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REGULAR MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 4:00 pm

VILLAGE OF SANTA CLARA REGULAR MEETING

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

   Minutes:
   Mayor Arnold Lopez called the Regular Meeting of Thursday October 8, 2026 to Order at 4:01 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

   Minutes:
   Mayor Arnold Lopez Preset Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza Present Trustee Peter Erickson Present Trustee Olga Amador Present Trustee Ralph Trujillo Present.

4. **Approval of Agenda for Regular Meeting of October 8, 2026**

   Minutes:
   Motion to Approve the Agenda for Regular Meeting of October 8, 2026 with change to move Item 12a and 12b Proclamations to come after Item 6. Approval of Monthly Department Reports made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Albert Esparza and passed unanimouosly.

   Vote results:
   Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

5. **Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 10, 2026**

   Minutes:
   Motion to Approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting of September 10, 2026 made by Trustee Olga Amador, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza and passed unanimously.

   Vote results:
   Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

6. **Approval of Monthly Department Reports for month of September**

   Minutes:
   Approval of Monthly Department Reports for month of September made by Trustee

Ralph Trujillo, seconded by Trustee Olga Amador and passed unanimously.

Vote results:

Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

7. **Proclamations (Approve or Disapprove)**
    a. **OCTOBER 2026 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

    Minutes:

    Motion to Approve OCTOBER 2026 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH made by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, seconded by Trustee Peter Erickson and passed unanimously.

    Vote results:

    Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

    b. **A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026 AS THE OFFICIAL DAY OF THE 10TH ANNUAL TAMAL FIESTA Y MAS**

    Minutes:

    Motion to Approve A PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026 AS THE OFFICIAL DAY OF THE 10TH ANNUAL TAMAL FIESTA Y MAS made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza and passed unanimously.

    Vote results:

    Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

8. **Mayor's Report**

    Minutes:

    Mayor Lopez reported on the Dia de los Muertos event October 30th, the Cobre workforce housing, Tamal Fiesta November 7th, Hurley Clean Up Event on the 9th, Bayard clean up event on the 16th, and Santa Clara clean up on the 23rd. The same dates will apply in April.

9. **Public Comments Forum on Agenda Items Only (limit 3 Minutes per Speaker)**
10. **New Business (Possible Action)**
    a. **Approve/Disapprove MOU to Provide Police Coverage to the Town of Hurley**

    Minutes:

    Motion to Approve MOU to Provide Police Coverage to the Town of Hurley made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Olga Amador and passed unanimously.

    Vote results:

    Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

    b. **Approve/Disapprove Code Enforcement Recommendation to an Application by Damica Romo to move a 16 X 80 foot 1998 Redman Single Wide Mobile Home into City Limits and to be Located 904 Cleveland Street.**

    Minutes:

    Motion to Approve Code Enforcement Recommendation to an Application by

Damica Romo to move a 16 X 80 foot 1998 Redman Single Wide Mobile Home into City Limits and to be Located 904 Cleveland Street made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Olga Amador and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

11. **Old Business (Possible Action)**
12. **Resolutions (Approve or Disapprove)**
    a. **RESOLUTION 2026-19 PARTICIPATION IN CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A 100% GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $940,000 TO PLAN, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN SANTA CLARA**

Minutes:
Motion to RESOLUTION 2026-19 PARTICIPATION IN CAPITAL OUTLAY PROGRAM ADMINISTERED THROUGH NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A 100% GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $940,000 TO PLAN, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN SANTA CLARA made by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, seconded by Trustee Peter Erickson and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

13. **Ordinances (Approve or Disapprove)**
14. **Closed Session**

Minutes:
Motion to Enter Into Closed Session made by Peter Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

15. **Roll Call**

Minutes:
Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza Yes Trustee Peter Erickson Yes Trustee Olga Amador Yes Trustee Ralph Trujillo Yes

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

16. **Open Session**

Minutes:
Motion to Enter Into Open Session made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Ralph Trujillo and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

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17. **Hiring, Raises, Terminations, etc. (Possible Action)**

Minutes:
Olga Amador recused due to conflict of interest. Motion to Terminate Ronald Pena from the Maintenance Department made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, and a third vote by Trustee ralph Trujillo.
Motion for a $1.00 raise for Sergeant Ronald Martinez for completing his Sergeant probationary period effective immediately made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Ralph Trujillo and passed unanimously.
Motion to Accept Resignation by Tomas Murillo, senior center driver, effective September 25, 2026 made by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, seconded by Trustee Peter Erickson and passed unanimosuly.
Motion to Ratify Mayor's Approval to hire Victor Andrade for senior center driver at $15.00/hr made by Trustee peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Ralph Trujillo and passed unanimously.
Motion to Accept Job Abandonment Termination of Alisha Forbito senior center cook effective October 1, 2026 made by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, seconded by Trustee Peter Erickson and passed unanimously.
Motion to Ratify Mayor's Approval to Hire Kim Elliot for senior center cook at $16.00/hr made by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza, seconded by Trustee Peter Erickson and passed unanimously.
Motion to Approve a $1.00 pay increase to Certified Operators Retroactive to September 1, 2026 made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Albert Esparza and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 1

18. **Next Meetings:**
    a. **2nd Regular Meeting To Be Held Thursday October 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM**
    b. **1st Regular Meeting To Be Held Thursday November 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM**
19. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
Motion to Adjourn made by Trustee Peter Erickson, seconded by Trustee Ralph Trujillo and passed unanimously.

Vote results:
Ayes: 4 / Nays: 0 / Abstains: 0

20. ****PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY of _____****

---------- Arnold Lopez, Mayor

Attest: ----------Leandra Esparza, Clerk/Treasurer

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