



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**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 ~ 6:00 P.M.~

MINUTES

BOT MEETING OPENED AT 6:54 P.M.

TRUSTEES: Russell Hernandez, Mayor
Adrianna Merrick, Absent
Biviana Cadena, Trustee
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee
Gerard Nevarez, Trustee (Absent)

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

PUBLIC:

Anton Magallanez	Catharine Walkinshaw
Erick Walkinshaw	Enrique Vigil
Melanie Vigil	Andrea Bryan
Greg Lestor	Mary F Lucero
Rafael L Geck	Jimmy Nevarez, III
Jimmy Nevarez, Jr.	Crystal D-Whited
Felix Armijo	Diana Magallanez
Susan Krueger	Ivan Chacon

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Hernandez, Trustee Cadena, Trustee Johnson-Burick

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & APPROVAL

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

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 *)
a) **BOT MINUTES** – Minutes of BOT Meeting – 09.09.2024

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

No Public Input

6. **ACTION AND CONSIDERATION**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **APPROVAL: REZONE CASE #061870** (FROM PUBLIC HEARING)– 2750 Old Farm Rd, submitted by Enrique Vigil & Melanie Altuna-Vigil. Requesting approval to rezone their property from residential agriculture (RA) to 3 single-family residential zones (R1).

Motion: To approve REZONE Case #061870 (FROM PUBLIC HEARING) – 2750 Old Farm Rd, submitted by Enrique Vigil & Melanie Altuna-Vigil. Requesting approval to rezone their property from residential agriculture (RA) to 3 single-family residential zones (R1), Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

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

- b. **APPROVAL: REVISION OF ORDINANCE 9.10.170** (FROM PUBLIC HEARING) – **FIREWORKS**

Motion: To approve REVISION OF ORDINANCE 9.10.170 (FROM PUBLIC HEARING) – FIREWORKS w/recommendations, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

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

- c. **APPROVAL: REVISION OF ORDINANCE 18.33.030** (FROM PUBLIC HEARING) – **HISTORIC PRESERVATION AUTHORITY**

Motion: To approve REVISION OF ORDINANCE 18.33.030 (FROM PUBLIC HEARING) – HISTORIC PRESERVATION AUTHORITY, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

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

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

d. APPROVAL OF APPEAL: PZHAC CASE #061823 – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to construct a 30 x 36-foot structure on the property for the purpose of operating two (2) STR businesses. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC)
Mayor Pro Tem Merrick recused herself from participating in PZHAC Case #061823.

Motion: To approve Appeal of PZHAC CASE #061823 – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo. Requesting approval to construct a 30x36-foot structure on the property for the purpose of operating two (2) STR businesses. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Mayor Hernandez and Mr. Salazar gave an update.

Trustees expressed concerns.

Mayor Hernandez recommended sending the case back to PZHAC.

Amended Motion: To return Appeal of PZHAC CASE #061823 – 2450 Calle de Principal, submitted by Felix Armijo back to the PZHAC. ZONE: Historical Commercial (HC), Moved by Moved by Mayor Hernandez, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

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

Mayor Hernandez Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

Mayor Hernandez Yes
Trustee Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

e. APPROVAL: Planning & Zoning Commissioner Appointment (OPEN POSITION)
Motion: To approve Planning & Zoning Commissioner Appointment (OPEN POSITION), Moved by 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 Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

f. APPROVAL: STATE FIRE MOU
Motion: To approve Planning & Zoning Commissioner Appointment (OPEN POSITION), Moved by 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 Cadena Yes
Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

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

Ms. Walkinshaw shared information.

8. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion: To enter Closed Executive Session, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick, Seconded by Trustee Cadena.

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Closed Session at 6:22 p.m.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

Entered Regular Meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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

Motion: To approve the hiring of Mr. Ivan Chacon for the open position in the Marshal's Department, Moved by Trustee Johnson-Burick, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Merrick.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick Yes

Trustee Cadena Yes

Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Johnson-Burick: MPO meeting October 9th

Mayor Hernandez: MPO meeting October 9th; SWTRD; SCCOG; Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site; Infrastructure Conference October 28th – 30th; Budget Analysis in November; Public Arts Ad Hoc 1st Monday of each month; Lodger's Tax. Visitor Guide available.

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

(WRITTEN STAFF REPORTS INCLUDED IN PACKETS)

Fire Chief Whited gave an update.

Lieutenant Diaz gave an update.

Director Salazar gave an update.

Town Clerk Maya gave an update.

Mayor Hernandez gave an update.

Trustee Johnson-Burick expressed her comments.

Trustee Cadena expressed her comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Merrick expressed her comments.

Mr. Montano gave an update.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 30th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024.



Russell Hernandez
Mayor



ATTEST:



Gloria S. Maya
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETING
SIGN UP SHEET
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

NAME	ADDRESS
Anton Magallanes - moy S.	1985 calle de colon
Catherine Walkoszka	2134 Calle de Principal
Erick Blin	" " "
Enrique Vigil	2750 Old Farm Rd, Mesilla
Melanie Vigil	" "
Andrea Bryan	Mesilla
Greg Lester	"
Mary F. Luevano	Mesilla
Rafael L. Guek	mesilla
Jimmy Navarro III	2001 Ave de Mesilla
Jimmy Navarro JR	220 Ave de Mesilla
Crystal Doherty	MFD
Greg Whited	MFD
Tracy Diaz	MMAR
Felix Armijo	Mesilla *
Diana Magallanes	Mesquite
Susan Kraeger	Pra. View
Ivan Chalon	Las Cruces

