



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOWN OF MESILLA
WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

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

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Lance Shepan, Sergeant
Gloria Maya, Recorder

PUBLIC:

A. Discussion on 2019-2020 Budget & Fiscal Year End Report for the Town of Mesilla – **Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer.**

Mayor Barraza opened worksession at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez gave a presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget & Fiscal Year End Report for the Town of Mesilla.

Trustee Arzabal asked if Public Works was the only department that went over budget.

Mayor Barraza responded yes which was due to the unforeseen emergencies.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the Mayor knew that was going to happen, so she budgeted accordingly.

Mayor Barraza stated that during the budget process revenue and expenditures were looked at carefully.

Trustee Caro stated everyone has done an outstanding job. He believes the Marshal's Department budget is too high and needs to be cut.

Trustee Arzabal responded he does not believe it is fair that that department always gets a raise due to collective bargaining. He feels at some point unions for everyone needs to be looked at.

1 Mayor Barraza stated we are currently in negotiations and they will be coming for an additional increase.
2 That increase will need to come out of the operational budget for the department. The town does not have
3 money. She understands the officers put their lives on the line but feels all employees are important in the
4 town's everyday operation.

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6 Trustee Arzabal stated if there is no money, then there is no bargaining.
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8 Mayor Barraza stated the deputies received a 1% increase. The increase to their budget is due to the
9 PERA and Health increases. We may want to look at the insurance percentages that the town currently
10 pays for the employees. Operational expenses have not increased significantly. The budget was
11 submitted and has been approved by DFA.
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13 Trustee Caro stated he is glad to hear that pay increases in the Marshal's Department are covered by their
14 own budget. He agrees it is not fair to the other employees.
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16 Mayor Barraza stated we cannot dip into the General Fund Reserve for continuous expenditures; the state
17 will not allow that. We are in crisis mode in terms of deputy vehicles. There are 3 or 4 operating
18 vehicles. We just spent \$10K in vehicle repairs. She reached out to Governor Lujan-Grisham. Today the
19 governor's office contacted her that the State Police has donated 2 vehicles. Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez is
20 looking at refinancing the loan that is paid through the Law Enforcement Fund and asking for Capital
21 Outlay funding.
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23 Mayor Barraza closed worksession at 5:50 p.m.
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1 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
3 **REGULAR MEETING**
4 **MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019**
5 **6:00 P.M.**
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7 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
8 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem (ABSENT)
9 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
10 Jesus Caro, Trustee
11 Veronica Garcia, Trustee
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13 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
14 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
15 Lance Shepan, Sergeant
16 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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18 **PUBLIC:** Susan Krueger
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21 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

25 **Roll Call.**

26 **Present:** Mayor Barraza, Trustee Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Garcia.
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28 **3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

29 **Motion:** To approve agenda, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**
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31 **Roll Call Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes =3).

32 Trustee Arzabal Yes

33 Trustee Caro Yes

34 Trustee Garcia Yes
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36 **4. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

37 No public input
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39 **5. *APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** – The Board will be asked to approve by one
40 **motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is**
41 **marked with an asterisk *:**

42 Trustee Arzabal requested placing under New Business items b & c on the consent agenda.
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1 **Motion:** To approve consent agenda as amended, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee**
2 **Caro.**

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

5 Trustee Arzabal Yes

6 Trustee Caro Yes

7 Trustee Garcia Yes

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9 **A. *BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting on July 8, 2019. *Approved by consent*
10 *agenda*

11 **B. *PZHAC Case 060932** – 2225 Calle de Colon, submitted by Rosalia Martinez; a request
12 for a zoning permit to update windows and repaint a dwelling at this address. **Zoned:**
13 **Historical Residential (HR).** *Approved by consent agenda*

14 **C. *APPROVAL** of annual memberships and listing of agreements/contracts. *Approved by*
15 *consent agenda*

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17 **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

18 **A. BOT Minutes** – Minutes of a Regular Meeting on June 24, 2019.

19 **Motion:** To approve minutes of a Regular Meeting on June 24, 2019, **Moved by Trustee Arzabal,**
20 **Seconded by Trustee Garcia.**

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

23 Trustee Arzabal Yes

24 Trustee Caro Yes

25 Trustee Garcia Yes

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27 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

28 **A. Resolution 2019-12:** A resolution by the Board of Trustees allowing for budget
29 adjustments. – *Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer.*

30 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviewed the adjustments.

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32 **Motion:** To approve a resolution by the Board of Trustees allowing for budget adjustments, **Moved by**
33 **Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Caro.**

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

36 Trustee Arzabal Yes

37 Trustee Caro Yes

38 Trustee Garcia Yes

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40 **B. Resolution 2019-13:** A resolution adopting the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year End Financial
41 Report for the Town of Mesilla. – *Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk-Treasurer.*
42 *Approved by consent agenda*

43 **C. Resolution 2019-14:** A resolution adopting the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Revenue and
44 Expenditures Budget for the Town of Mesilla. – *Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Clerk-*
45 *Treasurer. Approved by consent agenda*

1 **8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2 Trustee Arzabal stated the next CFO meeting will be September or October.

3 Mayor Barraza stated she attended the July 10th MPO Special Meeting; adjustments and personnel matters
4 (closed session) were discussed. Attended NMML Resolution Meeting on Saturday; Courtyard Marriott
5 Grand Opening; RTD meeting on Wednesday.

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7 **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

8 Trustee Garcia stated the Summer Music Series has been well attended.

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10 Trustee Arzabal reiterated we need to be careful regarding pay increases. Thanked the Mayor, Ms.
11 Stoechner-Hernandez and staff for all they do regarding the budget.

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13 Trustee Caro stated he has expressed his concerns regarding the car policy in the past and he still has the
14 same concerns.

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16 Mayor Barraza stated Friday will be last the Summer Music Series; last Friday was the last day for
17 Summer Recreation, Bustamante Farms donated the water slide. Ms. Garza and her staff did a fabulous
18 job. Ms. Sellers is introducing herself to the merchants; working on the fiesta. Next BOT meeting will
19 be August 12th. We are in crisis mode regarding vehicles in the Marshal's Department. The State Police
20 will be donating two vehicles. Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will be looking at refinancing the current loan in
21 order to purchase two more vehicles. Also going to our legislators through the ICIP process for
22 additional vehicles.

23 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:11 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

Nora L. Barraza

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Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez

Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez
Town Clerk/Treasurer

