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5 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
6 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
7 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
8 **MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018**
9 **6:00 P.M.**

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11 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
12 Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem
13 Jesus Caro, Trustee
14 Linda L. Flores, Trustee
15 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
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17 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
18 K.C. Alberg, Marshal
19 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
20 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
21 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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27 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

31 **Roll Call.**

32 **Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Flores, Trustee**
33 **Johnson-Burick.**
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35 **3. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

36 **Motion: To approve the agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
37 **Caro.**
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39 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).**

40 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

41 **Trustee Caro Yes**

42 **Trustee Flores Yes**

43 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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45 **4. PROCLAMATION – declaring January 8 – January 12, 2018 “Brandon Baeza Week”**
46 **in the Town of Mesilla. – Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

47 Mayor Barraza read Proclamation declaring January 8 – January 12, 2018 “Brandon Baeza
48 Week” in the Town of Mesilla. Mr. Baeza has been nominated for Las Cruces High School

1 Gatorade Player of the Year and has committed to Eastern New Mexico. Mayor Barraza read
2 letter from Coach Mark Lopez.

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4 Mayor Barraza stated we are always willing to do anything to recognize our students

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6 Coach Lopez stated he appreciates what the Town of Mesilla is doing. He represents our city
7 and our school beyond expectations.

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9 Mayor Barraza stated she remembers doing a proclamation when Las Cruces High School
10 Bulldogs won the state championship.

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12 **5. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.
13 No Public Input

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

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

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

22 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

23 **Trustee Caro Yes**

24 **Trustee Flores Yes**

25 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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27 **a. *BOT MINUTES – Regular Meeting** of Monday, December 11, 2017. *Approved*
28 *by consent agenda*

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30 **b. *PZHAC Case #060662:** Submitted by Nicholas Tanner, a request to combine two
31 lots by the elimination of a lot line between a property at 3333 Gandy Road and an
32 adjacent property to the south through the Summary Subdivision process. Zoned:
33 Residential, one acre minimum (R-1). *Approved by consent agenda*

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35 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

36 **a.** Approval of the appointment of the absentee and precinct board to serve on Election
37 Day, March 6, 2018– **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer**

38 Ms. Stoechner –Hernandez stated this is for the appointment of Election Board to serve on
39 Election Day which is March 6, 2018. The individuals are Ms. Lori Jurado, Mr. Clemente Lara,
40 Ms. Barbara Chandler and Mr. Christopher Schaljo as alternate.

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42 **Motion: To approve the appointment of the absentee and precinct board to serve on**
43 **Election Day, March 6, 2018, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
44 **Flores.**

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

47 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

48 **Trustee Caro Yes**

49 **Trustee Flores Yes**

1 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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3 **8. *STAFF REPORTS:**

4 Community Development

5 Community Programs

6 Finance Department

7 Fire Department

8 Marshal's Department

9 Public Works Department

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11 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

12 Fire Chief Hoban stated this week they will be testing fire hydrants. We are using Fire Funds to
13 do this so there is no cost to the town. This will help identify hydrants that need to be replaced.
14 It will also give the flow testing; caps will be different colors to indicate the number of gallons
15 per minute. A fire hydrant with a black bag represents it needs to be replaced. This is part of the
16 process in meeting our expectations from ISO so that we can go for an ISO evaluation later this
17 year to lower our rates. These people are professionals but the water still gets discolored so he
18 asked that the residents run the cold water until it clears; avoid using the hot water.

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20 Marshal Alberg stated deputies are doubling their efforts in keeping DWI's down. They are also
21 receiving additional training. We have some dogs if anyone would like to adopt or foster one.

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23 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated Municipal Day will be held on February 2nd. The reception will
24 be February 1st. She asked if anyone is planning to attend to contact her so that she can make
25 arrangements.

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27 Ms. Lujan stated they are short staffed and are trying to do what they can. The meters and pipes
28 are busting due to cold weather. She reminded everyone to keep their faucets dripping.

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30 Trustee Caro wished a Happy New Year to everyone. He congratulated Mr. Baeza.

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32 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it is nice to start the new year recognizing such an amazing
33 student and athlete. We should start thinking about how we can do this on a routine bases and tie
34 it into the schools in our community such as having a Student of the Month. She thanked the
35 people who will be serving on the Election Board and taking time out of their life. She will not
36 be attending the meeting on January 22nd. She wished everyone a wonderful, happy and healthy
37 2018.

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39 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal no comment

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41 Trustee Flores congratulated the Aggies for their Bowl win; they were well represented at the
42 game. She congratulated Mr. Baeza and his parents. We appreciate the leadership. We need
43 people that are willing to help out their community. She wished everyone a Happy New Year
44 and thank you for your service.

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46 Mayor Barraza stated we had another Mesilla resident passed away, Mr. Guero Orona. We have
47 been losing so many of our older generation (Mesilleros). She asked that they hold the families
48 in their prayers. During Mr. Natividad's services Ms. Irene Oliver Lewis mentioned she hoped
49 the Town of Mesilla would do something in his memory. He was instrumental in revitalizing the

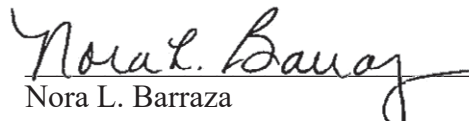
1 fiestas in our community and active with the Cultura Grupo de Mesilla. She spoke to Mr.
2 Alexander and is hoping to get a committee together to come up with ideas for a memorial in
3 honor of Mr. Natividad. She asked for anyone who is interested in serving on the committee to
4 contact her. She echoes the board's comments in wishing everyone a happy, safe and healthy
5 2018. There will be a Community Meeting on January 23rd at the Community Center at 6:00
6 p.m. and encourages everyone to attend to get an update on what has been done and what will be
7 done in our community. Ms. Parra is getting ready for the Love of Art to be held in February. If
8 anyone knows of any artists that would like to set up a booth, ask them to contact Ms. Parra. She
9 will be attending the New Mexico Municipal League Municipal Day in Santa Fe. She sits on the
10 New Mexico Municipal League Board of Directors which meets during the luncheon. The
11 offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The next
12 board meeting will be Monday, January 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

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16 **10. ADJOURNMENT**


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

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20 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24 P.M.**

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22 **APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2018**

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28 Nora L. Barraza
29 Mayor

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31 **ATTEST:**

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36 Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez
37 Town Clerk/Treasurer
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