



# Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA  
WORK SESSION MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,  
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

**MONDAY, JULY 8, ~ 4:00 P.M.~**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES:** Russell Hernandez, Mayor  
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Biviana Cadena, Trustee  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

**STAFF:** Ben Azcarate, Interim Marshal  
Edward Salazar, Community Development Coordinator  
Greg Whited, Fire Chief  
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder

**PUBLIC:** Jimmy Nevarez Heather Nevarez  
Jimmy Nevarez III Catharine Walkinshaw  
Eric Walkinshaw Susan Krueger  
Mary H Ratje Ceelia Vigil  
Crystal Whited Andy Embury

**a) PRESENTATION: Fire Chief: Fireworks Ordinance Updates**  
**a. DISCUSSION: Changes to Fireworks Ordinance 9.10.170**

Fire Chief Whited presented the updates to the Fireworks Ordinance.

Trustees expressed concerns with regards to what can be sold, what is allowed, enforcement, permits and keeping residents informed.

**b) PRESENTATION: Community Development: Planning & Zoning Preservation**  
**a. DISCUSSION: Changes to Historic Preservation 18.33**

Mayor Hernandez and Mr. Salazar reviewed Historic Preservation 18.33.

Trustees expressed concerns and questions.

**c) PRESENTATION: Community Development:**  
**a. DISCUSSION: Changes to Planning & Zoning Commission 18.06**

Mayor Hernandez and Mr. Salazar reviewed Planning and Zoning Commission 18.06.

Trustees expressed concerns and questions.

- d) PRESENTATION: Community Development: Short Term Rental Ordinance**
  - a. DISCUSSION: Additions of Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

To be brought forth at the next meeting

- e) PRESENTATION: Mayor/Town Clerk Treasurer: Handbook**
  - a. DISCUSSION: Updated Personnel Rules & Regulations**

No Discussion

**Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION AT THE MESILLA  
TOWN HALL, 2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

**MONDAY, JULY 8, ~ 5:30 P.M.~**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES:** Russell Hernandez, Mayor  
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**PUBLIC:**

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Jimmy Nevarez III	Catharine Walkinshaw
Eric Walkinshaw	Susan Krueger
Mary H Ratje	Cecilia Vigil
Crystal Whited	Andy Embury
Melanie Goodman	Gary Tindal
Maria Massey	Maia Baca
Bill & Janice Cook	Lori Miller
Bonnie Poloner	

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Nevarez

**Motion: To enter Public Hearing, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Public Hearing:**

- a) **CASE: LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE #1241: HEART OF THE DESERT: 1701 CALLE DE MERCADO, STE (NEW LICENSE LOCATION).** New Mexico Regulations & Licensing Department has received an application for a wine grower off-site liquor license  
**ZONE: COMMERCIAL**

Ms. Ratje stated Heart Of The Desert were excellent renters and very professional.

**Motion: To close Public Hearing, Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Closed Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjourned at 5:53 p.m.**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA**  
**REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,**  
**2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA**

**MONDAY, JULY 8, ~ IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING~**  
**MINUTES**

**TRUSTEES:** Russell Hernandez, Mayor  
Adrianna Merrick, Mayor Pro Tem  
Biviana Cadena, Trustee  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Mayor Hernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Trustee Johnson-Burick, Trustee Nevarez

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL**

Mayor Hernandez requested removing item 4c from the consent agenda and removing items 6b and 6d from the agenda.

Trustee Johnson-Burick requested that the Job Descriptions be approved individually.

**Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**5. 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 \*)

**Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated a misquote on page 092 item 5 line 15. Correct statement should read, it has not been recommended that the vendors have been approached as what to sell and not to sell.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

- a) **\*BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT, 06.25.2024 *Approved by consent agenda w/correction*
- b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC SIGN #061845** – 2355 Calle de Guadalupe, submitted by Mi Corazon Encantado. Requesting approval to install a wall sign by the front door of her business. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC). *Approved by consent agenda*
- c) **APPROVAL: PZHAC SIGN #061853** – 2030 Calle de Parian, submitted by Maia L Baca. Requesting approval to install a hanging sign in the front entrance of her business. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC). Removed from consent agenda

Mayor Hernandez stated PZHAC approved sign #061853 with conditions.

**Motion: To approve PZHAC Sign #061853 – 2030 Calle de Parian, submitted by Maia L Baca. Requesting approval to install a hanging sign in front of the entrance of her business. Zone: Historical Commercial (HC) w/conditions, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

d) **PUBLIC INPUT ON CASES** – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair. Ms. Krueger expressed her concerns.

**6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a) **APPROVAL: LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE #1241: Heart of the Desert, 1701 Calle de Mercado Suite #1. Zone: Commercial**

**Motion: To approve Liquor Establishment License #1241: Heart of the Desert, 1701 Calle de Mercado Suite #1. Zone: Commercial. Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

- b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC BUSINESS #1229** – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Armijo Felix. Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental business if approved to build 30x36 ft building. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC). *Removed from agenda*
- c) **APPROVAL: PZHAC BUSINESS #1245** – 2030 Calle de Parian, submitted by Maia L Baca. Requesting approval to operate a retail business, Flippin' Vintage. Relocating from Truth of Consequences, NM. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC).

**Motion: To approve PZHAC BUSINESS #1245 – 2030 Calle de Parian, submitted by Maia L Baca. Requesting approval to operate a retail business, Flippin' Vintage. Relocating from Truth of Consequences, NM. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
 Trustee Cadena Yes  
 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
 Trustee Nevarez Yes

- d) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061823** – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to build a 30 x 36 ft structure for the purpose of operating short-term rental business. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC). *Removed from agenda*
- e) **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061850** – 2550 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Irma Chavez-May. Requesting approval to install 6 ft coyote fence. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR)

**Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061850 – 2550 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Irma Chavez-May. Requesting approval to install 6 ft coyote fence. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
 Trustee Cadena Yes  
 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
 Trustee Nevarez Yes

**f) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-01: Destruction of Records**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-01: Destruction of Records, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
 Trustee Cadena Yes  
 Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
 Trustee Nevarez Yes

**g) APPROVAL: RESOLUTION 2025-02: Capital Asset Plan**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-02: Capital Asset Plan, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**h) APPROVAL: CONTRACT AGREEMENT: Pharmaceutical Services**

**Motion: To approve Contract Agreement: Pharmaceutical Services, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**i) APPROVAL: CONTRACT AGREEMENT: DCA Community Center Rental**

**Motion: To approve Contract Agreement: DCA Community Center Rental, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**j) APPROVAL: 2025-2026 SALARY GRADES**

**Motion: To approve 2025-2026 Salary Grades, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Mayor Hernandez stated that upon approval by the trustee's retro pay will be issued in the next pay period.

**Amended Motion: To approve 2025-2026 Salary Grades and retro pay – July 1<sup>st</sup>, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Amended Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Original Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**k) APPROVAL: JOB DESCRIPTIONS: FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Motion: To approve Deputy Clerk Job Descriptions: Finance Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**



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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Deputy Treasurer Job Descriptions: Finance Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; No-1)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick No  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Grant Administrator Job Descriptions: Finance Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Town Clerk/Treasurer Job Descriptions: Finance Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Utility Clerk Job Descriptions: Finance Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**D) APPROVAL: JOB DESCRIPTIONS: MARSHAL DEPARTMENT**

**Motion: To approve Codes/ACO Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Deputy 1 Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Deputy 2 Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Deputy 3 Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Lieutenant Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Sergeant Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Marshal Job Descriptions: Marshal Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick abstained from voting.

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; Abstained-1)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Abstained  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**m) APPROVAL: JOB DESCRIPTIONS: FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Motion: To approve Fire Captain Job Descriptions: Fire Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**n) APPROVAL: JOB DESCRIPTIONS: PUBLIC WORKS**

**Motion: To approve Custodial/Janitorial Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Grounds 1 Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Grounds 2 Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Grounds 3 Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Public Works Director Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Water 1 Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Water 2 Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Water 2/Lead Job Descriptions: Public Works Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**o) APPROVAL: JOB DESCRIPTIONS: COMM & ECON DEVELOPMENT**

**Motion: To approve Community & Economic Director Job Descriptions: Comm & Econ Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Community Events Coordinator Job Descriptions: Comm & Econ Department, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve Historic Preservation Specialist Job Descriptions: Comm & Econ, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**7. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.**

Ms. Ratje expressed concerns regarding questionable people, yards, loose dogs, and the safety of the neighborhoods.

Mr. Nevarez expressed concerns regarding fireworks.

Ms. Walkinshaw appreciated the meeting held by Mayor Hernandez.

Mr. Nevarez II stated he did not notice any incidents on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- a. Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) –**
- **Open Position Marshal's Department**
  - **Open Position Public Works Department**
  - **Open Position Finance Department**
  - **Open Position Community & Economic Development Department**

**Motion: To enter Closed Executive Session, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Entered Closed Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.**

**Motion: To enter Regular Meeting, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Entered Regular Meeting at 7:39 p.m.**

**APPROVAL:** Any actions that may arise as a result of discussions in closed session.

- Marshal Department

**Motion: To approve appointment of Ben Azcarate to the position of Marshal, Moved by Trustee Cadena, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick abstained from voting.

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Abstained  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Tress Diaz to the position of Lieutenant, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Lourdes Hernandez to the position of Deputy 2, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Ryan Nanez to the position of Deputy 2, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Jonathan Reyes to the position of Deputy 2, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Brandon Baca to the position of Deputy 1, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Lorenzo Astorga to the position of Public Works Director, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Manuel Hernandez to the position of Water 2/Lead, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Dorothy Villa to the position of Custodial/Janitor, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

- Finance Department

**Motion: To approve appointment of Ashley Padilla to the position of Deputy Treasurer, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3: No--1)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick No  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

**Motion: To approve appointment of Briana Gomez to the position of Deputy Clerk, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.**

**Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-4)**

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes  
Trustee Cadena Yes  
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes  
Trustee Nevarez Yes

- Community & Economic Development Department

## **9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Hernandez: MOLI Training July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Albuquerque

**10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**

Marshal Azcarate department update

Fire Chief Whited department update

Trustees expressed concerns and stated it was a good firework display.

Mayor Hernandez asked the trustees to notify staff if they are planning to attend NMML Annual Conference.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

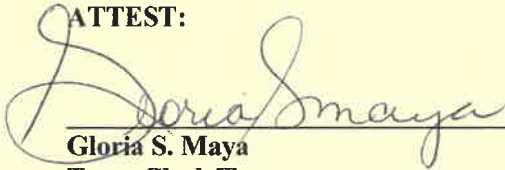
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 22nd DAY OF JULY, 2024**



**Russell Hernandez  
Mayor**

**ATTEST:**



**Gloria S. Maya  
Town Clerk/Treasurer**

