



**REVISED**

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

**Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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

**STAFF:** Lorenzo Astorga, Public Works Director  
Ben Azcarate, Marshal  
Gloria S Maya, Town Clerk/Recorder  
Edward Salazar, Economic & Community Development Director  
Greg Whited, Fire Chief

**PUBLIC:** Catharine Walkinshaw  
Felix Armijo  
Lori Miller  
Cole Morris  
Adel B  
Andrea Bryan  
Pat Taylor  
Dosa  
Eric Walkinshaw  
Crystal Whited  
Susan Krueger  
Richard W  
Terry Melendrez  
Greg Lester  
Mary H Ratje

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Roll Call.**

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

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

Trustee Johnson-Burick expressed her concerns regarding items 6 a. and 6 h.

Mayor Hernandez reviewed the process that was followed.

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

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

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

**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 \*)

a) **APPROVAL: BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT Meeting – 10.30.2024

b) **APPROVAL: PZHAC STR BUSINESS #1282** – 2551 Calle de Parian, submitted by Melanie Goodman. Requesting approval to operate short-term rental. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Mayor Hernandez stated he received two (2) emails that will be included in the minutes.

Trustees stated that they received an email that needs to be included in the minutes.

Ms. Walkinshaw commented on the STR and on item 6 b.

Ms. Krueger commented on item 6 b.

**6. ACTION AND CONSIDERATION  
NEW BUSINESS**

a. **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061823 with Condition** – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to construct a 30' x 36' structure on the property for the purpose of operating 2 short-term rental units. This case decision by PZHAC appealed to BOT. BOT decision was to have case reheard by PZHAC and have full commission vote as to avoid having a 2-2 vote. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC).

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick recused herself.

Mr. Salazar gave an update.

**Motion: To postpone the approval of PZHAC Case #06182 – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to construct a 30' x 36' structure on the property for the purpose of operating two (2) short-term rental units. This case decision by PZHAC appealed to BOT. BOT decision was to have case reheard by PZHAC and have full commission vote as to avoid have a 2-2 vote. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Trustee Nevarez, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustees commented on the case and the process.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2)**

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

Trustee Nevarez Yes

b. **APPROVAL: PZHAC SUP CASE #061909** – 320 W University, submitted by Sylvia D'Andrea. Requesting approval to operate a winery/wine tasting/social gathering hall. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF).

Mr. Salazar gave an update.

**Motion: To approve PZHAC SUP Case #061909 – 320 W University, submitted by Sylvia D’Andrea. Requesting approval to operate a winery/wine tasting/social gathering hall. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

Trustees commented on the case and the process.

**Motion: To postpone PZHAC SUP Case #061909 – 320 W University, submitted by Sylvia D’Andrea. Requesting approval to operate a winery/wine tasting/social gathering hall. ZONE: Rural Farm (RF), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

**Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2; No-1)**

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

- c. **APPROVAL: PZHAC CASE #061913 with Condition** – 2342 Calle de Arroyo, submitted by Julie Fitzsimmons. Requesting approval to restore structure on property. A work session was scheduled according to MTC 18.33-Historic Preservation requirements. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR).

Mr. Salazar gave an update.

**Motion: To approve PZHAC Case #061913 with Condition – 2342 Calle de Arroyo, submitted by Julie Fitzsimmons. Requesting approval to restore structure on property. A work session was scheduled according to MTC 18.33-Historic Preservation requirements. ZONE: Historical Residential (HR), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

Trustee Nevarez commented on the case.

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

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

- d. **APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-10 FY2024-2025 Budget Adjustment #1**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-10 FY2024-2025 Budget Adjustment #1, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Nevarez.**

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

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

- e. **APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-11 Public Auction of Equipment**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-11 Public Auction of Equipment, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

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

- f. **APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-12 Capital Asset Inventory Certification**

**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-12 Capital Asset Inventory Certification, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

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

**g. APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-13 FF/EMS Recruitment Agreement 24-ZI5036-34**  
**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-12 FF/EMS Recruitment Agreement 24-ZI5036-34, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

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

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

**h. APPROVAL: Resolution 2025-14 Rezone Case #61870**  
**Motion: To approve Resolution 2025-14 Rezone Case #061870, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-Burick.**

Trustees commented on the case and the process.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes-2; No-1)**

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

**7. PUBLIC INPUT – The public is invited to address the Board as allowed by the chair.**  
Mr. Taylor commented on Don Felix and Comprehensive Plan.

**8. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick: MPO Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Hernandez: Friends of the Taylor Family Monument Wednesday, Ad Hoc Meeting

**9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS**  
**(WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS INCLUDED IN PACKETS)**

Marshal Azcarate gave a department update.

Mr. Astorga gave a department (Public Works) update.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update on the Ave de Mesilla road work.

Mr. Salazar gave a department (Economic & Community Development) update.

Ms. Maya gave a department (Finance) update.

Trustee Nevarez asked about crosswalks on Ave de Mesilla.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated her concerns and questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick commented on events and things happening around town.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-3).**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.**

**APPROVED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024**

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**Russell Hernandez**  
**Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

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