

**Elia Garcia**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At-Large

**Cesar Nevarez**  
District 1



**Ralph Duran**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3/ Mayor ProTem

**Yvonne Colon-Villalobos**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Elia Garcia  
Rene Rodriguez  
Cesar Nevarez  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Jim Martinez (*Arrived at meeting at 6:05*)  
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

Adam Ochoa, Planning & Zoning Director  
Rosio Marin, HR Director  
Estevan Gonzalez, IT  
Victor Reta, Recreations Director  
Danny Hernandez, Supervisor  
Alejandra Valadez, Interim Grants Coordinator  
Norma Olague, Receptionist  
Lt. Eddie Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Ochoa

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with six members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jesse Montelongo, Sergio Jaime, Daniel Hernandez, Lorenza Fraire, Miriam Cruz, Pierre Andre Euzarraga, and Miguel Archuleta spoke during Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**6. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2018.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES**

**7. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 46-379(8), 46-414(2) AND 46-636 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO CONFORM THESE SECTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE.* *ADAM OCHOA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item seven (7)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

**8. *PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 435 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 6, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, 11627 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED USE OF A CHURCH ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ALONG WITH A NEW ADULT DAYCARE BUSINESS.* *ADAM OCHOA***

Public Hearing opened at 6:25pm.  
Daniel Hernandez spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:27pm

- 9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 435 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 6, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, 11627 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONTINUED USE OF A CHURCH ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY ALONG WITH A NEW ADULT DAYCARE BUSINESS. ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve item nine (9)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

- 10. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 436 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 8, BLOCK 7, HACIENDA DEL VALLE #2, 320 VALLE PALOS VERDES DRIVE, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL). ADAM OCHOA**

Public Hearing opened at 6:28pm.  
Daniel Hernandez spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:29pm.

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 436 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 8, BLOCK 7, HACIENDA DEL VALLE #2, 320 VALLE PALOS VERDES DRIVE, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A SECOND HOME TO THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to deny item eleven (11) as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Planning and Zoning Department*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

## **RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT**

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH BLACK CUBE NOMADIC ART MUSEUM. VICTOR RETA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Victor Reta presented on this item

Sergio Jaime, Daniel Hernandez and Lorenza Fraire were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN EXTENTION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.*** **ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Daniel Hernandez and Lorenza spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

### **PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD MILLING AGREEMENT FOR PASSMORE ROAD/BUFFORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,180.15 TO DUSTROL, INC.*** **MIGUEL ROSAS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve authorizing The City of Socorro to submit application item nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Daniel Hernandez and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

**CITY MANAGER**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENEW DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK ORDER. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but was not present.

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak but declined.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLAIM RECEIVED BY TRINIDAD LOPEZ ON DAMAGES TO HIS PROPERTY. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to discuss. No second, *motion dies*.

A motion was made Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez deny *item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Daniel Hernandez and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION (EPMPO) FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SECTION 5310 PROGRAM FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ADA VEHICLE WITH RAMP ACCESS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve *item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION'S (NTHP) JOHANNA FAVROT FUND FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE RIO VISTA LIBRARY. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but decline.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LICENSEE'S AGREEMENT FOR 25 YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,098 AND BE INCREASED FOR EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR FOR INFLATION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move items nineteen (19) and twenty-six (26) to executive session*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move into executive session*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Abstain:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT  
6:57PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT  
7:29 PM**

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LICENSEE'S AGREEMENT FOR 25 YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,098 AND BE INCREASED FOR EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR FOR INFLATION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.**

***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to deny the agreement as presented and direct city attorney and administration to renegotiate the agreement.* Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Abstain:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT DAVID OROPEZA TO ADHOC CHARTER COMMITTEE.**

***MAYOR ELIA GARCIA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to delete item twenty (20).* Motion passed.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve the appointment of David Oropeza to Adhoc Charter Committee.* Motion Passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Daniel Hernandez and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays: Rene Rodriguez  
Abstain:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT.**

**ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item twenty-one (21).*

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez *to approve the Contract with the corrections to Section 8 of the contract line 3 change "equal to" to "up to and not to exceed" 3% " of City Manager's annual salary, which is contingent on the receipt of a favorable written evaluation from City Council and on line 6 change bonus "equal to" to "up to and not to exceed 5%" of city manager's annual salary, which is contingent on the receipt of a favorable written evaluation from City Council.* Motion Passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Mayor Elia Garcia, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Abstain:

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONTRACT INDIVIDUAL OR COMPANY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO NOT TO EXCEED 40,000.00 FROM THE RESERVES.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to postpone for next regular meeting for item twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Abstain:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY**



**REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.  
*ADRIANA RODARTE***

**25. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND  
RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.  
*ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and thirty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**26. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND  
DELIBERATION REGARDING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED  
ON OR NEAR COKER ROAD [551.071 AND 551.072].  
*ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *instruct administration to start the inspection nuisance abatement and dilapidated structures procedures anew for each property on or near Coker Road there is already the subject of a 2018 order from the Building and Standards Commission for item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

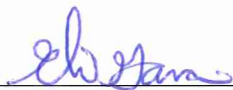
**27. *ADJOURN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 8:05 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:



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Elia Garcia, Mayor



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Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant  
for Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

March 15, 2018

Date minutes were approved