

Town of Mesilla, New Mexico

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) OF THE TOWN OF MESILLA

REGULAR MEETING AT THE MESILLA TOWN HALL,
2231 AVENIDA DE MESILLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M.~

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
Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder
Edward Salazar, Community & Economic Development Director
Greg Whited, Fire Chief

PUBLIC:

Mary Lucero	Tom Hutchinson
Lori Miller	Crystal Whited
Cole Morris	Jasha Zapien
Trina Witter	Catharine Walkinshaw
Erik Walkinshaw	Bill Cook
Andrea Bryan	Greg Lester
Teresa Tudury	Jeffrey Buras
Susan Krueger	Jesus Lopez
Dasa	Elena Hutchinson
Nora L Barraza	

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

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

Motion: To approve agenda, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. 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 with corrections, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

a) **BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT Work session, Public Hearing, Meeting – 08.12.2024
Trustee Johnson amendment on page 7; BOT comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick amendment on page 7; BOT comments.

Trustee Nevarez name correction

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

Amended Motion Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-3; Abstain-1)

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Abstain

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

5. PRESENTATIONS:

a) **PRESENTATION:** Proclamation La Posta de Mesilla Day

Mayor Hernandez read the Proclamation for La Posta de Mesilla Day.

b) **PRESENTATION:** Marshal Department: Mesilla Specific Crime Statistics

Lieutenant Diaz made a presentation on Mesilla Specific Crime Statistics.

6. PUBLIC INPUT ON CASES – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.

Ms. Witter commented

Ms. Walkinshaw commented

Ms. Lucero commented

Ms. Bausova commented

7. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION

NEW BUSINESS

a) **DISCUSSION ONLY: Full Project Overview of Calle Picacho/Calle Santiago Project**

Mayor Hernandez gave an overview of the Calle Picacho/Calle Santiago Project.

Trustees expressed comments and concerns.

b) **DISCUSSION ONLY: Short Term Rental Moratorium**

Mayor Hernandez held a discussion on a Short -Term Rental Moratorium.

Mr. Salazar commented

Mr. Young commented

Trustees expressed comments and concerns.

- c) **APPROVAL: PZHAC STR #1255 - 2872 Cale de San Albino, submitted by Jeffrey Buras. Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC STR #1255 – 2872 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Jeffrey Buras. Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Trustees expressed comments and concerns.

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: STR CASE #1256 - 2729 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Ruben Smith. Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental at his property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR)**

Motion: To approve PZHAC STR #1256 – 2729 Calle de San Albino, submitted by Ruben Smith. Requesting approval to operate a short-term rental on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Trustees expressed comments and concerns.

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

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

- e) **ITEM: PZHAC CASE #061880 – 2586 Calle de Principal, submitted by Teresa Turudy. Requesting approval to install 2 metal gates on property. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC CASE #061880 – 2586 Calle de Principal, submitted by Teresa Turudy. Requesting approval to install 2 metal gates on property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.

Trustee expressed comments and concerns.

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: PZHAC CASE #061881-2011 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Grady Oxford. Requesting approval to place a 7ft x 8ft shed on the property. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC).**

Motion: To approve PZHAC CASE #061881 – 2011 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Grade Oxford. Requesting approval to place a 7ft x 8ft shed on the property. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Amended Motion: To approve PZHAC CASE #061881 – 2011 Avenida de Mesilla, submitted by Grade Oxford. Requesting approval to place a 7ft x 8ft shed on the property with conditions placed by PZHAC. ZONE: Historic Residential (HR), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.

Amended Motion 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: Updated Fire Captain Job Description**

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the updated job description.

Motion: To approve updated Fire Captain Job Description, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Trustees expressed comments and concerns.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick No

Trustee Nevarez Yes

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

Ms. Miller commented

Ms. Barraza commented

9. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) **Discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) –
- Public Works**

Motion: To enter Closed Executive Session for discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-1-1(H)(2), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Closed Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

Motion: To enter Regular Meeting after discussion of limited personnel matters pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-1-1(H)(2), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

Entered Regular Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

- b) **APPROVAL:** Any actions that may arise as a result of discussions in closed session
- **Position Public Works**

Motion: To approve the hiring of Alejandro Apodaca Lazo, 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

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Hernandez gave an update on NMML committees.

11. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

Marshal Azcarate gave an update on the department; addressed the public's concerns and comments.

Fire Chief Whited gave an update on the department; addressed the public's concerns and comments.

Community/Economic Development Coordinator Salazar gave an update on the department.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update of the Public Works Department and projects, update on Finance Department.

Trustee Nevarez addressed concerns and comments.

Trustee Johnson-Burick addressed concerns and comments.

Trustee Cadena addressed concerns and comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick addressed concerns and comments.


Mayor Hernandez gave an update on what is being done.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

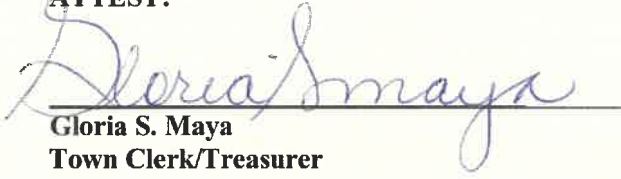
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:04 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024



Russell Hernandez
Mayor

ATTEST:


Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer



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