

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
APRIL 19, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Charles Casiano, Finance Director (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:19pm*)
Jim Martinez, Attorney
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

Adam Ochoa, Planning & Zoning Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Estevan Gonzalez, IT
Victor Reta, Recreations Director
Officer, Johnny Harrelson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Estevan Gonzales.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Comment.

**5. PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE AUSTISM AWARENESS MONTH
FROM APRIL 1- THRU APRIL 30, 2018. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

Proclamation read by Mayor Elia Garcia.

**6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MARCH'S 2018
MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by City Manager, Adriana Rodarte.

**7. PRESENTATION BY MIGUEL HERNANDEZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FROM EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. *MAYOR ELIA GARCIA***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

8. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO*

9. *APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2018. OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. *APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018. CHARLES CASIANO*

11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2018. CHARLES CASIANO*

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

**12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 26, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT, 125 N. RIO VISTA ROAD, FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).
ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item twelve (12) and require the applicant to dedicate to the City the front portion of property described in the back-up demo for future expansion of the street. See Exhibit "A".* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2-E AND 2-E-2, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) AND THE PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SOUTH OF THE SALITRAL LATERAL TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).
ADAM OCHOA**

Public Hearing opened at 6:25pm.

Fernie Salcido spoke on this item

Public Hearing opened at 6:29pm.

**14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2-E AND 2-E-2, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) AND THE PORTION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SOUTH OF THE SALITRAL LATERAL TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).
ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez to *approve second reading and adoption of stated tracks including southwest to description. No second.* Motion dies.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos sat in the audience for this item.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve second reading and adoption of said tracks*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**15. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1 WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, 10790 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE).
ADAM OCHOA**

Public Hearing opened at 6:31pm.
No Speakers during Public Hearing
Public Hearing opened at 6:32pm

**16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1 WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, 10790 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE).
ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the second reading and adoption for item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018. CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARTMENT

18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING TML REGION 4 QUARTERLY MEETING. *VICTOR RETA*

Presentation made by Victor Reta, Recreations Director see Exhibit "B"

A motion was made by Ceaser Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to direct staff to set up the date for TML meeting item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING UPDATE TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MEDIA POLICY. *VICTOR RETA*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran *to approve item nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Presentation made by Victor Reta, Recreations Director see Exhibit "C"

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR 2018 INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA FIREWORK SHOW. *VICTOR RETA*

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION), ARTICLE 4 (SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO REQUIRE CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE FINAL ACTION ON ALL SUBSTANDARD BUILDING CASES AND HAVE THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION PROVIDE A RECOMMENDATION AS REQUESTED BY THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.
ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez *to deny ordinance change for item twenty-one (21)*. No second. Motion dies.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve the proposed amendment to Ordinance*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR SUNSET VALLEY ESTATES UNITS 1 AND 2, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 1-C, 1-C-1, 2-E AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 1-A, 1-B, 1-D, 2-A AND 2-C, BLOCK 10, AND ALL OF TRACT 7-B-1 AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 5-A AND 6-A, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT.
ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve the preliminary plat with the variances recommended by staff see Exhibit "D" to improve safety item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Sal Masoud, Developer spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO GO OUT AND HIRE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PERSON. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to postpone for next regular meeting for item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO START A SOCORRO CITIZENS UNIVERSITY CLASS. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to postpone for next meeting for item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO SEPARATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO START THE PROCESS FOR A POSSIBLE ANNEXATION PROCESS, SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 2ND 2018 6:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ANNEXATION AREAS ONLY. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to approve with possible date change for item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND ALL ORDINANCES OR POLICIES FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS THAT ONE INDIVIDUAL CAN ONLY BE ASSIGNED TO ONE BOARD OR COMMISSION. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve with possible date change for item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped-out of meeting at 7:34pm.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped back into the meeting 7:36pm.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone for next regular meeting for item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADHERE TO THE ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES AND FOLLOW THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS. CESAR NEVAREZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:

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

30. *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.*

ADRIANARODARTE

31. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

32. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., TO REDUCE RATES IN CONNECTION WITH A DECREASE IN ITS FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY [551.071].*

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

33. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE: GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ V. CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2018DCV1095 IN THE 346TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS [551.071].*

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone items thirty-two (32), and thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:56 pm*.
Motion passed.

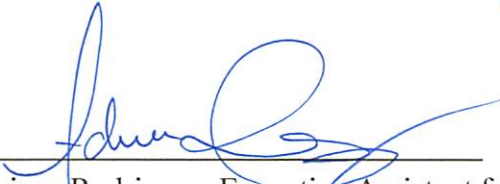
Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant for
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

May 3, 2018

Date minutes were approved