

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:03 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Lt. C Rey
Chief Eddie Smith
Estevan Gonzalez, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Michael Medina, City Planner
Officer Benavides
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 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 five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Comment

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:03 pm

PRESENTATION

**5. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING AND JANUARY'S
2019 MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped back into the meeting at 6:09 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

**7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 7, 2019.
*OLIVIA NAVARRO***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

**8. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND
REZONING OF LOT 7, LEONOR ESTATES #1 AMENDING PLAT, BLOCK
6 FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY
RESIDENTIAL) TO BE SUBDIVIDED INTO RESIDENTIAL LOTS.**

JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm

Job Terrazas and Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 pm

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 7, LEONOR ESTATES #1 AMENDING PLAT, BLOCK 6 FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO BE SUBDIVIDED INTO RESIDENTIAL LOTS.**
JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

Fernie Salcido, Miriam Cruz, Jorge Grajeda from the CEA Group and Randy Bowling of Tropicana Homes spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

GRANTS

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 561 IN SUPPORT OF THE TIERRA DEL SOL HOUSING CORPORATION'S (TDSHC) APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA) FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR HACIENDA SANTA BARBARA APARTMENTS IN SOCORRO, TEXAS TO HAVE TIERRA DEL SOL HOUSING CORPORATION CHANGED TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT AFFILIATE HOUSING ECONOMIC RURAL OPPORTUNITY, INC (H.E.R.O).**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP LOCATIONS AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST OF TWO LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT / CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENTS FUNDED THROUGH THE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE GRANT AND SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 563 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION, 2019 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM LETPA PROJECTS (SHSP-L) GRANT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF TEN (10) P25 POLICE RADIOS TO INCREASE THE SPD'S CAPACITY TO AVOID, PREVENT, OR STOP A THREATENED OR ACTUAL ACT OF TERRORISM. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 564 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION, 2019 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM REGULAR PROJECTS (SHSP-R) GRANT FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) MOBILE BACKUP GENERATOR TO POWER ITS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) IN THE EVENT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 565 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR SOCORRO'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON EFFECTIVE IDENTIFICATION AND RESPONSE TO VIOLENT CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN. THE CITY'S MATCH COMMITMENT IS \$2,842 FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVED BUDGET.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 566 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FY 2020 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM TO SECURE ONE (1) COMMUNITY RESOURCES OFFICER (CRO) FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVES, SAFETY AND COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND EDUCATIONAL TRAINING ACTIVITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 567 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE ONE (1) CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCATE TO PROVIDE ADVOCACY SERVICES FOR SOCORRO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CRIME. THE CITY'S MATCH CONTRIBUTION IS \$7,618.60 FROM THE GENERAL FUND.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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 CONTRACT KEMP SMITH LLC FOR THE FORMATION OF A 501(C)(3) PUBLIC FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MISSION AND TO BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and authorize the city manager to execute the engagement letter*. Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID 19-01 FOR BUILDING INSPECTION TO MICHELLE'S VENTURES INC., DBA VISION CONSULTANTS, INC., AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE A FEE AS OUTLINED IN THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS.**
MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

CITY MANAGER

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HIRE A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FIRM TO PROVIDE THE CITY A VALUED APPROACH TO REPRESENTATION DURING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item nineteen (19)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *have staff obtain three (3) quotes for lobbying services*.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:24 pm

Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *suspend the rule to allow Mr. Salcido to continue speaking*. Motion passed.

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

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped back into the meeting at 7:32 pm

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED TO TRAVEL FOR TML ELECTED OFFICIAL CONFERENCE FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2019 IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED TO TRAVEL FOR TML LEADERSHIP ACADEMY COURSE 1 FROM APRIL 5, 2019 THOUGH APRIL 5, 2019 AND COURSE TWO FROM MAY 22, 2019 THROUGH MAY 24, 2019 IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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 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*

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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:38 pm*. Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



March 7, 2019

Date minutes were approved