

**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women  
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
Plaza de Armas – 5:30 PM**

**Attendees: City Staff:** Roger Gonzalez, City Manager's Office; Gabrielle Herrera, Mayor's Office; Shreya Shah, City Attorney's Office

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| Mayoral Mara Posada, <b>Treasurer -</b>       | D6 Larissa Martinez - <b>Present</b>                |
| D1 Monica Garza -                             | D7 Coda Rayo-Garza - <b>PRESENT</b>                 |
| D2 Yvette Hardin - <b>Present</b>             | D8 Sasha Begum -                                    |
| D3 Vanessa Martinez, <b>Chair -</b>           | D9 Dr. Jacqueline Pugh – <b>Secretary - present</b> |
| D4 Fernanda Cardenas - <b>Present</b>         | D10 Anamaria Suescun-Fast -                         |
| D5 Sara Gerrish – <b>Vice Chair - Present</b> |   |

**Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Gerrish at 5:39 pm**

**Public Comment**

1. Public Comment: [Interested speakers will have 3 minutes to address the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women on agenda related matters]

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

**Briefing and Possible Action on the following items**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women  
FY24 Budget**

|   | Expense     | Balance      |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| FY24 Beginning Balance  |             | \$ 15,000.00 |
| IWD Catering  | \$ 2,416.00 | \$ 12,584.00 |
| IWD Audio Visual Needs  | \$ 2,515.00 | \$ 10,069.00 |
| MCSW Branded Shirts - Big Star Branding (27 Ladies 3/4 Sleeve SuperPro Twill Shirt) | \$ 932.75   | \$ 9,136.25  |
| Las Altenas Mariachis   | \$ 475.00   | \$ 8,661.25  |
|   |             |              |
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| Balance   | \$ 6,338.75 | \$ 8,661.25  |
| as of 04/05/24  |             |              |

No Change from previous month's MCSW Budget

### **MCSW 2023/34 Fiscal Year Expenditures**

Fernanda Cardenas spoke on possibly sponsoring the Hispanas Unidas Conference

Larissa Martinez spoke on possibly funding Intimate Violence Signs but needed a response from SA Measure

Dr. Jacqueline Pugh made a Motion to sponsor the Restore Education Empowering Women Through Workforce Skills Program for \$2,800.

Dr. Pugh's motion approved unanimously by the MCSW Committee.

### **Bylaw revision review and open forum for questions**

Discussion was held to review the MCSW Bylaws

Areas of discussion during the meeting regarding the bylaws included the following:

Article 3 question: Should the commission be all women?

- Gender Identification – prohibit any kind of discrimination.
- No on just women

Associate Member – volunteer or assist - - not allow them the opportunity to vote. Like a surrogate position – can have people assisting but not a vote.

- Recommendation is to delete Associate Members

Article 4 – Recommendation is to Delete Parliamentary

Article 6 Section 1 – Recommendation is to Remove monthly meetings and put regularly.

No action was taken and bylaws will be reviewed and action regarding revisions to the bylaws will be set at a later date