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7 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
8 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
9 **BOARD MEETING**
10 **MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015**
11 **6:00 P.M.**

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13 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
14 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
15 Sam Bernal, Trustee
16 Linda L. Flores, Trustee
17 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
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19 **STAFF:** Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
20 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
21 Chris Mangusing, Marshal
22 Irene Parra, Special Events Coordinator
23 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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25 **PUBLIC:**
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29 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

30 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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32 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

33 **Roll Call.**

34 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Bernal, Trustee Flores, Trustee Johnson-
35 Burick.
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37 **3. PROCLAMATION:**

- 38 a. A Presentation of a Proclamation to Mr. Andy Krentz of the Southwest Sport and Spine
39 Center declaring March 2015 as "Athletic Training Month in the Town of Mesilla."

40 Mr. Andy Krentz read the Proclamation declaring March 2015 as Athletic Training Month in the Town of
41 Mesilla. He thanked Mayor Barraza and the board for their support.
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43 Mayor Barraza stated it is a pleasure and an honor to declare March 2015 Athletic Training Month in the
44 Town of Mesilla.
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1 **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

2 **No Public Input**

3 **5. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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5 **Motion:** To approve agenda, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Bernal.

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

8 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

9 Trustee Bernal Yes

10 Trustee Flores Yes

11 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

16 • ***BOT MINUTES** – Regular Meeting of Monday, February 23, 2015. *Approved by consent*
17 *agenda*

18 • ***PZHAC Case # 012351** – a building permit issues to Allstate Roofing for Jennie Soltero at
19 2481 Calle de Cura for the placement of singles. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR).
20 *Approved by consent agenda*

21 • ***PZHAC Case # 012353 w/conditions** – a building permit and a sign permit for Michele
22 Evrage of Circle 7 Development at 1701 Calle de Mercado, Ste 5 for construction of pergolas
23 and reconstruction of entry-way signs. Zoned: Commercial (C). *Approved by consent*
24 *agenda*

25 Mayor Barraza asked Ms. Maya to correct item B under new business, where she asked if LEDA funding
26 could be used to purchase parking lots if it was to increase tourism. Nowhere did she say we would
27 destroy historical buildings to put in parking lots. She asked Ms. Maya to correct the error in terms of the
28 approval vote in the Planning and Zoning cases. Both cases were approved with a quorum 3-0 vote not a
29 2-0 vote.

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31 Trustee Flores asked if Case #012353 also includes a condition with regards to the lighting ordinance.

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

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

37 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

38 Trustee Bernal Yes

39 Trustee Flores Yes

1 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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3 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

4 a. Submittal of a letter of intent to apply for Local Government Road Fund monies from the
5 New Mexico Department of Transportation for road improvements on Calle de Santa Ana.

6 **Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.**

7 Ms. Lujan stated every year we submit a letter of intent to apply for Local Government Road Fund
8 monies from the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) for road improvements. This year we
9 will be working on Calle de Santa Ana. The total project cost is estimated at \$147,240.00. DOT state
10 match is \$110,430.00; Town of Mesilla's match will be \$36,810.00. In prior years we have been
11 receiving between \$50,000.00 and \$70,000.00. She will be submitting a request for a match waiver.

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13 Mayor Barraza stated this project will be for the entire Calle de Santa Ana. History is that we never get
14 enough money and the project must be done in projects. Ms. Lujan uses every penny as far as it will go.
15 Calle de Santa Ana is in dire need of repair as well as other roads in Mesilla.

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17 Ms. Lujan stated it will be from the ditch to Calle de Oeste. The parking will also be addressed at the
18 park.

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20 Mayor Barraza stated when the town requests a waiver we use the Asphalt Zipper as an in-kind
21 contribution.

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23 Ms. Lujan responded that is done when we receive a match waiver. If the town receives a match waiver
24 award it will come back to the board for approval.

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26 ***STAFF REPORTS**

27 Community Programs

28 Finance Department

29 Fire Department

30 Marshal's Department

31 Public Works Department

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33 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

34 Committee Reports

35 Trustee Flores – no report

1 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated he will be meeting with Jerry this month.
2 Trustee Bernal stated Vecino a Vecino will be working with Ms. Parra. He spoke to Gilbert with regards
3 to Commemorative Park and he has stated that he is interested in doing the park.

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5 Ms. Parra stated that will be on April 11th from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The volunteers will meet at the Town
6 Hall to get their assigned area and will meet at the Town Hall for lunch.

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8 Mayor Barraza stated we are looking at just doing another semi-circle and looking at getting the same
9 kind of plaques.

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11 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she will be meeting with Ms. Krueger to discuss the library and the Public
12 Safety Building. She did receive information on the Book by Mail. At one point our residents were
13 taking advantage of the program. She will working on resident interest. The mayor previously
14 mentioned she would like to add the audit report to the newsletter; the county has posted their audit on the
15 website. This would save space on the newsletter. She read where the City of Las Cruces was
16 awarded/earmarked \$4.25 million dollars in water projects. Rep. Bill McCamley was quoted in the
17 article. She asked if any of that money was earmarked for the Mesilla Park project; septic tanks.

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19 Mayor Barraza stated she spoke to Mr. Dohlaham from the City of Las Cruces and who indicated he
20 would be willing to work with the town. She indicated that the legislature is not that far on Capital
21 Outlay projects; this may not happen until the last week of the session. Legislatures need to divide
22 funding among several projects. The Governor can veto any project that comes to her. She does not
23 believe any entity has received any Capital Outlay funding as of yet. We have approached our
24 legislatures for \$325,000.00 and feel confident our legislatures will put their money to get to that amount.
25 She reiterated the Governor could veto that request.

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27 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she attended the State of the County Address as well as the mayor. She
28 found it very informative and glad she was able to participate.

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30 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal indicated he will not be attending the next Board of Trustees meeting as he will
31 be in Washington D.C.

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33 Trustee Flores asked what time the Mesilla Elementary 5K will begin and what the fee will be.

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35 Ms. Parra responded Mesilla Elementary has the information on the website; she will forward the link to
36 Trustee Flores.

1 Trustee Flores asked that the pie charts be labeled since they are hard to read. She voiced her concerns on
2 interest rate caps on personal loans in New Mexico and encouraged the trustees and residents to contact
3 their legislators.
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5 Mayor Barraza stated Trustee Flores spoke passionately to the committee regarding House Bill 36.
6 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal also attended the Municipal Day and spoke to legislators. She reiterated that she
7 never once said historical buildings would be knocked down to make room for parking lots. She strongly
8 believes in historical preservation. She wishes she could find money to help the residents repair their
9 historical homes. They will continue looking for funding. The Mesilla Elementary 5K is this Saturday
10 and begins at 9:00 a.m.
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12 Ms. Parra stated the Easter Bunny will be on the plaza on April 1st. The donation of plastic eggs and
13 candy will be great appreciated. They can be delivered directly to La Posta or to the town hall.
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15 Mayor Barraza stated we are in the process of renewing the Vendor Business Licenses. We are planning
16 to send out our newsletter at the end of the month.
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18 **Motion:** To adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Bernal.
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20 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4).
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22 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes

23 Trustee Bernal Yes

24 Trustee Flores Yes

25 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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27 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.**
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29 **APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF MARCH, 2015.**
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33 Nora L. Barraza

34 Mayor
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36 **ATTEST:**

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Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez

Town Clerk/Treasurer