



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

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

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Enrique Salas, Lieutenant
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC: Nicolas Navarro Dylan Thunhorst
P.A. Sandoval Mickey Clute
Anna Biad Susan Krueger

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Caro, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Johnson-Burick.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Garcia Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence for Mr. Raymond Cano.

1 **4. PROCLAMATIONS:**

2 **A.** A proclamation declaring October 7th – October 13th, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week in the
3 Town of Mesilla. – **Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief.**

4 Fire Chief Hoban read proclamation declaring October 7th – October 13th, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week
5 in the Town of Mesilla. There will be education programs held at Mesilla Elementary School.
6 Literature will be distributed to local businesses. Smoke alarms are available to residents who cannot
7 afford one; they will install them as well.

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9 Mayor Barraza stated it is an honor and a pleasure to proclaim the week October 7th thru October 13th as
10 Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Mesilla. She thanked them for all they do.

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12 **5. CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2): discussion limited to
13 personnel matters in the Public Works Department. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

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

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

19 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

20 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

21 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

22 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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24 **Entered Closed Session at 6:09 p.m.**

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26 **Motion:** To enter Regular Meeting after limited discussion pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-
27 1(H)(2) regarding personnel matters in the Public Works Department; no decisions were made, **Moved by**
28 **Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

31 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

32 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

33 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

34 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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36 **Entered Regular Meeting at 7:03 p.m.**

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

39 Ms. Sandoval stated they she and Mrs. Moreno have come before the board to complain about the smoker
40 at Chala's. She had not heard anything from Mr. Shannon so the first week in September she came back
41 and Mr. Shannon told her what else she wanted him to do. They cannot be outside as they cannot breathe.
42 She went to the State Department of Environmental Division who came the next day and cited Mr. Torres
43 giving him 75 days to comply; increase the height of the stack and get scrubbers. She is asking for
44 something to be done and she is not moving.

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46 Ms. Krueger reviewed her comments and questions from the prior meeting.

47 -definition of routine and recurring businesses

48 -definition on how new business items are placed on the consent agenda

49 -asked why Mr. Rivera was wearing a Community Service Officer patch before he was approved

50 -qualification of whom ever is appointed CSO to counsel students involved in criminal activity

1 She had questions and comments and would appreciate if some fill in.

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

6 **Motion:** To approve consent agenda, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-**
7 **Burick.**

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9 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated maybe there could be an amendment to address Ms. Kruger’s comments.
10 She indicated the map from the Assessor’s office has a different address for Mr. Clute’s property.

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12 Mr. Clute responded he will follow up on that.

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14 Mayor Barraza stated the condition for Mr. Clute’s project is that the window frame trim must be a color
15 acceptable by the Town of Mesilla.

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

18 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

19 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

20 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

21 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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23 **A. *BOT Minutes – Minutes of a Regular meeting of September 10, 2018. *Approved by***
24 ***consent agenda***

25 **B. *PZHAC Case 060783 – 1750 Calle de Mercado, submitted by Anna Emerick-Biad; a**
26 **request for a building permit to allow the renovation of a commercial property at this**
27 **address to accommodate an extension of an adjacent private school, a banquet hall, a café,**
28 **commercial offices, and a children’s health care center. Zoned: General Commercial (C).**
29 ***Approved by consent agenda***

30 **C. *PZHAC Case 060784 – 1750 Calle de Mercado, submitted by Anna Emerick-Biad for**
31 **Hacienda Investments, LLC; a request for a sign permit to erect a directory sign on a**
32 **commercial property at this address. Zoned: General Commercial (C). *Approved by***
33 ***consent agenda***

34 **D. *PZHAC Case 060790 w/CONDITION– 2186 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Michael**
35 **Clute; a request for a building permit to replace the windows on a dwelling at this address.**
36 **Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda***

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38 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

39 **A. For Approval: The hiring of a Public Works Foreman. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.****

40 Mayor Barraza stated the interim Foreman position is to be reevaluated in 3 months pending reference
41 checks. Mr. Sean Lucero is the committee’s recommendation.

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43 **Motion:** To approve the hiring of a Public Works Foreman, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by**
44 **Trustee Johnson-Burick**

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46 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3; No=2).**

47 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro No**

48 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

49 **Trustee Garcia No**

50 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

1 **Mayor Barraza Yes**
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3 **B. For Approval:** The hiring of a Grounds/Facilities Maintenance Worker. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

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5 Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Gaspar Ramos is recommended for the position of Grounds/Facilities
6 Maintenance Worker pending reference checks.
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8 **Motion:** To approve the hiring of a Grounds/Facilities Maintenance Worker, **Moved by Trustee**
9 **Arzabal, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Caro.**

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

12 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

13 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

14 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

15 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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17 **C. For Approval:** The hiring of a Maintenance/Water Operator. – **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

18 Mayor Barraza stated Mr. Christopher Lopez is recommended for the position of Maintenance/Water
19 Operator pending reference checks.
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21 **Motion:** To approve the hiring of a Maintenance/Water Operator, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal,**
22 **Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

25 **Mayor Pro Tem Caro Yes**

26 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

27 **Trustee Garcia Yes**

28 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**
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30 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

31 Trustee Garcia attended MOLI training in Santa Fe.
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33 Mayor Barraza attended Border Mayor Summit in San Antonio, Texas. Attendees were from Texas,
34 Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico and California. Economic Development was the item of discussion and
35 what we can do as border mayors. At the national level they perceive the border cities to have high crime
36 rates. El Paso Mayor Margo along with other mayors from border cities expressed that the crime rate is at
37 a low. They did have a concern on how to make it easier for the trucks transporting goods to cross the
38 border. NAFTA agreement was on the table for discussion as well. Mesilla relies on the weekends with
39 the tourists visiting our town.
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41 **10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

42 Mayor Barraza stated the fiesta successful and well attended. Firefighters did an excellent job; very
43 professional in responding to situations. She will be attending a training to thank them in person. She will
44 be addressing a situation involving a motorcycle group. She reminded the trustees to call her regarding
45 issues as she is probably aware of the issue; do not go to the staff or department heads. It is not up to the
46 Board of Trustees to give direction to the staff or tell them what to do.
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48 Trustee Johnson-Burick commended staff for their hard work with the fiesta.
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50 Mayor Pro Caro stated there are potholes on Calle de Norte that need attention. He thanked Mr. Cordero

1 for all he is doing for the town. He also recommended making the smoker stack higher at Chala's. There
2 has been sufficient time to correct the issue. Also he admires Ms. Sandoval for moving forward and
3 trying to help her neighbor; people care. He could not in good faith go with the selection of the foreman
4 due to his personal knowledge. He feels Mr. Cordero can remedy any potential problems.

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6 Trustee Garcia stated she attended the Dog Cruces Conference which one of our employees failed to
7 attend when he was on the agenda. She apologized to the gentleman in charge but would appreciate it if
8 someone from the office would do as well. She followed the chain of command regarding the tagging.
9 She said what the officers do on their time is their business. She is concerned with the officers having a
10 second job who is taking care of the town, are they doing it on their days off and when are they resting.

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12 Mayor Barraza stated she will call Mr. Villalobos. Marshal Alberg has been on vacation; she knows that
13 when he was scheduled to present, he was here working the fiesta. The tagging occurred either Thursday
14 night or Friday morning. Staff will be painting the wall by tomorrow. She spoke to Lieutenant Salas
15 making him aware of the tagging and he will be speaking to the officers. There is one officer per shift
16 making it difficult to catch them in the act. Moonlighting is allowed and must not be in conflict with their
17 job with the town. The officers do moonlight with NMSU which reimburses the town. Officers are
18 working at the Tent City in Tornillo, Texas. This is on their own time which they use their own vehicles
19 and are not in uniform. Mr. Cordero is taking care of the potholes.

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21 Mr. Cordero gave update on what he has been working on and issues being addressed:

- 22 -working on water and wastewater system
- 23 -sewer lines have been cleaned from the lateral to Highway 28 and Calle de Sur to Calle de Norte
- 24 -broken line between Calle Medanos and the plaza
- 25 -lift station needs to be cleaned twice a year
- 26 -starter on Well #2 had to be replaced.
- 27 -Booster Bump motor needs to be replaced
- 28 -roof needed to be replaced on the well at Raasaf Hills
- 29 -replacing 600 meters with metrons
- 30 -contractor started addressing potholes
- 31 -tree trimming scheduled
- 32 -installing new fence at the shop
- 33 -obtaining quotes for walking path – ready for construction by May, 2019

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35 Mayor Pro Tem Caro stated there are loose bricks on the plaza on the sidewalk on the north side.

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37 Mr. Cordero stated there was a sink hole near the bookstore.

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39 Fire Chief Hoban stated Double Eagle freezer went out and asked for permission to park a refrigerated
40 truck on Calle de San Albino on the fire lane.

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42 Mayor Barraza stated offices will be closed Monday, October 8th in honor of Columbus Day. There is a
43 MPO meeting on October 10th. She will be attending the NMML Board Meeting in Santa Fe on October
44 6th. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th.


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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 7:41 P.M.**


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APPROVED THIS 9th OF OCTOBER, 2018.



Nora L. Barraza
Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

