-1) Historical Residential (HR). *Removed from consent agenda*

10 • ***PZHAC Case 012294** - Lots 3 and 4 of the Sommer Grove Subdivision on Calle Pecana;
11 Submitted by Western Lands Surveying for Jess R. Lilley, a request to allow the subject lots
12 to be combined into one lot having a total area of 0.794 acres. Zoned: Historical Residential
13 (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

14 **6. CLOSED SESSION** - pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1 (H) (2) for discussion related to limited
15 personnel matters of the Marshal’s Department and NMSA 10-15-1 (H) (7) for the purpose of
16 discussing threatened or pending litigation. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

17 **Motion:** To approve entering closed session pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1 (H) (2) for discussion related to
18 limited personnel matters of the Marshal’s Department and NMSA 10-15-1 (H) (7) for the purpose of
19 discussing threatened or pending litigation, **Moved by** Trustee Flores, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-
20 Burick.

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

22 Trustee Bernal Yes

23 Trustee Flores Yes

24 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

25 **Enter Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.**

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27 Enter regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. after discussing limited personnel matters of the Marshal’s Department
28 and NMSA 10-15-1(H)(7) in a Closed Session.

29 **Roll Call Vote**

30 Trustee Bernal Yes

31 Trustee Flores Yes

32 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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1 **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

2 A. For Approval: appointment of a deputy to the Mesilla Marshal's Department – **Nora L.**
3 **Barraza, Mayor.**

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5 Trustee Bernal stated he would like this item postponed until the next meeting. He asked if Mayor Pro
6 Tem Arzabal has called to participate in the meeting.

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8 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal has not called.

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10 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she is not comfortable postponing this item for another two (2) weeks.

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12 Trustee Flores stated she would like to have a closed session to discuss her concerns and questions. She
13 asked if the rules can be changed so that it can be postponed.

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15 Mayor Barraza stated this item was tabled at the last meeting; not postponed. There is a difference
16 between tabling and postponement. She asked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez if the item can be tabled a second
17 time so that a closed session can be posted and held.

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19 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she believes that can be done. Personnel Policy does read that if an
20 item is tabled, it will be brought forward at the next Board of Trustee's meeting.

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22 Mayor Barraza asked if we can bring Mr. Cervantes back. She indicated she does not have a problem
23 tabling it until we get all the information that the trustees are requesting. She indicated they could go
24 into closed session right now.

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26 Trustee Flores responded she believes a closed session must be posted. She stated that she should have
27 requested a closed session since in the confusing email she sent another trustee she said we should this
28 instead of asking for a closed session.

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30 Mayor Barraza stated she is worried that we are in violation of the Open Meetings Act when sending
31 memos to each other. The trustees are in violation of the Open Meetings Act when they send each other
32 text or emails and those are then forwarded to another trustee.

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34 Trustee Flores responded that is why she only sends to one of the trustees.

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36 Mayor Barraza asked how she knows that those are not being forwarded to another trustee.

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38 Trustee Flores responded we had a conversation early on when I told her I would like to speak to her
39 regarding certain items. The trustee knows the rules and would not pass those on.

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41 Mayor Barraza responded she has been made aware there is information being sent between two (2)
42 trustees. She is the third trustee when she is shown the correspondence which is definitely in violation of
43 the Open Meetings Act and if this continues she will call for an investigation.

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45 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the Open Meetings Act allows you to discuss agenda items with one (1)
46 trustee and not as you said.

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48 Mayor Barraza responded once that is sent to another person; you cannot do that. That is what is
49 happening because she saw it. She asked if the trustees would like to table or proceeds with this item.
50 Trustee Flores would like a closed session regarding this item. She asked Mr. Ramirez if an item can be
51 tabled a second time.

1 Mr. Ramirez responded Parliamentary Procedure states that if there is an item on the floor you do not
2 have to retable the table you just continue the table in affect.
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4 Ms. Nelson stated isn't that why you have a Town Clerk; the questions should have gone to the Town
5 Clerk and you asked the newspaper reporter for his opinion on what you should do.
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7 Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated that we could table. She asked for his opinion
8 not what she should do as she did from Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez.
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10 Ms. Nelson inaudible.... the people who elected you and put you where you are. In her perception she
11 finds it incorrect to be asking a newspaper reporter.
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13 Mayor Barraza asked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez if the item can be tables a second time.
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15 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated as Mr. Ramirez stated it can be left tabled; or it can be taken off being
16 tabled and a vote can be taken.
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18 Ms. Nelson asked if Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez if on staff.
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20 Mayor Barraza responded yes Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez is on staff.
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22 Ms. Nelson inaudible
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24 Mayor Barraza asked for Point of Order
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26 Fire Chief Hoban asked that they return to the subject at hand. We are distracted from the item at hand
27 when we begin to editorialize.
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29 **Motion:** To continue table of item and hold a closed session, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** no
30 second.
31 **Motion Failed**
32 **Motion:** To approve appointment of a deputy to the Mesilla Marshal's Department, **Moved by** Trustee
33 Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.
34 Mayor Barraza stated there were two (2) applicants for the two (2) vacancies in the Marshal's
35 Department. The interviewing committee consisted of Mr. Dimatteo, Marshal Mangusing, Mayor Pro
36 Tem Arzabal and Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez. The committee recommended both applicants to fill the
37 positions. She did interview the applicants and recommends Mr. Jesse V. Lujan for one (1) of the
38 positions. The committee felt Mr. Lujan brings experience to the town. She did have the opportunity to
39 interview Mr. Lujan and feels this is something the town is looking for in terms of how he views law
40 enforcement. He is Law Enforcement certified; worked for NMSU, Las Cruces Police Department,
41 DASO, Sunland Park and NM Motor Transportation. He does have a Bachelor's degree from NMSU.
42 He recommends Mr. Lujan for the position after her interview with him and speaking to the committee.

1 Trustee Bernal stated he did speak to the Marshal and his questions were answered regarding Mr. Lujan's
2 employment history.
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4 Mayor Barraza stated Marshal Mangusing did do a background check on Mr. Lujan which he passed.
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6 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviewed the process followed for background checks.
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8 Mayor Barraza stated a background check is done for every employee hired in the Town of Mesilla.
9 Marshal Mangusing did meet on a one to one basis with the City of Las Cruces and DASO who indicated
10 they would hire him back. The town does a good job in following the interviewing process as stated in
11 our Personnel Handbook.
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13 Trustee Flores asked if his prior employers were contacted.
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15 Mayor Barraza responded as she mentioned he met with City of Las Cruces and DASO.
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17 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if there is documentation that Marshal Mangusing did verify rehireable
18 status with all the entities Mr. Lujan worked for.
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20 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she does not have the documentation; Marshal Mangusing does have
21 that documentation. He had a family emergency so he has not provided that documentation to her.
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23 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if she said Marshal Mangusing reviewed the personnel files from DASO
24 and Las Cruces Police Department.
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26 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded that is what he told her.
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28 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated standard process is that other individuals outside the current existing law
29 enforcement entities cannot view personnel files unless certain standards and procedures need to be
30 followed.
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32 Mayor Barraza stated this is the same process followed for all hires in the Town of Mesilla. The
33 application states the reason for leaving.
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35 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated this is an opportunity to look at our hiring process. Since this is a law
36 enforcement position do we provide a fit for duty for these officers?
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38 Mayor Barraza responded no; that is not part of the policy.
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40 Trustee Johnson- Burick stated she will not go into any other discussion since this is a personnel matter.
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42 Trustee Flores stated you don't have an answer to my question.
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44 Mayor Barraza stated Marshal Mangusing' s father is on his death bed so I felt he needed to be with his
45 father.
46 **Roll Call Vote** Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 1; No-2).
47 Trustee Bernal Yes
48 Trustee Flores No
49 Trustee Johnson-Burick No
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1 Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Lujan will remain on temporary status until this comes forth again. This is not
2 to say that the same applicant cannot forward for appointment.

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4 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

5 A. For Approval: appointment of a Custodial/Maintenance I Worker to the Public Works
6 Department – **Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.**

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8 Trustee Bernal stated he will be abstaining from voting.

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10 **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Mr. Joseph Gonzalez as a Custodial/Maintenance I Worker to the
11 Public Works Department, **Moved by** Trustee Flores, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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13 Mayor Barraza stated the same interview process was followed. Trustee Flores, Ms. Lujan, Mr. Lucero
14 and Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez were on the interviewing committee. She had an opportunity to meet with
15 Mr. Gonzalez. She is making her recommendation based on his experience.

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17 **Roll Call Vote** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 2; Abstained=1).

18 Trustee Bernal abstained

19 Trustee Flores Yes

20 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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22 B. For discussion: senior services at the Community Center. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

23 Mayor Barraza indicated she met with the Secretary of Aging Services, and Adelante who is the new
24 provider to discuss the agreement. There was a concern with the SER who was the prior provider. She
25 informed Adelante that SER had not paid their rent in two (2) years. We understand that Adelante is not
26 responsible for the prior rent which is over \$14K. The town relies on the rent to pay the utilities at the
27 Community Center. She just wanted everyone to be aware of what is going on with the Senior Programs.
28 She will continue to speak to the secretary of the aging services. As he mentioned Senior Programs
29 usually do not pay rent at the facilities and does not understand why rent is being charged. These types of
30 spaces are an in-kind from the community they are providing service to. Prior administration did charge
31 rent; she does know there was in-kind and over the years the in-kind would be less and rent would go up.
32 The rental fee is very minimal for the rooms that they occupy. We don't just service Mesilla residents. I
33 will be continuing this conversation with Mr. Chuck McMahan. I will be provided with the numbers to
34 see how many Mesilla residents and county residents we serve. The center prepares meals for other
35 center in the county plus delivers to the homes.

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37 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked why we let it go on so long.

38 Mayor Barraza responded she was not aware they were behind. Once it was brought to her attention that
39 the rent had not been paid she tasked the past Town Clerk to collect rent. SER was in a financial crisis
40 and the community center was causing the crisis. Also funding was cut so they were unable to pay the
41 rent. Before Adelante came on board they were without a provider.

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43 Fire Chief Hoban informed the trustees that Marshal's Mangusing's father just passed away. There was a
44 moment of silence and asked that we keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

1 Mayor Barraza asked for a five (5) minute break.

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3 **Motion:** To approve a five (5) minute break, **Moved by** Trustee Flores, **Seconded by** Trustee Bernal.

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5 **Roll Call Vote** To Enter Regular Meeting after a five (5) minute break

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7 Trustee Bernal Yes

8 Trustee Flores Yes

9 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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12 Mayor Barraza called meeting to order 8:00 p.m.

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15 C. Update regarding Mesilla Public Library Public Hearing held on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 –
16 **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

17 Mayor Barraza stated fifteen (15) people attended the public hearing regarding the public library. A
18 discussion with both pros and cons was held. The town does not have the funding available to fund a
19 library. Manning the library with volunteers was recommended so funding could be used for other
20 priorities. The City of Las Cruces is willing to help the town if we choose to go forward. There are
21 citizens who are interested in getting the library off the ground. She requested that a proposal be brought
22 forward to the trustees as to how the volunteers will establish, monitor/staff and keep inventory of the
23 library.

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25 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated this is a work in progress. She felt the community was very positive and
26 supportive; they have the energy and enthusiasm to go forward. Ms. Krueger is starting the process for
27 the action plan. One recommendation is starting small and growing into a library. A resident has
28 recommended a Community Resource Center. Mayor Barraza indicated she would like to have a Senior
29 Center. As a team we can get this done.

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31 Trustee Bernal stated it is hard to get volunteers. His main concern is the electricity coming out of our
32 budget. We need to put our resources together. He appreciates her time and efforts regarding his matter
33 and gives his full support.

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35 Trustee Flores read the email sent from Ms. Krueger regarding what is needed for a public library.

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37 Mayor Barraza asked for all that to be put together and brought to the trustees to see if that is this is
38 something they want to do.

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40 D. Resolution 2014-06: A resolution approving participation in the program of the South Central
41 Council of Governments, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez,**
42 **Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

43 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this resolution is approving the participation of the South Central Council
44 of Governments.

45 **Motion:** To approve a resolution approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of
46 Governments, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-
47 Burick.

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

1 Trustee Bernal Yes

2 Trustee Flores Yes

3 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

4 Trustee Flores indicated the resolution 2013-14.

5 Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will make the correction.

6 E. Resolution 2014-07: A resolution approving the participation in the program of the South
7 Central Regional Transit District for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. – **Cynthia Stoechner-**
8 **Hernandez, Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

9 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this resolution is approving the participation of the South Central regional
10 Transit District for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

11 **Motion:** To approve a resolution approving the participation in the program of the South Central
12 Regional Transit District for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, **Moved by** Trustee Johnson-Burick, **Seconded by**
13 Trustee Bernal.

14 Trustee Flores asked for clarification on the 3rd to the last whereas.

15 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded 2,196 is the population.

16 Trustee Flores stated it does not look right.

17 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated she could mark it out.

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

19 Trustee Bernal Yes

20 Trustee Flores Yes

21 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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23 F. Resolution 2014-08: A resolution adopting the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Operating Budget for
24 the Town of Mesilla. – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

25 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this resolution is approving a resolution adopting the 2014-2015 Fiscal
26 Year Operating Budget for the Town of Mesilla. She asked the trustees to come to her with any questions
27 or concerns.

28 **Motion:** To approve a resolution adopting the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Operating Budget for the Town of
29 Mesilla, **Moved by** Trustee Flores, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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

31 Trustee Bernal Yes

32 Trustee Flores Yes

33 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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2 G. Resolution 2014-09: A resolution approving the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year End Financial Report
3 for the Town of Mesilla. – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

4 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this was reviewed during the workshop.
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6 **Motion:** To approve a resolution approving the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year End Financial Report for the
7 Town of Mesilla, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores .

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

9 Trustee Bernal Yes

10 Trustee Flores Yes

11 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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13 H. Resolution 2014-10: A resolution for FY 13-14 Fourth Quarter budget adjustments. **Cynthia**
14 **Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

15 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this reflects the budget adjustments reviewed during the worksession.

16 **Motion:** To approve a resolution for FY 13-14 Fourth Quarter budget adjustments, **Moved by** Trustee
17 Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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

19 Trustee Bernal Yes

20 Trustee Flores Yes

21 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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23 I. Resolution 2014-11: A resolution providing for determination of reasonable notice of
24 meetings of the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. **Cynthia Stoechner-**
25 **Hernandez, Town Clerk-Treasurer.**

26 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated this is the same resolution approved in 2013.

27 **Motion:** To approve, **Moved by** Trustee Johnson-Burick, **Seconded by** Trustee Bernal.

28 Trustee Johnson-Burick read item #3 referring to special meetings.

29 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she will change the three (3) to reflect seventy-two (72) hours.

30 Trustee Flores asked that language be added to #5 that it will be posted to the website.

31 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read #5 which address that.

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

33 Trustee Bernal Yes

34 Trustee Flores Yes

35 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Johnson –Burick stated she is excited about having another enhanced place of venue for our residents and looks forward to working with the volunteers. This will benefit the community. She will be willing to volunteer her service to look at the hiring process.

Trustee Bernal no comments

Trustee Flores stated some people in attendance came to the meeting and were disappointed because they were unable to participate in public comments. They thought we had started the meeting early and asked me to ask you if they would be allowed to make their comments.

Mayor Barraza responded the meeting time was posted for 6:00 a.m.; meeting was started at 6:00. Public comments will remind at the start of the meeting. She finds it disheartening that Mesilla residents feel they have to contact the State Law Enforcement office to discourage the state’s higher ups from issuing certifications. These residents are working against the town; all we have in our hearts is the best interest of the community. People do not trust the hiring practice of the Town of Mesilla. We do everything to bring the right applicant to the trustees. Our applicant pool is very limited. There were only two (2) applicants for the two (2) positions that were posted. We felt that only one was the right fit. We have residents in Mesilla that contribute and volunteer to help during the hiring process. We are not going to please everyone in the town but we try our best to do what is right for the town. Town staff is here to respond to the needs of the constituents. Reiterated it disheartens her that we have staff and volunteers that come forth and volunteer their services and we cannot trust them in what they are trying to bring forth. She reminded the trustees that they are a policy making board. They are not CEO’s or Department Heads for the Town of Mesilla. She feels very confident in the Department Heads to provide service to our constituents. When we have to call an emergency meeting it is because there is a need for one. Sadly, when trustees question a Department Head is trying to plan an emergency before it occurs. There are some things we cannot project. She would hope that trustees will come to ask questions before the meetings in order for them to get the most accurate answers to some of their questions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn, **Moved by** Trustee Bernal, **Seconded by** Trustee Flores.

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

- Trustee Bernal Yes
- Trustee Flores Yes
- Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

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Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Stohner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer