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7 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
8 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
9 **REGULAR MEETING**
10 **MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**
11 **6:00 P.M.**

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13 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
14 Jesus Caro, Mayor Pro Tem
15 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
16 Veronica Garcia, Trustee
17 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
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19 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
20 K.C. Alberg, Marshal
21 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
22 Rodney McGillivray, Public Works Director
23 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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25 **PUBLIC:** Susan Krueger
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28 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

32 **Roll Call:**

33 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Caro, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick
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35 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

36 **Motion:** To approve agenda, **Moved by** Trustee Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Garcia.
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38 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes=4)**

39 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

40 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

41 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

42 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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44 **4. PROCLAMATION – A proclamation commemorating Town of Mesilla School Choice Week.**

45 **– Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

46 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez read proclamation commemorating Town of Mesilla School Choice Week.

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2 **5. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.
3 No Public Input
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5 **6. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – The Board will be asked to approve by one
6 motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is
7 marked with an asterisk *:

8 **Motion:** To approve consent agenda, **Moved by** Trustee Arzabal, **Seconded by** Mayor Pro Tem Caro.
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10 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**
11 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**
12 **Trustee Garcia Yes**
13 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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15 **A. *BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Work Session and a Regular meeting of December 10, 2018.
16 *Approved by consent agenda*

17 **B. *PZHAC Case 060828 w/Conditions** – 2127 Calle de Oeste, submitted by Pat and Wendy
18 Taylor; a request for a zoning permit to remove and relocate two windows and one door and
19 conduct general adobe repair and restoration on a dwelling at the address. Zoned: Historical
20 Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

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22 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

23 **A. For Approval:** A request to activate reserve deputies per **Mesilla Town Code 2.45.040** –
24 **K.C. Alberg, Marshal.**

25 Marshal Alberg stated only certified police officers are used as reserve officers. The department can
26 save money since reserves are paid less and do not have benefits. We are trying to avoid putting
27 administrators on patrol duty.
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29 **Motion:** To approve a request to activate reserve deputies per Mesilla Town Code 2.45.040, **Moved by**
30 Trustee Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.
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32 Mayor Barraza stated the department has been shorthanded as a deputy was out two months on paternity
33 leave.
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35 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**
36 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**
37 **Trustee Garcia Yes**
38 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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40 **B. For Approval:** Award of RFP 2018-02 for Legal Services to the Town of Mesilla. – **Nora**
41 **L. Barraza, Mayor.**

42 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the RFP for Legal Services went out in October. The town received
43 three bids; Cervantes Law Firm, Holt Mynat Martinez PC., Cuddy & McCarthy LLP.
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45 Mayor Barraza stated she recommends the Cervantes Law Firm. Mr. Cervantes is familiar with the
46 town and our ordinances.
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48 **Motion:** To approve award of RFP 2018-02 for Legal Services to the Town of Mesilla, **Moved by**

1 Trustee Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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3 Trustee Caro stated he does not have an issue with Cervantes Law Firm.

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5 Mayor Barraza responded the other law firms had additional fees attached due to them being located out
6 of town.

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8 Mayor Pro Tem Caro *inaudible*

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10 Mayor Barraza stated she feels that with the ordinances being revised Mr. Cervantes would be a better fit
11 for Mesilla.

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13 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

14 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

15 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

16 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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18 **8. *STAFF REPORTS:**

19 Community Development

20 Community Programs

21 Finance Department

22 Fire Department

23 Marshal's Department

24 Public Works Department

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26 Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Ray Saenz, Mrs. Priscilla McComas, Mr. Norman
27 Dahlstrom and Police Chief Jaime Montoya.

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29 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

30 Mayor Barraza congratulated Trustee Johnson-Burick for being selected as MPO Vice-Chair. She
31 attended an MPO meeting last week.

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33 Trustee Arzabal attended the Chief Elected Official meeting in Truth or Consequences; discussed was
34 providing public transportation from El Paso to Hatch. They will be seeking funding; next meeting will
35 be held in February 2019.

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37 Mayor Barraza and staff met with Senator John Arthur Smith regarding Capital Outlay Projects. A phone
38 conference was held with Representative Cadena on Wednesday to review ICIP projects as well. Projects
39 we pushed for: \$83K to finish the trail from the river to town; \$257K to finish the sewer project on
40 McDowell; \$20K for bullet proof vests and tasers for the Marshal's Department; \$112K for the
41 replacement of lights on the outer edge of the plaza; and \$50K to finish up Calle de Parian reconstruction.

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43 **10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

44 Mayor Pro Tem Caro stated Calle de Sur and Snow Road need attention near the ditch. On Calle de Sur
45 there is a dangerous hole by the apartments.

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47 Mayor Barraza responded Mr. Cordero had work done on those roads; she will speak to Mr. Gillivray.

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49 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked is there a timeframe for imposing taxes on AirBNBs? Status on Personnel
50 Manual? She is very disappointed on the fence behind Andele's. She may want to see more of a design

1 or sketch on upcoming requests. Residents on Snow Road are concerned with their water quality and
2 water pressure. The Christmas Eve event was fabulous. She thanked Mr. Cordero for looking at the
3 concerns regarding the sidewalks. She will be working with Ms. Krueger on the Lending Library.
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5 Mayor Barraza stated residents may have a leak on their property.
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7 Trustee Arzabal asked that we be careful in asking for money with the matches that will be required.
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9 Mayor Barraza stated AirBNB will need to be registered by March. The Policy and Procedure will be
10 done this year.
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12 Mr. McGillivray stated there are several issues going on with our wells. A clay valve was bypassed and
13 should be up next week. The City of Las Cruces water line was opened just in case of emergency, we
14 would be prepared. The water pressure will not be as high as it previously was after we level out the
15 pressure at the wells. A good water pressure is at 70 and we were running at 90.
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17 Mayor Barraza stated the Christmas Eve event was wonderful. We have received estimates on repairing
18 the sidewalks on the corners to be ADA compliant. Reviewed her Financial Report concerns on page 37
19 with the board and a possible shortage at the end of the year.
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21 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

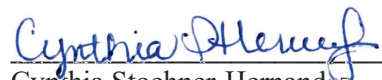
22 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**
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24 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.**
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26 **APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2019.**
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32 Nora L. Barraza
33 Mayor
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35 **ATTEST:**
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39 Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez
40 Town Clerk/Treasurer
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