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6 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
7 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
8 **WORK SESSION**
9 **MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**
10 **5:00 P.M.**

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12 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
13 Jesus Caro, Mayor Pro Tem
14 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
15 Veronica S. Garcia, Trustee
16 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
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18 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
19 K.C. Alberg, Marshal
20 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
21 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
22 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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24 **PUBLIC:**
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- 28 • Discussion of the Town of Mesilla Preliminary Budget for FY 2018/2019. – **Cynthia Stoechner-**
29 **Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.**
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31 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez presented an overview of the FY 2018-2019 Budget. A worksession will be
32 held on April 23rd for a review of the preliminary budget. If needed, another worksession will be held on
33 May 14th to review the preliminary budget which can then be put on the agenda for approval. Another
34 worksession can be held if needed and we will still be able to meet the deadline.
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36 Mayor Barraza stated department heads were asked to submit their budgets with any cuts or additions.
37 They were reviewed to ensure that there were no outrages requests. There were very minor modifications
38 made to address the department's needs, they were very conservative.
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40 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked why the GRT for the February is so huge.
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42 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded GRT is always 2 months behind; in February we got December's.
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44 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she feels it is inaccurate that it is posted like that.
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46 Mayor Barraza responded that is the way the Taxation and Revenue Department has set it up.
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48 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated March GFT is for business in January and was \$10,000 more than last
49 year.
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51 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked what the COLA percentage we are looking at is.
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53 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she is requesting direction from the board.

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2 Mayor Barraza responded that would give us a base to work off; 1%, 2% or 3% for all personnel.

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4 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she is conformable with a 2%

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6 Mayor Pro Tem Caro stated he is comfortable with a 1%.

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8 Trustee Arzabal stated he is glad the insurance increase is reflected in the budget. He feels the people on
9 salary make a decent amount of money then you have staff barely making minimum wage. Department
10 heads get paid no matter whether they work 2 hours a week or 100 hours a week. He feels the hourly
11 employees should get a larger COLA than the salaried employees.

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13 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the last COLA was a 2% for hourly employees and 1% for salaried. A
14 percentage does come out more for department heads than hourly employees.

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16 Trustee Garcia agrees with Trustee Arzabal.

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18 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she also agrees with Trustee Arzabal.

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20 Trustee Caro stated he feels the COLA is much higher for the salaried than for the actual working people
21 in Public Works. He would go for the 1% for department heads and 2% for hourly employees.

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23 Mayor Barraza stated the board would like to see 1% for department heads and 2% for hourly employees.

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25 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she understands department heads have a lot of responsibilities than the
26 other staff. We also need to ensure our hourly wage employees can provide for their families

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28 Trustee Arzabal stated he wishes everyone could get a 3%. By everyone being conservative has helped
29 the town. It is our responsibility as a Finance Board to send a balanced budget to DFA. It is important to
30 keep our employees happy.

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32 Mayor Barraza thanked the board for their comments. It is important to keep our employees happy. The
33 Town of Mesilla is very generous in terms of benefits and fortunate that we can offer benefits to our
34 employees. She also wishes we could give employees a higher increase. The South Central of
35 Governments will be giving their employees a 5% COLA. Many of the entities are looking giving a 4%,
36 5% or 6% increase. She is happy that our revenue sources have increased and we are able to continue to
37 be conservative to prepare a balanced budget and still provide our residents benefits. Three employees
38 will have a 5 year anniversary; 5% increase. We were advised there would be a possible 4% increase in
39 insurances at the meeting we attended.

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41 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she appreciates Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez, who tells us how it is and Ms.
42 Maya.

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44 Mayor Barraza responded the facts are the facts.

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46 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez asked Trustee Garcia to come by to talk to her at any time with questions or
47 concerns because she is new to this process.

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49 Mayor Barraza stated we have never been rejected a budget which means the Department of Finance is
50 comfortable with the numbers we provide. We are still projecting 2.5% increase in revenue as we have
51 done for the last 8 years. She hasn't given up the fight with the Taxation and Revenue Department. She
52 feels we are entitled to more GRT. Some businesses do not charge tax if the customer pays cash. She
53 will be visiting with the legislators regarding the state looking at not charging tax on purchases under
54 \$500 on the Saturday after Thanksgiving which would be for most of the purchases made in Mesilla.

1 Other municipalities in New Mexico will take a hit as well. She will continue pushing Taxation and
2 Revenue to give accurate numbers. The New Mexico Municipal League which represents the
3 municipalities has 5 or 6 lawsuits against the Tax and Revenue Department.
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5 **Worksession closed at 5:30 p.m.**
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12 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
13 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
14 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
15 **MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**
16 **6:00 P.M.**
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18 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
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26 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
27 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director
28 Larry Shannon, Community Development
29 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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31 **PUBLIC:** Leila Gomez Chris Alexander
32 Susan Krueger Arturo Jurado
33 Yolanda Lucero Mary Dolores Taylor
34 Xavier Lucero Mike Bell
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37 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

41 **Roll Call.**

42 **Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro-Tem Caro, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Garcia, Trustee**
43 **Johnson-Burick.**
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45 **3. CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion of limited
46 personnel matters for the hiring of an employee in the Public Works Department. – **Nora L.**
47 **Barraza, Mayor.** (added 12:51 pm 4/5/18)

1 **Motion:** To enter Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-41(H)(2): discussion of limited
2 personnel matters for the hiring of an employee in the Public Works Department, **Moved by** Mayor Pro
3 Tem Caro **Seconded by** Trustee Arzabal.

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

6 Trustee Arzabal Yes

7 Mayor Pro-Tem Caro Yes

8 Trustee Garcia Yes

9 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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11 Entered Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

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13 **Motion:** To close Closed Session and open Regular Meeting after discussion of limited personnel matters
14 for the hiring of an employee in the Public Works Department ; pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-
15 41(H)(2): no action taken, **Moved by** Trustee Arzabal, **Seconded by** Trustee Garcia.

16
17 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4).

18 Trustee Arzabal Yes

19 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

20 Trustee Garcia Yes

21 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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23 **Entered Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

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

26 Mayor Barraza stated she will not tolerate any outbursts like there was at the last meeting. She has
27 instructed Marshal Alberg that the person disrupting will be asked to leave and if it continues, the person
28 will be arrested. We must treat everyone with respect.

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30 Mr. Alexander stated the board's responsibility is to uphold the ordinances in their entirety. Whatever the
31 ordinance reads is what it is. If anything needs to be addressed there are other avenues that can be taken
32 such as a Special Use Permit. The ordinances speak for themselves. At the last meeting it was said there
33 was no Spot Zoning done; this is exactly what the board did. There is no contiguous property along that
34 property that is not Rural Farm Zone. The board opened the door to Spot Zoning in the Rural Farm Zone.
35 Anyone who comes forward from the Rural Farm Zone, to request a zone charge are entitled to that
36 regardless of what the zoning is around that property. The board will be impelled to grant the request.

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38 Ms. Krueger stated the Wireless Telecommunication Ordinance was passed in Ordinance 2003-10; the
39 cell towers at the gin were built after that. She read the boards duties and responsibility; gave the
40 definition of Tort Claim. She requested that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda; motion,
41 Mayor Barraza voted to break the tie. The information was not given to staff or Planning and Zoning.
42 She believes the Board of Trustees must follow what they are sworn to do in their oath of office.

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1 Fire Chief Hoban stated removing cell towers without an adequate replacement will have a negative
2 impact in the town. We rely on wireless communication for emergency purposes; merchants rely on
3 wireless communication to transact business. We need to take into consideration the impact it would
4 have on the ability to access communication for public safety and the town's commerce.
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6 5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

7 Trustee Garcia asked to postpone item b until the next meeting and remove the Board of Trustees'
8 minutes from the consent agenda.
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10 **Motion:** To approve the agenda as amended, **Moved by** Trustee Garcia, **Seconded by** Trustee Arzabal.
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12 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she would like to separate the items for voting as she was prepared to
13 discuss item b.
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15 Mayor Barraza stated Judge Fietze requested removing item b from the agenda.
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17 Ms. Stohner-Hernandez stated Trustee Garcia will need to amend her motion to include removing Judge
18 Fietze's request.
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20 Trustee Garcia amended her motion to include the removal of item c from the agenda.
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22 **Amended Previous Motion:** To add removing of item b from the agenda per Judge Fietze's request,
23 **Moved by** Trustee Garcia, **Seconded by** Trustee Arzabal.
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25 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4).
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26 Trustee Arzabal Yes

27 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

28 Trustee Garcia Yes

29 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes – she would like to vote on each item separate.
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31 **Motion:** To keep item c to allow for discussion, **Moved by** Trustee Johnson-Burick, **Seconded by** Mayor
32 Pro Tem Caro.
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34 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3; No=1).
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35 Trustee Arzabal Yes

36 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

37 Trustee Garcia No

38 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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40 6. *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

43 Trustee Arzabal requested placing item b on the consent agenda.
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45 **Motion:** To approve the consent agenda as amended, **Moved by** Trustee Johnson-Burick, **Seconded by**
46 Trustee Arzabal.
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1 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if staff or New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) looked at
2 the traffic impact that Case PZHAC SUP18-001 may have on Stanford Street.

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4 Mr. Shannon responded staff has not looked at that. The church had been in operation for six months
5 prior to obtaining a Special Use Permit. He did not know about the church until a sign was put up; he had
6 not received any complaints. Traffic had been entering on University Avenue and exiting on Stanford
7 Street.

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9 Mayor Barraza stated Trustee Johnson-Burick's question was if DOT will be doing a study regarding the
10 traffic impact.

11 Mr. Shannon responded it will not be done on Stanford Street but it will be done on University Avenue.

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13 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated this church had been operating for 6 months without permit.

14 Mayor Barraza responded once the town was notified Mr. Shannon red tagged the church.

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

19 Trustee Arzabal Yes

20 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

21 Trustee Garcia Yes

22 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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24 **A. *BOT MINUTES – Regular Meeting of March 26, 2018. *Removed from the consent***
25 ***agenda***

26 Trustee Arzabal requested to postpone item A until next the Board of Trustee meeting.

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28 **Motion:** To postpone item A until the next Board of Trustee meeting, **Moved by** Trustee Arzabal,
29 **Seconded by** Mayor Pro Tem Caro.

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31 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she will direct concerns with the minutes to Ms. Maya.

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33 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5).

34 Trustee Arzabal Yes

35 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

36 Trustee Garcia Yes

37 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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39 **B. *PZHAC *Case 060704 - 2551 Calle de Colon, submitted by Edna Bustamante; a request**
40 **for a building permit to allow the installation of a wrought iron security door over the**
41 **door to the dwelling at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR) *Approved by***
42 ***consent agenda***

43 **C. *PZHAC SUP18-001 w/conditions – Submitted by Leila Gomez, a request for a Special Use**
44 **Permit to operate a small church in a 3600 square foot metal building adjacent to a dwelling**
45 **at 320 W. University Ave. Zoned: Rural Farm (RF). *Approved by consent agenda***

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47 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

48 **A. For approval: the hiring of a Maintenance/Water Operator I Worker. – **Debbie Lujan, Public****
49 ****Works Director.** (*added 12:51 pm 4/5/18*)**

50 Mayor Barraza stated the committee is recommending Mr. Michael Gonzalez for Maintenance/Water
51 Operator I.

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2 **Motion:** To approve the hiring of a Maintenance/Water Operator I Worker, **Moved by** Trustee Arzabal,
3 **Seconded by** Mayor Pro Tem Caro.

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5 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5).

6 Trustee Arzabal Yes

7 Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

8 Trustee Garcia Yes

9 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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11 **B.** For discussion: cell towers on the property of an approved Commercial property at 1971
12 Union Avenue. – **A request by Mayor Pro-Tem Caro and Trustee Garcia.**

13 Trustee Garcia stated we voted to change the property from farming to commercial. Cell towers are
14 prohibited in Commercial Zoning per Ordinance.

15
16 Mr. Shannon responded it just says towers; does not say cell towers. He referred to page 63 in the board
17 packet and MTC 18.54.060.

18
19 Trustee Garcia asked if he [applicant] would have to get a Special Use Permit if he turns it into a Palm
20 Tree since the zoning has been changed to commercial.

21
22 Mr. Shannon responded it does not say about a change in the zoning. Only the new towers in the
23 commercial zone would require a permit.

24
25 Trustee Garcia stated it does not say new or old towers either.

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27 Mr. Shannon read section; Special Use Permit will be one of those conditions.

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29 Trustee Garcia stated then he would then have to apply for a Special Use Permit.

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31 Mr. Shannon responded that it could be interpreted that way; it would be up to the board to make that
32 determination.

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34 Mayor Barraza asked where in the ordinance it says he would have to apply for a Special Use Permit if
35 there were existing towers prior to the rezoning or after it was rezoned.

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37 Mr. Shannon responded it does not say that anywhere in the ordinance.

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39 Mayor Barraza asked Trustee Garcia if that answered her question.

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41 Trustee Garcia responded no and asked will he still need to apply for a Special Use Permit.

1 Mr. Shannon responded there is nothing in the ordinance that says he has to. The zone change was a
2 Board of Trustee's action and they are the ones that brought those towers into the Commercial Zone.
3 That was not an action necessarily brought by the applicant.

4
5 Trustee Garcia stated it would be one thing if it changed from farming to commercial with everything
6 crossing over. We only approved the zone change without conditions.

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8 Mr. Shannon stated he believes there was a condition that the structures would remain.

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10 Trustee Garcia asked for the conditions. She believes it was only the buildings of the cotton gin.

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12 Mayor Barraza read the agenda item.

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14 Mr. Shannon asked if there was a condition on that item.

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16 Trustee Garcia and Mayor Barraza stated there were no conditions.

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18 Mr. Shannon responded he believes the Planning and Zoning approved it with conditions. He will do
19 some research. There was a statement that the structures would remain which he understood included the
20 towers.

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22 Mayor Barraza read the minutes.

23
24 Trustee Garcia asked for the definition of structures.

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26 Mr. Shannon stated a structure could be a wall, building, tower; anything that is constructed on the
27 property.

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29 Mayor Barraza read page 64 in their board packet; definition of structure.

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31 Mr. Shannon read MTC Chapter 18; definition of structures.

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33 Trustee Garcia stated they did not vote on conditions; they only voted on the zone change.

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35 Ms. Stohner-Hernandez stated the resolution does not state any conditions placed by the Planning and
36 Zoning.

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38 Mayor Barraza stated there was not a motion made to remove the cell towers or to allow the towers to
39 remain.

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41 Trustee Garcia stated since it is now Commercial Zone he would have to have a Special Use Permit for
42 the towers.

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1 Mayor Barraza stated one of the towers was pre-existing the ordinance, 2003. The newer tower does have
2 a Special Use Permit.

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4 Mr. Shannon responded the first tower was constructed before the 2003 ordinance; the second was after
5 the ordinance. Read section 18.54.030

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7 Mayor Barraza stated that is applicable to one of the towers.

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9 Mr. Shannon inaudible

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11 Mayor Barraza stated according to the ordinance, the tower in place prior to the ordinance is in
12 compliance. We are talking about the tower that was put forth in 2005. Trustee Garcia's question is that
13 when the motion was made for approval and the resolution was approved through the Planning and
14 Zoning, nowhere did it stipulate any conditions.

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16 Mr. Shannon responded Planning and Zoning was aware of the towers and of the zone change; the towers
17 would remain.

18
19 Mayor Barraza stated the motion for a zone change was made and was approved; nothing was mentioned
20 about the cell towers. Based on that information no conditions were made regarding the cell towers. The
21 cell towers exist on the property; she asked Mr. Shannon if in his opinion does the applicant need to come
22 for a Special Use Permit or does the current Special Use Permit approved in 2005 suffice to meet the
23 requirements.

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25 Mr. Shannon stated he believes it was the intent of the Planning and Zoning to approve the zone change
26 with the towers and not have the towers go through any special process.

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28 Trustee Garcia asked what is the answer.

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30 Mayor Barraza responded Mr. Shannon believes that when the Planning and Zoning approved the zone
31 changed it was understood that he cell towers were part of the approval.

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33 Trustee Garcia responded they did not put that in.

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35 Mayor Barraza stated it was not put into the resolution.

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37 Mr. Shannon responded there were no conditions that they needed to go through.

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39 Trustee Garcia asked if it is the process to put it in; it should have been part of the official process.

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41 Mr. Shannon responded it could have been but it is not required. It is a recommendation made to the
42 Board of Trustees for approval.

1 Trustee Garcia stated it was not recommended since it was not in a condition. It was only recommended
2 to change from farm to commercial, there were no conditions.

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4 Mayor Barraza responded there were no conditions in place. It is up to the Board of Trustees to see how
5 they want to proceed.

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7 Trustee Arzabal stated we are looking at the 2005 tower that is in our packet. Read section 18.54.130.
8 He asked if that is the only way to remove the tower.

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10 Mr. Shannon responded there are three points in the ordinances that may require removal. He does not
11 see any legal bases for removal.

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13 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she is now hearing everything did not come forward in order for them to
14 make a better decision as to how they voted. She understood the cotton gin was to remain. It sounds the
15 towers were not part of the resolution; feels there was misinformation.

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17 Mayor Barraza responded she disagrees as there was a lot of discussion regarding the cell towers during
18 the last meeting.

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20 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated we were voting on the zone change and not on the cell towers.

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22 Mayor Barraza stated she had made a recommendation at that time to postpone action until we could iron
23 out everything. There was a lot of discussion whether the cell towers should remain. When the motion
24 was made no one chose to make a motion to include the cell towers or to amend the motion as to include
25 the cell towers.

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27 Trustee Garcia responded the cell towers were on the agenda.

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29 Mayor Barraza responded that could have been a condition put forth by the Board of Trustees at the time
30 of approval. There was a lot of discussion and no one felt comfortable but she did ask if the board wanted
31 to postpone but everyone wanted to proceed. We can sit here and go around in circles all night. The
32 board needs to decide if they want to bring the cell towers as an action item or if they need more
33 discussion and information.

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35 Trustee Johnson-Burick read Special Use Permit 18.85.090. By changing the zone to commercial – you
36 cannot use a Special Use Permit or a variance in Commercial Zoning.

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38 Mr. Shannon read section 18.54.060

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40 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated the towers would have to be concealed and they would need another
41 Special Use Permit.

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43 Mr. Shannon stated this part of the ordinance applies to the tower placed in 2005.

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1 Mayor Pro-Tem Caro stated a vote was taken and people did not know what they were voting on. Read
2 18.6.0.210 – this is not an opinion. It specifically reads that cell towers are excluded. We have to go by
3 the ordinance.
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5 Trustee Arzabal stated we are going to be going round and round. We need to give the applicant some
6 guidance. He recommends getting an attorney opinion and he recommends Mr. John Darden. He said at
7 the last meeting that the towers were not up for a vote it was strictly the zone change. We only need to
8 look at one tower, 2005 application. The other tower would be grandfathered in since the ordinance was
9 not in place at that time. Having an attorney review the case would eliminate everyone looking at it in
10 their own way. We need to get it in writing.
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12 Mayor Barraza responded she would not use the word grandfathering-in; it was allowed per ordinance.
13 We all interpret things in different ways. This is a discussion item; not an action item. She agrees with
14 Trustee Arzabal in getting a legal opinion regarding the towers. We can send this to the New Mexico
15 Municipal League as well. She asked the board if they are in favor of moving in that direction. She
16 directed Mr. Shannon to contact Mr. Cervantes to see if he can get to it in a timely manner if not to ask
17 Mr. Darden and to contact Mr. Randy VanVleck from the New Mexico Municipal League.
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19 Trustee Arzabal recommends having a time line so it comes back in a reasonable time.
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21 C. For discussion/possible approval: a request by Judge Frieze for a \$1,000 increase to his
22 current year budget. *Removed from the agenda.*

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24 D. **Resolution 2018-04:** A Resolution providing for determination of reasonable notice of
25 meetings of the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. – **Cynthia Stoehner-**
26 **Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.** *Approved by consent agenda*
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29 **8. *STAFF REPORTS:**

30 Community Development
31 Community Programs
32 Finance Department
33 Fire Department
34 Marshal's Department
35 Public Works Department
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37 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

38 Mayor Barraza stated she attend a South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG) meeting Friday.
39 There was a speaker from Economic Development Department who gave us ideas where to look for
40 grants. The SCCOG board approved a 5% increase for their staff. We accepted the Audit Report and
41 budget adjustments for SCCOG. There is an MPO meeting on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Dona Ana
42 County Chambers; Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Arzabal and herself.
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44 **10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

45 Fire Chief no comments.
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1 Marshal Alberg stated we have a deputy who has been deployed through the National Guard which can be
2 for 30 days to two years. He will come forward to the board with a recommendation.

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4 Ms. Lujan no comments.

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6 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez no comments.

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8 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she attended the training for newly elected officials as well as Trustee
9 Garcia and Mayor Barraza. It was a good event. She has noticed political signs around town which have
10 been there a couple of weeks. There is a meet and greet at Salud for the District 33 candidates tonight at
11 7:00 p.m.. She asked Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez if she has heard anything on the lending libraries.

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13 Mayor Barraza responded she has addressed the political signs with Mr. Shannon.

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15 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she has not heard anything and will get with them tomorrow.

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17 Mayor Pro Tem Caro stated we, the board, have to look at our ordinances and not stray away from them
18 when making decisions. We will still continue to come up with different opinions and interpretations but
19 we need to go by the ordinances.

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21 Trustee Johnson-Burick read the 2018 Final Legislative Report regarding the use of wireless in entity
22 rights of way.

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24 Trustee Arzabal stated he is glad the board is moving forward in giving a small COLA increase. As a
25 policy making board we can amend an ordinance as long as the process is follow. He has no idea why he
26 is on the MPO Committee as the meetings are in the middle of the day; pay does not have anything to do
27 with it. The Las Cruces Public Schools are including attendance in staff evaluations after three absences
28 we get docked in our evaluation.

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30 Trustee Garcia no comment

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32 Mayor Barraza stated she received a phone call regarding signs on Glass Road and has addressed it with
33 Mr. Shannon. The Town of Mesilla has an opportunity to have three votes on the MPO Board. She
34 cannot be at all the meetings so we have the opportunity to have representation. It also gives them an
35 inside on what is coming to the Town of Mesilla. She gives the trustees the experience of knowing what
36 is going on with the organizations and committees the town is involved with. She cannot be at three
37 different meetings; she needs the help of the trustees. She hopes they make their best effort to attend.
38 This gives them a hands-on experience and to see what we can share with our constituents. She is happy
39 to hear the board wants more information with regards to the cell towers in order to make the right
40 decision. MOLI Training as a refresher course and for new trustees. Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will be in
41 attending Clerk School and a workshop on Sexual Harassment next week. There will be a worksession
42 for the budget at the next meeting.

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44 Trustee Garcia stated she can substitute for a trustee who cannot make a meeting.

45 46 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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49 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 PM.**

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1 **APPROVED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2018.**

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Nora L. Barraza

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Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

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9 **ATTEST:**

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Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

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Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

14 Town Clerk/Treasurer

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