



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

TRUSTEES: Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
Jesus Caro, Mayor Pro Tem Absent
Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
Veronica S. Garcia, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

STAFF: Cynthia Stochner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
K.C. Alberg, Marshal
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Rodney McGillivray, Public Works Director
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Andrew Wray Valerie Sherman
Austin Frazier Andy Krentz
Allyssa Myrick Vanessa Lara
Arturo Guerrero David Gallegos
Marisol Diaz

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Barraza, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve the agenda Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

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

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

4. PROCLAMATIONS:

1 **A.** A proclamation declaring the month of March 2019 “Athletic Training Month in Mesilla,
2 New Mexico”.

3 Mr. Krentz read the proclamation declaring the month of March 2019 “Athletic Training Month in
4 Mesilla, New Mexico” for the eighth year.

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6 Mayor Barraza asked how many athletic trainers there are in Dona Ana County.

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8 Mr. Krentz responded there are around 25 trainers that serve the high schools and New Mexico State
9 University. Some of the trainers also work in clinics.

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11 Mayor Barraza stated we are appreciative for what they do for the community. We will continue to
12 support activities they have going on.

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14 Mr. Krentz introduced his family and staff.

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16 **5.** A presentation by the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

17 Ms. Sherman gave a presentation on the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO);
18 reviewed and gave an update on projects. She asked that they take the time to complete a survey.

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20 Mayor Barraza stated she, Trustee Arzabal and Trustee Johnson-Burick sit on the MPO committee. The
21 MPO’s work is phenomenal. Our community has a need for sidewalks and bike paths. We are currently
22 working on completing the Multi-use Trail on Calle de Norte. We share the same concerns and
23 suggestions. She encouraged the public to complete the survey.

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

26 Ms. Myrick stated she is with Unified Prevention Coalition which focuses on substance use and abuse
27 among youth and young adults in Dona Ana County. These individuals are getting it provided to them by
28 an older adult and even in their home. We are working with entities on controlling underage alcohol
29 consumption.

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31 Sergeant Guerrero stated passing an ordinance will help us to prevent underage alcohol consumption and
32 the crimes associated with that.

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34 Ms. Lara stated The City of Anthony and Sunland Park are 100% in support of this resolution.

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36 Ms. Diaz stated they are here to address substance and abuse in a productive way. Youth are under the
37 care of an adult. No one under 21 should be provided alcohol by someone over 21. A homeowner as
38 well as a landlord will be responsible for providing alcohol to anyone under 21. We also need to consider
39 the physical and mental damage alcohol can cause to a young adult. She reviewed the different programs
40 that address the issue.

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42 Mayor Barraza stated she understands the problem. She would like to meet to hear more about the
43 program and to move forward.

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45 Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal, and Trustee Garcia thanked them for the information provided.

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

50 **Motion: To approve the consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

3 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

4 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

5 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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7 **A. *BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019. *Approved by*
8 *consent agenda*

9 **B. *PZHAC Case 060849** – 2186 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Michael Clute; a request
10 for a zoning permit to add wood slats to a rear porch to provide privacy at a dwelling
11 located at the address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

12 **C. *PZHAC Case 060847** – 2424 Calle de Parian, submitted by Page Coleman; a request for a
13 zoning permit to restucco a house, shed and a casita on a property at this address. Zoned:
14 Historical Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda*

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16 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

17 **A. Update on ongoing projects in Mesilla. – Rod McGillivray, Public Works Director**

18 Mr. McGillivray gave an update on ongoing projects in the Town of Mesilla.

- 19 - Bowman Street construction to begin in May.
20 - McDowell Road preconstruction meeting will be held this week
21 - McDowell Road construction to begin on March 4th
22 - Trail design submitted to NMDOT for 60% review
23 - Calle de Parian will be out to bid in March; construction will begin after Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
24 - Local Government Road Fund application due on the 10th

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26 Mayor Barraza stated the trail project is funded through TAP. We are hoping to get \$82K from Capital
27 Outlay for this project.

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

29 Trustee Garcia stated the Santa Fe trip was interesting and informative.

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31 Trustee Arzabal stated CEO committee met. They are trying to get youth to utilize the money that is out
32 there for education.

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34 Mayor Barraza stated that information was shared, and they will be in contact with Mr. Duran.

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36 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she attended the MPO meeting on February 13th. Presentations were made
37 on the Uniform Crash Report and inquiries were made on the status on the interim. The next MPO
38 meeting will be held in April.

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

41 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she was honored to welcome the Senior Olympics.

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43 Trustee Garcia stated in the year she has been here she had never seen a breakdown of town projects;
44 thanked Mr. McGillivray. Reiterated Santa Fe was interesting and educational.

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46 Trustee Arzabal stated he will be attending the State of the City of Las Cruces on Thursday. Lt. Governor
47 Morales asked about using Colonia money to improve infrastructure. Lt. Governor Morales could not
48 believe Mesilla was not a Colonia. He indicated there is a lot of money which Mesilla is losing out on.
49 The Colonia status does not change anything. People that do not want to be designated a Colonia do not
50 attend meetings. He feels the board should consider tapping into that.

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2 Mayor Barraza responded Lt. Governor Morales was very attentive and asked about our infrastructure
3 needs. Money is available to us if we go through the Colonia process. The House passed the minimum
4 wage and tip servers but may not pass the Senate. Our local restaurants and servers, big or small, are
5 against it. She brought concerns up to legislators, Governor Lujan Grisham and Lt. Governor Morales.
6 This trip was well worth it. There will be a worksession on Animal Control Ordinance on March 11th and
7 up for approval at the March 25th meeting. She is working on the Sign Ordinance; joint worksession will
8 be held with Planning and Zoning. The Fire Code Ordinance has been submitted with revisions. At the
9 second Board of Trustees meeting in March she will be appointing a new Mayor Pro Tem and committee
10 representatives. There will be an RTD meeting on Wednesday afternoon. She will not be attending the
11 State of the City of Las Cruces address but is happy to know that Trustee Arzabal will be representing the
12 Town of Mesilla. She thanked Mr. McGillivray for his good job on the projects. She feels confident
13 that at least four, if not all five, of our projects will receive Capital Outlay funding. The amount we
14 would be receiving is over \$500K.

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16 **11. ADJOURNMENT**


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

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19 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:04 P.M.**

20 **APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH, 2019.**

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24 Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

25 **ATTEST:**

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28 Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

