| Town of Mesilla, New Mexic   |  |   |  |
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|  | BOARD OF T<br>TOWN OF<br>REGULAR BOA<br>MONDAY, M<br>6:00 H  | MESILLA<br>RD MEETING<br>IAY 8, 2017  |  |
| TRUSTEES:  | Nora L. Barraza, Mayor<br>Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro T<br>Jesus Caro, Trustee<br>Linda L. Flores, Trustee<br>Stephanie Johnson-Burick, T          |   |  |
| STAFF:   | Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez<br>K.C. Alberg, Marshal<br>Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief<br>Gloria Maya, Recorder   | , Town Clerk/Treasurer  |  |
| PUBLIC:  | Gregg Henry<br>Biviana Cadena<br>Christoph Schajo<br>Catherine Walkinshaw<br>Mary Dolores Taylor<br>Matt Lee<br>Len Gambrell<br>Mary Helen Ratje | Wenda Trevathan<br>Elizabeth McDonald<br>Celestin Duncan<br>Eric Walkinshaw<br>Trina Witter<br>Lori Miller<br>Ella Nelson<br>David Criber |  |
| 1. PLEDGI  | E OF ALLEGIANCE  |   |  |
| Mesilla Elementa   | ary School students led the Pledg  | e of Allegiance.  |  |
| 2. ROLL C  | ALL & DETERMINATION O  | <b>PF A QUORUM</b>  |  |
| Roll Call.   |  |   |  |
| Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Caro, Trustee Flores, T |  |   |  |

| 1                              | 3. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA   |
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| 3                              | Trustee Johnson-Burick requested removing item 8c Case #060546 from the consent agenda.   |
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| 5                              | Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by  |
| 6                              | Trustee Caro.   |
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| 8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13 | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).<br>Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes<br>Trustee Caro Yes<br>Trustee Flores Yes<br>Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
| 14                             | 4. PROCLAMATIONS:   |
| 15<br>16<br>17<br>18           | <ul> <li>a. A Proclamation designating May 9, 2017 as Official National Bike to School in the<br/>Town of Mesilla – Ashleigh Curry, Safe Routes to School Champion and<br/>students.</li> </ul>   |
| 19<br>20<br>21                 | Ms. Ashleigh Curry read the Proclamation designating May 9, 2017 as Official National Bike to School in the Town of Mesilla.  |
| 21<br>22<br>23                 | Waylon invited everyone to participate on May 9, 2017, Official National Bike to School Day.  |
| 23<br>24<br>25<br>26           | Marliee stated on Saturday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> they will be going on a camping trip on our bikes, 10 miles each way.  |
| 27<br>28<br>29<br>30           | Ms. Curry stated they will be utilizing La Llorona Trail as they make their way to Mayfield High School. They are excited that the Town of Mesilla received funding to continue the trail. She thanked the town for their support.                                      |
| 31<br>32<br>334                | Mayor Barraza thanked everyone for being here.  |
| 35                             | 5. PRESENTATIONS:   |
| 36<br>37<br>38                 | <ul> <li>a. A presentation of a Certificate of Advancement to Deputy Marshal Diana Mejia to<br/>Master Deputy. – Marshal K.C. Alberg.</li> </ul>  |
| 39<br>40<br>41<br>42<br>43     | Marshal Alberg presented a Certificate of Advancement to Deputy Marshal Diana Mejia to Master Deputy. This year we started a career development recognition program; recognizing the efforts of our officers. Deputy Mejia has over 600 hours after the Police Academy. |

| 1<br>2<br>3                | <ul> <li>b. Results of the 2017 Infrastructure Survey. – Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez,<br/>Clerk/Treasurer.</li> </ul>  |
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| 5<br>4<br>5<br>6           | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez reviewed the results of the 2017 Infrastructure Survey. There were 800 surveys sent out; 46 were received.   |
| 7<br>8<br>9                | Mayor Barraza stated she is disappointed at the low percentage of returned surveys.   |
| 9<br>10<br>11<br>12        | <ol> <li>CLOSED SESSION – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) for discussion of<br/>limited personnel matters of the Public Works Department – Nora L. Barraza, Mayor.</li> </ol>                                       |
| 12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16 | Motion: To enter Closed Session – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2) for discussion of limited personnel matters of the Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.   |
| 17                         | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).   |
| 18                         | Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes<br>Trustee Caro Yes   |
| 19<br>20                   | Trustee Caro Yes  |
| 20                         | Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
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| 23<br>24                   | ENTERED CLOSED SESSION AT 6:15 P.M.   |
| 25<br>26<br>27             | Motion: To enter Regular Session after limited discussion of personnel matters of the Public Works Department – pursuant to NMSA 1978 Chapter 10-15-1(H)(2), Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson-Burick. |
| 28<br>29                   | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).   |
| 29<br>30                   | Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes   |
| 31                         | Trustee Caro Yes  |
| 32                         | Trustee Flores Yes  |
| 33                         | Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
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| 35                         | ENTERED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:22 P.M.  |
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| 37                         | Mayor Barraza held a Moment of Silence for Ms. Serafina Martinez.   |
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| 40                         | 7. <b>PUBLIC INPUT</b> – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.  |
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| 42                         | Ms. Trina Witter stated the 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ride of Silence will be held Wednesday, May 28, 2017.   |
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| 44                         | Ms. Ella Nelson stated as she was driving into town she saw there was a traffic stop across from  |
| 45                         | the condos on Avenida de Mesilla. There were three (3) marshal cars and a Border Patrol van; a  |

young gentleman was in the stopped pick-up. She pulled over and observed. A tow truck was 1 2 called and the gentleman was put into the Border Patrol van. She has heard of instances where people are picked up and the families do not even know. She does not know what the stop was 3 4 for. She attempted to take a picture of the pick-up tags. She left the scene, as she entered the 5 intersection the light was green but turned yellow as she crossed the intersection there were two 6 (2) Mesilla Marshal units behind her; one turned his lights on. She stopped; the officer came and asked what was going on because she had stopped at the traffic stop. She wants to know why 7 8 she was stopped; she did not break any law and would appreciate an answer.

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10 Mr. Gregg Henry stated he encourages the board to support the National Monument resolution.

He asked that Mesilla support the bicycle access from the town to La Llorona Park. This is a
wonderful idea and Mesilla will be missing out if they do not do complete the loop.

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Mr. Jerry Garcia stated as he was fixing a truck, he saw a truck going really slow. When the truck got to a certain house they started taking pictures. They were not the deputies; it was the Border Patrol. He feels they are observing that stuff; looking for Hispanics. There a lot of Hispanics that live in Mesilla. He hopes they don't make a mistake; that was bad.

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Mr. Paul Taylor stated he supports the Organ Mountain Peak. When he was a kid he had a wonderful experience exploring the Organ Mountains. Last week he took his guest to the mountains and they were amazed at the view. He explained why the cave is so important to his family.

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Mr. Chris Schajo stated the monument is something so wonderful to have. It is also such a great mechanism to bring money to the town as people come to shop and eat. It is more than a monument; it is a great natural beauty.

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Mr. Erick Walkinshaw stated he understands the value of the Natural Park Services after working 38 years with the park service. He encourages the board to support the monument.

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31 Ms. Wenda Trevathan stated some say it is waste land but there are so much out there, thousands 32 of archeological sites. She encourages the board to support the resolution

Ms. Trini Witter stated she supports the resolution of the Organ Mountain Desert Peak. Her daughters love the outdoors. When we go hiking and bike riding we meet people from all over who come to see the monument. It is an outdoor learning classroom.

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Ms. Catherine Walkinshaw stated she supports the Organ Mountain Desert Peak in its entirety.
A lot of research and time went into getting designated. She is also concerned with what she is
seeing regarding ICE and what is happening with our neighbors.

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10 Mr. David Crider stated he supports the monument and all the work that has been done. There a lot of people that want to see it work. We are adding bike tours to the area and helicopters tours 11 12 are being done over the monument. There are several activities because of the monument. There are so many sites that people do not know about. He is talking to other business owners who are 13 getting involved in the development. Their whole purpose is to bring people into the area. We 14 15 have an opportunity to change for the better. A business that looks at relocating looks at employee base, infrastructure, and quality of life. If we lose the monument status it will affect 16 17 businesses wanting to relocate to our area.

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Mr. Pat Taylor stated he supports the monument as well; everyone benefits from it. He loves Mayor Barraza's mention of Go Take a Hike. It encourages people to reflect on what we are doing. There is nothing more important than our basic level of government. Allowing people to express themselves and to know they have the opportunity speak during the presentation of a case. He hopes to see more involvement in Mesilla government and ask that it be considered. He will be looking at who supports public involvement at the next election.

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Ms. Biviana Cadena stated we have to protect the natural monument. If it is not protected it will be developed in a different way. She wants to continue keeping Mesilla diverse. Kids benefit from touring Mesilla, Mesilla Valley Bosque and learning about the area. We can make a difference for these kids and let the kids know they can make a difference.

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Ms. Lori Miller stated they moved here because they were charmed by the cultured and the natural beauty of the monument. She supports everything that has been said.

Ms. Celestine Duncan stated the most important thing for moving back was the national monument. The boundaries here are as good as it gets. She asked the board to support the resolution.

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6 Senator Jeff Steinborn stated he has been advocating for the monument for several years. In 3 7 years it has been phenomenal. Last year visitation increased by 103%. We have gotten 8 international publicity. This is beneficial for the Town of Mesilla which leads the county in 9 preservation. When we hear about the unprecedented look at these monuments and what will 10 happen here, we would see all of these areas removed from protection. We are in the beginning 11 of a 120 day presidential review; he asks everyone to weigh in and give their opinions.

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

17 Motion: To approve the consent agenda as amended, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal,

- 18 Seconded by Trustee Flores.
- 20 Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).
- 21 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes
- 22 Trustee Caro Yes
- 23 Trustee Flores Yes
- 24 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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- a. \*BOT MINUTES Regular Meeting and Work Session minutes of Monday, April 24, 2017. *Approved by consent agenda*
- b. \*PZHAC CASE 060544 w/condition that the portions of the wall painted blue be
   restored to the original color 2184 Calle de Arroyo, submitted by Paul and Cheryll
   Blevins; a request for a building permit to paint a gate in a stucco wall at the
   driveway to a dwelling at this address. Zoned: Historical Residential (HR).
   *Approved by consent agenda*
- \*PZHAC CASE 060546 2738 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Steven Hicks; a
   request for a building permit to allow the construction of a 6-foot-high, 30 foot by 30
   foot, chain-link fence in the backyard of a dwelling at this address. Zoned: Historical
   Residential (HR).

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Trustee Johnson-Burick stated based on ordinance 18.60 there are only six (6) types of material that can be used for a fence. She is aware fence is in the backyard and backs up to a street. She

43 read page 32 which read it would be *pretty much hidden* by the dwelling. She is not

| 1<br>2<br>3  | comfortable with <i>pretty much hidden</i> and chain link does not fit the code; this is the historical district. She is not comfortable supporting this.   |
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| 4<br>5<br>6  | Mayor Barraza responded it is the second house north of Chala's. They are requesting to enclose from the backdoor; 30 ft.   |
| 7<br>8<br>9  | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez reviewed page 36. The board can table until next meeting in order to get more clarification from the applicant.  |
| 10<br>11   | Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she would like it tabled; wants to stick to history and culture.  |
| 12<br>13<br>14<br>15   | Mayor Barraza stated the property is rented and the landowner has signed off on it. This area will be used for animals. She asked Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez to look at all the different areas that are being used for animals in the historic area. |
| 16<br>17   | Motion: To postpone Case #060546, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by<br>Trustee Flores.  |
| 18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24                                 | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).<br>Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes<br>Trustee Caro Yes<br>Trustee Flores Yes<br>Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
| <del>24</del><br>26  | 9. NEW BUSINESS:  |
| 27<br>28<br>29   | <ul> <li>a. For Approval: Town of Mesilla Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget –<br/>Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer.</li> </ul>  |
| 30<br>31   | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez reviewed the budget.   |
| 32<br>33<br>34   | Motion: To approve Town of Mesilla Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Preliminary Budget, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.  |
| 35<br>36<br>37   | Trustee Caro asked if the \$28K lost for the playground equipment ever recovered. He asked how it was covered.  |
| <ol> <li>38</li> <li>39</li> <li>40</li> <li>41</li> <li>42</li> </ol> | Mayor Barraza responded a Mesilla Deputy took the report and took it to the Sheriff's Department. The Grand Jury did indict and there is a warrant for his arrest. We have gone through the legal process.  |
| 43<br>44<br>45   | Marshal Alberg responded if there is a subsequent conviction there is a possibility of recovering some funds if it has not been squandered  |
| 46   | Trustee Caro asked if the insurance will cover the loss since the process was not followed.   |
| 47   | Checks are not to be written until items have been received.  |

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| 2                          | Mayor Barraza responded this concern can be put on the next agenda for further discussion.  |
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| 4                          | Trustee Caro asked if it is in the budget.  |
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| 6                          | Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez can do a presentation at the next meeting  |
| 7                          | regarding the process. She stated the process was followed.   |
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| 9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13  | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).<br>Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes<br>Trustee Caro Yes<br>Trustee Flores Yes<br>Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
| 14<br>15                   |   |
| 16<br>17                   | <ul> <li>b. For Approval: the hiring of a Full-Time Maintenance I employee. – Debbie Lujan,<br/>Public Works Director.</li> </ul>   |
| 18<br>19<br>20             | Mayor Barraza recommended Mr. Juan Antonio Correra for the position of Maintenance I.   |
| 21<br>22<br>23             | Motion: To approve the hiring of a Full-Time Maintenance I employee, Moved by Mayor<br>Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.   |
| 24<br>25                   | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).<br>Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  |
| 26                         | Trustee Caro Yes  |
| 27                         | Trustee Flores Yes  |
| 28                         | Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  |
| 29<br>30<br>31<br>32       | <ul> <li>c. For Approval: A two (2) year contract between Entomology Consultants, LLC and the Town of Mesilla for Vector Management Services within the Town Limits. – Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.</li> </ul>    |
| 33<br>34<br>35<br>36<br>37 | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez reviewed the contract between Entomology Consultants, LLC and the Town of Mesilla for Vector Management Services at $16,820 + tax$ ; there was a decrease of $725$ compared to last year.          |
| 38<br>39<br>40             | Motion: To approve a two (2) year contract between Entomology Consultants, LLC and the Town of Mesilla for Vector Management Services within the Town Limits, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores. |
| 41<br>42                   | Trustee Flores read page 42 regarding West Niles Virus. She asked what the cost would be.   |
| 43<br>44                   | Mayor Barraza responded it reads \$55 per hour plus tax.  |

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| 2        | Trustee Fl  | lores asked what process is used to remove bees.   |  |
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| 4        |   | Lee responded we look at it as a public health application. It is a case by case situation.  |  |
| 5        | If it is not  | posing a threat we leave it alone.   |  |
| 6        |   |  |  |
| 7        | Trustee Jo  | ohnson-Burick asked if this contract was increased by \$4K three (3) years ago.              |  |
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| 9        | Ms. Stoeh   | ner-Hernandez responded yes.   |  |
| 10       |   |  |  |
| 11       | Trustee Jo  | ohnson-Burick asked how they arrived at the savings of \$725.                                |  |
| 12       |   |  |  |
| 13       |   | Lee responded we had product donated that we are going to use in Mesilla. We are             |  |
| 14       |   | ck to the community that has supported us the last fifteen (15) years. We will be using      |  |
| 15       | the produc  | ct to treat French drains.   |  |
| 16       | Trustan In  | here a Durial stated that is great we could get regitive modio attention. She called Mr.     |  |
| 17       |   | ohnson-Burick stated that is great we could get positive media attention. She asked Mr.      |  |
| 18<br>19 | Lee II he s   | sprayed before the fiesta.   |  |
| 20       | Mr Lee r  | esponded the gnats are also called midgets. They breed in wet soil and do not cause          |  |
| 20       |   | mpact to humans but cause blue tongue to cattle. We had an elevated hatch this year          |  |
| 22       | and are finding them in other areas. So we decided before the fiesta that we need to provide    |  |  |
| 22       |   | b we did a spray.  |  |
| 23       |   | o we did a spray.  |  |
| 25       | Trustee C   | aro stated Mr. Lee has done a great job and appreciates his efforts.                         |  |
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| 27       | Mayor Ba  | rraza stated we are pleased with the services Mr. Lee has provided the town.                 |  |
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| 29       | <b>Roll Call</b>  | Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).  |  |
| 30       | Mayor Pi  | ro Tem Arzabal Yes   |  |
| 31       | Trustee (   | Caro Yes   |  |
| 32       | <b>Trustee F</b>  | flores Yes   |  |
| 33       | <b>Trustee J</b>  | ohnson-Burick Yes  |  |
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| 35       |   | tated on May 23 <sup>rd</sup> there will be a Zika Task Force Meeting; a collaborated effort |  |
| 36       | between the City of Las Cruces, Village of Hatch and Dona Ana County. The Town of Mesilla       |  |  |
| 37       | will receive funding to go toward the program. We need to be proactive in protecting ourselves; |  |  |
| 38       | things occ  | eur without warning.   |  |
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| 40       | •   | rraza stated once we get the paperwork in order it will come to the board. She thanked       |  |
| 41       | Mr. Lee fo  | or all he does.  |  |
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| 43       | L,  | For Approval: Acceptance of an award from the Transportation Alternatives Program            |  |
| 44<br>45 | u.  | for the Design and Construction of a Multi-use path from Calle Del Norte to La               |  |
| 45<br>46 |   | Llorona Trail. – Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director. (added 5/4/17)                         |  |
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| 1        | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez stated we receive federal money through the Transportation                |  |
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| 2        | Alternatives Program through NMDOT for 2018 in the amount of \$44,673 to complete the            |  |
| 3        | design of La Llorona Trail from Calle de Norte to La Llorona; match will be \$7,613.00. For      |  |
| 4        | fiscal year 2019 the town has been awarded \$481,949 for construction; match will be             |  |
| 5        | \$82,310.00.   |  |
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| 8        | Mayor Barraza stated we are excited with the money we will be receiving but are concerned with   |  |
| 9        | the match for 2019. We will be requesting help for the match from our legislators next year. We  |  |
| 10       | did not think we would receive this award. It fits in the ambience of the community. We request  |  |
| 11       | the boards support.  |  |
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| 13       | Sen Jeff Steinborn stated we are hoping for a great recovery next year. The State of New         |  |
| 14       | Mexico incorporated La Llorana Trail in to the state wide plan Rio Grande Trail. The state is    |  |
| 15       | planning a state wide travel from Colorado to Texas border. They have adopted the three (3)      |  |
| 16       | miles of the trial in Las Cruces. This will help bring tourist to the area.                      |  |
| 17       | miles of the that in Las cruces. This will help offing tourist to the area.                      |  |
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| 19       | Motion: To approve acceptance of an award from the Transportation Alternatives                   |  |
| 20       | Program for the Design and Construction of a Multi-use pat from Calle Del Norte to La            |  |
| 20       | Llorona Trail, Moved by, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal.                                      |  |
| 22       | Liorona Tran, Moved by, Seconded by Mayor Tro Tem Arzabai.                                       |  |
| 22       | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).  |  |
| 23<br>24 | Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  |  |
| 24<br>25 | Trustee Caro Yes   |  |
| 23<br>26 | Trustee Caro Tes   |  |
|          | Trustee Flores Yes<br>Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes   |  |
| 27<br>28 | Trustee Johnson-Burick Tes   |  |
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| 30       | e. <u>Resolution 2017-07</u> : A resolution adopting a Title VI Program for the Town of          |  |
| 31       | Mesilla. – Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer. (revised 5/4/17)                         |  |
| 32       |  |  |
| 33       | Ms. Stoehner-Hernandez stated this resolution and Title VI goes with the TAP application we      |  |
| 34       | received. We are required to do a Title VI Plan in conjunction with receiving federal funds. She |  |
| 35       | read Resolution 2017-07 a resolution adopting a Title VI Program for the Town of Mesilla.        |  |
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| 37       | Motion: To approve Resolution 2017-07: A resolution adopting a Title VI Program for the          |  |
| 38       | Town of Mesilla, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.                     |  |
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| 40       | Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).  |  |
| 41       | Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes  |  |
| 42       | Trustee Caro Yes   |  |
| 43       | Trustee Flores Yes   |  |
| 44       | Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes   |  |
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| 47       | f. <u>Resolution 2017-08</u> : A resolution affirming support for the Organ Mountains-Desert     |  |
| 48       | Peaks National Monument and Strongly Opposing any reduction of the Monument                      |  |

## and its areas of protection. – Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez, Clerk/Treasurer. (added 5/4/17)

- Representative Nathan Small stated we are honored to be here as Mesilla models appreciation for
  our history and heritage and also shows first-hand how important it is to our present and
  economic future. Rep. Small read Resolution 2017-08: A resolution affirming support for the
  Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and Strongly Opposing any reduction of the
  Monument and its areas of protection.
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Mayor Barraza stated people know how much she supports the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks 11 National Monument. She has had the honor and pleasure to go to Washington DC and advocate 12 13 her support. Rep. Small and Senator Steinborn were the backbone in these efforts. It is a message I keep delivering that it is so important to preserve what we currently have. She had the 14 opportunity to go on a field trip to see petroglyphs. It is a disappointment when you see the 15 excavation being done looking for something of value and destroying the area. If our forefathers 16 had not had it in their hearts to preserve the history and culture of Mesilla we would not have 17 Mesilla as it current is. Let us preserve the beautiful, splendor of open space, and night skies 18 19 before it is destroyed. She supports the resolution with all her heart.

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Motion: To approve Resolution 2017-08: A resolution affirming support for the Organ

- Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument and Strongly Opposing any reduction of the
   Monument and its areas of protection, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by
   Trustee Johnson-Burick.
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Rep. Taylor stated there is an open period for individuals and entities to write letters in supportof this.

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Rep. Small stated there is a sixty (60) day comment period which begins on Friday and this will be part of the record. As Rep. Taylor indicated there is a great opportunity for us as individuals to make our voice heard saying this is something important to preserve our region. We need to weigh in with our comments to protect our National Monument.

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Mayor Barraza stated we are so blessed in New Mexico and county to have what we have. We need to take care of what we have. She has a passion for it.

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Trustee Johnson-Burick indicated she echoes Mayor Barraza's comments.

- 40 Trustee Flores asked for the site address.
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42 Rep. Small responded he will forward the address and the list of historical and scientific value of

43 the monument. As it has been pointed out so many of which connect directly to the Town of

44 Mesilla and should be part of the commentary showing why the monument is great the way it is 45 and needs to stay that way.

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47 Mayor Barraza thanked Southwest Expedition for including those tours as part of their program.

48 Rep. Small gave information to the board.

- 1 Rep. Small stated we are planning bigger and better for 2017 and having the Town of Mesilla as
- 2 a key partner and sponsor.
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- 4 Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4).
- 5 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes
- 6 Trustee Caro Yes
- 7 Trustee Flores Yes
- 8 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes
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## 10. \*STAFF REPORTS:

- 12 Community Development
- 13Community Programs
- 14 Finance Department
- 15 Fire Department
- 16 Marshal's Department
- 17 Public Works Department
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- **11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**
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Trustee Flores thanked everyone for attending and hopes they write to the site in support of the monument.

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Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated the board has talked about the tough decisions they will have to make regarding infrastructure. We cannot rely on Capital Outlay, grants as there is none. This falls on the board's shoulders as a finance and policy making board.

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29 Trustee Johnson-Burick thanked Mr. Taylor for his story. She did not know there was

30 documentation and letters between her family and the hermit. She has newspapers on when the

hermit was murdered. Tonight at 8 p.m. at the Downtown Plaza there will be a candle vigil for

32 the Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer Memorial Event. The memorial event is

tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. at the Convention Center. It is a wonderful event to recognize our law

34 enforcement officers lost in the line of duty. On occasion she gets concerns and complaints that

the officers are not as visual as before. She explains that we do not have the budget and they are

36 doing the best they can. She advises the residents to speak to the Mayor or the Marshal. She is

37 concerned that now there are three (3) officers that show up at a stop; the Marshal will look into

38 39 it.

1 Marshal Alberg responded the resident can fill out a Complaint Form.

## 3 Ms. Nelson inaudible She will file a complaint.

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5 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she loves when the residents come to a meeting and we hear their 6 concerns. She is all for public participant. On occasion as an election official she is doing a 7 disservice to those who elected her when they cannot voice their opinion.

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9 Trustee Caro stated he is glad the resolution was passed as it is good thing for the community.
10 He saw profiling for himself and when he asked the Marshall he was told it would not happen.
11 He wants someone to look into the Dark Sky Ordinance which is not being enforced. We fought
12 for that and it is not being followed up on.

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Mayor Barraza stated the fiesta was successful. Mr. Johnny Flores and Isabel were recognized by the town for their music during the fiesta. The next day they donated a picture of them to the Town of Mesilla. It will be displayed in the Visitor Center; we were very pleased and honored. Mr. Flores is battling cancer; CARE was taking donations. The Southern New Mexico Fallen Officers will be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. The Border Patrol will be using the Community Center for training until June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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21 Fire Chief Hoban stated the training is for them to become Emergency Medical Technicians.

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Mayor Barraza stated we will look into the Ms. Nelson's complaint. Tomorrow the Ride Your
Bike to School at 7:15 a.m.; Ride of Silence is Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. on the plaza.

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- 26 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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- 28 The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)
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- 30 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.
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- 32 APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2017

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| 11 | Cynthia Aleren             |                    |
| 12 | Cynthia Stoehner-Hernandez |                    |
| 13 | Town Clerk/Treasurer       |                    |
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