



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TOWN OF MESILLA

WORKSESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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

STAFF: Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
K.C. Alberg, Marshal
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
Gloria Maya, Recorder
Larry Shannon

PUBLIC: Pat Taylor

1. For Discussion: Ordinance 2017-01 – An Ordinance Amending and Enacting certain sections of the Mesilla Town Code: Title 18.60.170 Parking Requirements and Fees.

Mayor Barraza opened the worksession.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated that Pages 16 thru 25 is the current approved ordinance, the proposed ordinance begins on page 26.

1 Mr. Shannon:

- 2 -Current ordinance section has a scale of how much was owed if the business was 10 spaces
- 3 short. There were a number of businesses that would have owed \$3,200 for parking
- 4 -Also based on if the business had been marked as legal non-conforming
- 5 -There was also a question on what constituted legal non-conforming
- 6 -A meeting was held to discuss alternative ways to address the parking issue
- 7 -Recommendation was made to amend the ordinance
- 8 -Current ordinance: \$100 per business (if it met the ordinance or not)
- 9 -Construction to the building, removing the legal non-conforming status, assess at how many
- 10 current parking spaces it had and what was needed
- 11 -Businesses required more than 10 spaces
- 12 -Recommended charging a flat fee: 20 or less employees \$200
- 13 20 or more employees \$400
- 14 -Flat fee will be used in the Historic District
- 15 -Commercial District: \$200 - \$400 without construction
- 16 -Revised and new businesses will be based on the new ordinance
- 17 -New ordinance also took the square feet as used in old ordinance; gross floor area that the
- 18 county uses to assess taxes
- 19 -Depending on the nature of the business different fees will be assessed

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21 Mr. Caro:

- 22 -Asked about La Posta who has its own parking and has a lot of employees
- 23 -Asked about the businesses that do not have any parking

24 Mr. Shannon:

- 25 -Businesses with less than 20 employees will be charged \$200; more than 20 will be charged
- 26 \$400

27 Mayor Barraza:

- 28 -La Posta does not have enough parking for their employees or their customers
- 29 -Businesses will be charged the flat fee according to the number of employees
- 30 -Businesses with over 20 employees are Double Eagle, La Posta, and Andele's

31 Mr. Shannon:

- 32 -Does not believe the commercial zone has a business with more than 20 employees

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1 Mr. Caro:

2 -Asked if all businesses have been assessed

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4 Mr. Shannon:

5 -Number of employees will be assessed

6 -We are not going by square footage unless there has been construction.

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8 Mayor Pro Tem:

9 -Would have been nice and helpful if the ordinance changes were noted in a red-lined version
10 for them.

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12 Mayor Barraza:

13 -Questions will be allowed as each section is reviewed

14 -Begin on Letter A

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16 Trustee Flores:

17 -Recommends adding *purchasing land*

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19 Mayor Barraza:

20 -adding purchasing of land, and creation of parking lot and parking spaces

21 -1A: struck out *or* and added word *and*

22 -Added the word *and* each time business registration are renewed

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24 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

25 -Asked how the number threshold of 21 employees was determined

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27 Mayor Barraza:

28 -Business owners felt that was a good number

29 -Not set in gold, the board can change that number if they would like. It's just a suggestion.

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31 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

32 -Asked if all business owners were extended the opportunity to attend meeting

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1 Mayor Barraza:

2 -No

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4 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez:

5 -Andale's, Josefina's, La Posta, and Kneading to Heal were in attendance at this meeting.

6 -They had an issue with the enforcement of the current parking ordinance. So we met at the
7 table to gather input.

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9 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

10 -Has problem since the invitation was not extended to all business owners

11 -That is not acceptable

12 -Picking a select few regardless of the reason

13 -Encounter problems if it is not based off a statute or some research

14 -Reads *required maintenance and creation of parking lots/spaces*; there are land owners who
15 take care of their property so now we are going to take money from them in order to repair
16 and create somebody else's parking space.

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18 Mayor Barraza:

19 -A business with the required spaced will not have an assessment

20 -This is for businesses that do not have the required parking spaces

21 -This is based on the ordinance

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23 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

24 -Based on ADA, etc. as well

25 -The new ordinance does not have the statement *we do not have in no case shall any*
26 *structure listed in the historic register be demolished to provide parking*

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28 Mayor Barraza:

29 -That is under the Historic Preservation Ordinance

30 -Same verbiage can be added to this ordinance as E

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32 Trustee Arzabal:

33 -Asked if will go to Mr. Darden for review

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Mayor Barraza:

- This is only a worksession; there will be a first and second reading
- It will go to attorney for review

Trustee Caro:

- Feels it is discriminatory
- Asked if a meeting will be held to answer questions and address concerns

Mayor Barraza:

- A public hearing is held to give the public the opportunity to voice concerns
- A copy of what is being proposed will be made available
- This worksession was posted giving the public the opportunity to attend; only one (1) person in attendance
- When a meeting is scheduled we ask representation from different business sizes

Trustee Arzabal:

- Asked if Mercado Vendors have to pay parking

Mr. Shannon:

- Mercado Vendors pay \$35 for license and \$100 for their space
- Reviewed and read All Other Zones: using a combination as in the past or City of Socorro's
- Personal service shops: 1 for every 500 sq. feet, churches 1 for every 6 sq. feet
- If no fixed fee: 1 for each 100 sq. feet used for assembly purposes

Mayor Barraza

- Asked which are the ones changed from the present ordinance

Mr. Shannon:

- Businesses serving food remains the same for internal use; outdoor patios were reduced to 100 sq. feet.

Mayor Barraza:

1 -She felt 200 sq. feet per space was small; requested reducing it to 100 sq. feet

2 -Businesses are extending their businesses to patios

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4 Mr. Shannon:

5 -Community Building & Museums ordinance was not clear

6 -Add 1 for each 300 sq. feet

7 -Small Office Establishments-1 space for each 300 sq. feet plus 1 space

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9 Mayor Barraza:

10 -Recommending putting 2 spaces; 1 for employee and 1 space for each 300 sq. feet

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12 Trustee Flores;

13 -Asked what if it is a person working by them self

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15 Mayor Barraza:

16 -We cannot single out the businesses

17 -Asked how can the spaces be determined?

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19 Trustee Flores:

20 -Recommending putting two (2) spaces

21 -Inaudible

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23 Mayor Barraza:

24 -Asked how do we address the ones that do have enough

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26 Trustee Flores:

27 -A space for each employee makes more sense

28 -Tie to the actual people using it

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30 Mayor Barraza:

31 -Asked what the business grows; who is going to monitor

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33 Trustee Flores:

1 -If they complain because their spaces are being used up, we can go back and ask how many
2 more employees they have

3 -Recommends saying spaces for employees and extra space for each 300 sq. feet
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5 Mr. Shannon:

6 -La Posta has over 20 employees who are parking on private streets

7 -Their parking area is designated for customers

8 -Mesilla does not have enough parking; hard to breakdown more specifically

9 He continued with the changes:

10 -Boarding Houses/Bed and Breakfast-1 for each 120 sq. feet

11 -Dual businesses in same location, number of both sq. feet to come up with a figure
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13 Trustee Caro:

14 -Asked for clarification on the 10 +1 for each sq. feet
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16 Mayor Barraza:

17 -More than 5000 sq. feet will require 10 spaces +1 for each 300 sq. feet
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19 Trustee Caro:

20 -Asked to indicate 10 *parking spaces* +1 for each additional 300 sq. feet
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22 Mayor Barraza:

23 -It can read 10 *parking spaces* +1 *parking space for each 300 sq. feet*

24 -We need to be consistent in the wording
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26 Mr. Shannon:

27 -Recommending saying *off street parking spaces requirement* in caption

28 -Want to ensure we are talking about parking that is not on the street

29 -Current regulation only two (2) parking spaces are required; realistically that does not work
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31 Mr. Caro:

32 -There will not be enough parking at the housing that is going up next to the Reynolds

33 -There will be parking on the street

1 -Fire Trucks will not be able to pass on our narrow streets

2 -We need to look and remedy that

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4 Mayor Barraza:

5 -We have had discussion about the likely hood of people parking on the street

6 -Narrow streets cannot accommodate more than one car passing at a time

7 -The Salas property met the current ordinance as it is addressed so there is nothing we can do
8 about it

9 -We added off street parking spaces required.

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11 Trustee Caro:

12 -Inaudible

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14 Mr. Shannon:

15 -He did the meet the requirements so he was approved

16 -The requirements as they currently are, are inadequate

17 -This is for new developments only

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19 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

20 -A four (4) bedroom house for one person will be required to have three (3) garages

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22 Mr. Shannon:

23 -Not three (3) garages; will need to have three (3) parking spaces

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25 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

26 -Asked what identifies parking space?

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28 Mr. Shannon:

29 -It does necessarily mean that it will be occupied by that same one person in the future

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31 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

32 -Asked what delineates a parking space?

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1 Mr. Shannon:

2 -10 ft. by 20 ft.

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4 Mayor Barraza:

5 -The spaces will need to be indicated on the plans

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7 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

8 -Asked if they will need to be parallel parking spaces?

9 -The parking surfaces will be taking away from the land, yard; beauty of the house

10 -Concerned with the mandates on residential

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12 Mr. Shannon:

13 -Enclosed garages are not used for parking, they are usually used as storage.

14 -It can be counted as parking, but we recommend looking at the parking area

15 -If the garage does not fit in with everything else, it does not fly

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17 Trustee Flores:

18 -Prefers to indicate in the verbiage these parking spaces need to be off the street

19 -Sees people saying it is just in the heading, not a requirement

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21 Mr. Shannon;

22 -Agrees it needs to say off street parking required

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24 Trustee Caro:

25 -Houses should be the same type and style

26 -We have allowed 3 to 4 houses on one lot and they stick out

27 -Need to follow the Yguado Plan

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29 Mayor Barraza:

30 -Concerned with not allowing the garage parking as parking space.

31 -Space is limited in the core

32 -If they cannot count their garage as parking it will limit what they can do

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1 Mr. Shannon:

- 2 - There are very few enclosed garages in the Historic Zone
- 3 -We do not want to encourage enclosed garages in the historic area
- 4 He can't tell if it is being used for parking or for storage. Majority of garages in the Historic
- 5 Zone are open.

6 He continued reading the changes:

- 7 -Refer to the Handicap Ordinance-ADA requirement
- 8 -Omit paragraphs D & F; difficult to enforce
- 9 -E: parking revisions could be waived
- 10 -Used for storage can be subtract from sq. feet

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12 Trustee Caro:

- 13 -Now the homebuilder will be required to have parking spaces according to Handicap
- 14 requirements
- 15 -Can see that being a requirement on a business but not on a home

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17 Mayor Barraza:

- 18 -Family dwellings will be excluded
- 19 -Apartments will need to meet the requirement

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21 Mr. Shannon:

- 22 -Size and access with adequate ingress and egress
- 23 -Parking space is 10 ft. x 20 ft.
- 24 -Parking for dwellings should be on lot or neighboring lot, but not more than 150 feet from
- 25 the buildings they serve.

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27 Mayor Barraza:

- 28 -Asked if the general requirements are the ones in the current ordinance

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30 Mr. Shannon:

- 31 -An enclosed area can be allowed provided it is a common area
- 32 -3b changed to *assessed each year at renewal of business license*

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1 Mayor Barraza:

2 -Request striking out c and all of joint use

3 -3b was added to 3a

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5 Mr. Shannon:

6 -Easier to enforce when it is collected at one time such as at business license renewal
7 renewal

8 -New businesses will be looked at upon application process

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10 Mayor Barraza:

11 -Two (2) or more businesses under one roof is mixed occupancy

12 -Each business depending on number of employees will have to pay the \$200 or \$400
13 assessment

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15 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

16 -Asked if there was something currently in place

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18 Mayor Barraza:

19 -There is nothing currently in place

20 -In place is only 3a

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22 Mr. Shannon:

23 -Mixed occupancy changes how the square footage is calculated

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25 Trustee Flores:

26 -Wonders why joint uses was eliminated

27 -Makes sense to her when there are two (2) businesses, one (1) day and one (1) night use

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29 Mayor Barraza:

30 -Example: church leases out church parking lot to Double Eagle would be joint use

31 - We could not think of any property that does that

32 - Businesses are not willing to get into the joint use position

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1 Trustee Arzabal:

2 -Asked if La Posta will pay \$400, Gift Shop will pay \$200, Store will pay \$200

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4 Trustee Flores:

5 -She likes to give people options

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7 Mayor Barraza:

8 -Plans becomes now #4 instead of #6

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10 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez reviews a few changes:

11 -H 1a designating how the proposed parking space is measured

12 -H 1e entrance and exit was changed to 24 feet in width

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14 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

15 -Asked why did was it changed to 24 feet?

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17 Mr. Shannon:

18 -Due to the trucks and emergency equipment radius.

19 He continued on with the changes:

20 -Paragraph 8 changed regarding commercial parking

21 -Paragraph 2 changed to provide adequate drainage, repeated in paragraph 3

22 -Remove major residential – this is only commercial

23 -Paragraph 2 changed to must be approved by Planning/Zoning Commission and Board of
24 Trustees, repeated in paragraph 3

25 -Paragraph 3 should read in Commercial Zone

26 -Paragraph 8 inserted commercial parking area abutting our property

27 -Section C adds *shall meet the requirement of the Night Sky Ordinance*

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29 Trustee Caro:

30 -There are a lot of lights in Mesilla

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32 Mayor Barraza:

33 -We are addressing that

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Mr. Shannon:

-Has sent a letters addressing the lighting issues.

He continued with changes:

-Recreation Vehicles is still the same from the current ordinance

-Bicycle parking requirements should be addressed

Mayor Barraza:

-Asked that bicycle parking be omitted since there is a problem with adequate parking

Mayor Pro Tem:

-Surfaces was removed in the current ordinance

-Recommends making it a separate ordinance

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez:

-Surfaces was changed from surfacing to construction standards

Mayor Barraza:

-The ordinance is on the agenda as a first reading; it can be removed

-A draft with everything that has been discussed can be provided for the next meeting

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

-She would be more comfortable with more time

Trustee Flores:

-Recommends sending a draft to the businesses to give them an opportunity to respond

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez:

-Ms. Parra has an E-Blast for most of the businesses we could utilize.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick:

-These parking fees impact all the businesses not just the chosen few

-Sees issues when this is put into effect and not everyone was notified

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2 Mayor Barraza closed the work session at 6:10 p.m.
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5 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
6 **TOWN OF MESILLA**
7 **MEETING**
8 **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2017**
9 **6:00 P.M.**
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11 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor
12 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Mayor Pro Tem
13 Carlos Arzabal, Trustee
14 Jesus Caro, Trustee
15 Linda L. Flores, Trustee
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17 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer
18 K.C. Alberg, Marshal
19 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief
20 Gloria Maya, Recorder
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22 **PUBLIC:** Pat Taylor
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24 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

28 **Roll Call.**

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

1 Trustee Arzabal requested removing item 8c from the consent agenda.

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3 **Motion: To approve the removal of item 8c until next meeting, Moved by Trustee Arzabal,**
4 **Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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

7 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

8 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

9 **Trustee Caro Yes**

10 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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12 **Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Trustee**
13 **Arzabal.**

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

16 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

17 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

18 **Trustee Caro Yes**

19 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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21 **4. PROJECT UPDATE:** an update on the Mesilla Water Looping Project on Snow Road,
22 Valle Grande Road and Los Arenales. – **Michael Ramirez, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper.**

23 Mr. Ramirez indicated the construction for the Water Looping Project has started. The bank has
24 approved all the documents. The project should be completed within two (2) months. Ms. Lujan has
25 been working very hard to get this project going.

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27 Mayor Barraza stated DuCross Construction is doing the project. She asked Ms. Lujan to set up a
28 Public Meeting with the residents that are being affected; she wants to educate our residents. She
29 asked Mr. Ramirez to be present.

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31 Mr. Ramirez stated the contractor should have sent out notices to those residents. They can facilitate
32 the meeting to inform the residents.

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1 Mayor Barraza stated it is important that we notify our residents. She is happy the project has hit the
2 ground going.

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4 Trustee Caro asked where the project is starting at.

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6 Mr. Ramirez responded we will begin at Los Arenales.

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

9 No Public Input

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11 **6. CLOSED SESSION** – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) for discussion of
12 limited personnel matters of the Public Works Department and NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-
13 15-1(H)(7) for the discussion of attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or
14 pending litigation for Nancy Byers v Town of Mesilla, et. al. Case No. D-307-CV-2016-
15 02872– **Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.**

16 **Motion: To enter CLOSED SESSION – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) for**
17 **discussion of limited personnel matters of the Public Works Department and NMSA 1978**
18 **Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7) for the discussion of attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or**
19 **pending litigation for Nancy Byers v Town of Mesilla, et. al. Case No. D-307-CV-2016-0287,**
20 **Moved by Trustee Caro, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal.**

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

23 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

24 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

25 **Trustee Caro Yes**

26 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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28 **Entered Closed Session at 6:15 p.m.**

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30 **Motion: To enter Open Session after limited discussion of limited personnel matters of the**
31 **Public Works Department pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) and NMSA 1978**
32 **Chapter 10-15-1(H)(7) for attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending**

1 litigation for Nancy Byers v Town of Mesilla, et. al. Case No. D-307-CV-2016-0287: no action
2 taken, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Trustee Arzabal

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

5 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

6 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

7 **Trustee Caro Yes**

8 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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10 **Entered Regular Meeting at 6:40**

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

15 **Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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

18 **Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes**

19 **Trustee Arzabal Yes**

20 **Trustee Caro Yes**

21 **Trustee Flores Yes**

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23 **a. *BOT MINUTES – Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, February 13, 2017.**
24 ***Approved by consent agenda***

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26 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

27 **b. For Approval: the hiring of two full-time employees to fill two Maintenance I**
28 **positions in the Public Works Department. – Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.**
29 **Mayor Barraza recommended Mr. Peter Ortega and Mr. Elias Varela to fill two (2) Maintenance I**
30 **positions in the Public Works Department.**

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32 **Motion: To approve the hiring of two full-time employees to fill two Maintenance I positons in**
33 **the Public Works Department, Moved by Trustee Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Caro.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Arzabal Yes

Trustee Caro Yes

Trustee Flores Yes

c. First reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-01: An Ordinance Amending and Enacting certain sections of the Mesilla Town Code: Title 18.60.170, “Parking Requirements and Fees.” – **Larry Shannon, Community Development Coordinator. *Postponed***

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Trustee Flores no comments.

Trustee Arzabal stated he hopes we have an ordinance before the Food Truck event to avoid issues. He attended a session in Santa Fe regarding Las Colonias and we are losing out on funding. Municipalities are taking advantage of the funding for their infrastructure and are willing to talk to our residents. They indicated they are able to stay at their same rates; he does not think that is possible. He feels we need to look into the designation in order to get things done. The State of New Mexico is broke. The school districts have taken a hit. There needs to be transparency when we begin to work on the budget. The town is paying its bills. The hardest decision the board ever made was reducing the employee’s hours. He does not want to approve a COLA or raise in July and then in December have to reduce hours. The town relies on building permits and Gross Receipt Tax. He is skeptical with everything going on in the state.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick no comments

Trustee Caro stated it is going to get worse before it gets better. The Colonias has funding but that also is going to go away. People are afraid of the Colonial title but it is just on paper; we will not be changing our name. He has heard good things about the program. The municipalities with the Colonia designation have done good things and we are just standing by the way side.

1 Mayor Barraza stated we sat in on the Colonia presentation and the state may be trying to do away
2 with Colonial funding. The funding is only for communities that are 150 miles from the border. The
3 municipalities that have received funding were meeting with the governor to advocate keeping the
4 funding; see the good that has come from those monies. She feels the Colonia terminology is the
5 wrong title as it does not settle well with everyone. Municipalities have received millions of dollars
6 from Colonia funding, as well as other sources to come up with their in-kind. Small municipalities
7 do not have in-kind money. Water Associations have tapped into it as well. There is currently \$17
8 million dollars available. This is something we will continue to pursue. Residents will see that the
9 water looping project was done with outside funding (BECC). BECC did recommend raising our
10 water rates because they were so low, so that was approved by the trustees and is being done on a
11 yearly basis per CPI. We are updating our ordinances to get into the 21st century. We met and asked
12 the Department Heads to be conservative as they do not anticipate a large increase in revenue. The
13 Board of Finance has been very responsible and able to stay on track; 3% to 4% above average. We
14 are starting the budget process earlier; looking at scheduling a worksession the first of April.

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16 Trustee Caro recommended following up on Las Cruces regarding immigration.

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18 Mayor Barraza responded they had a resolution.

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20 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated it was a resolution opposing the wall. The City of Santa Fe was
21 trying to pass a resolution as well.

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23 Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will get something put together. Santa Fe was
24 depressing due to the cuts which also affect the Law Enforcement and Fire Protection Funds. Those
25 monies were allocated in July allowing the departments to pay yearly insurances and other large dues
26 or fees in July; the rest was used throughout the year for operation. These funds had two (2) years
27 advanced revenue. When the state heard that they took \$70 million dollars from that pot. The
28 allocations will now be allocated quarterly. We will have to figure out what we are going to do.

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30 Trustee Caro inaudible

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32 Mayor Barraza responded that is what they did with education. The town is required to have a
33 reserve which covers our up front expenses and it is paid back when we receive reimbursements. We

1 are not going to wipe out our reserve. They took \$3.5 million dollars from the schools; it is a sad
2 situation. We are going to continue in this trend until they find a way to start generating money. She
3 does not understand how the state got into this situation. A municipality could not operate in that
4 situation without the state coming in and taking over our finances.

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6 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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9 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:08 P.M.**

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13 **APPROVED THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017**

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Nora L. Barraza

18 Mayor

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21 **ATTEST:**

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25 Cynthia Stochner-Hernandez

26 Town Clerk/Treasurer

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