

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chief David Burton
Lt. C. Rey
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Lt. E Smith
Officer Aguilar
Michael Medina, City Planner
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinaor
Reserve Officer J. Perdue
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Sgt. Mario Benavidez

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 Michael Medina.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Sal Chagolla spoke during Public Comment.

RECOGNITION

5. RECOGNITION OF OFFICER ALEJANDRO CARMONA.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Recognition of Officer Carmona made by Chief Burton.

6. RECOGNITION OF RESERVE OFFICER JAMES PERDUE.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Recognition of Reserve Officer James Perdue made by James Perdue.

PRESENTATION

7. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING FEBRUARY'S 2019 MONTHLY REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Monthly report presentation made by City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2019.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2019.

CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item number twenty-two (22)*.

Fernie Salcido and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion

No action for this item.

Yvonne Colon Villalobos stepped back into the meeting at 6:24 pm.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF A QUITCLAIM DEED AND ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD. JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:24 pm

Miriam Cruz and Trini Lopez spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed a 6:27 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED AND ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PORTION OF OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD. JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

13. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ABOLISH AND/OR RECLASSIFY THE M-1 AND M-2 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS. MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm.

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ABOLISH AND/OR RECLASSIFY THE M-1 AND M-2 INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICTS. MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY ATTORNEY

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE NEVAREZ ROAD ALIGNMENT PROJECT. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone this item for the next Regular Meeting of April 4, 2019*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JANUARY 2019. CHARLES CASIANO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *allow more time for Miriam Cruz to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AS PART OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS FOR TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) PROGRAM. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING RESOLUTION 568 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (TXCDBG) 2019 PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TXCDBG PROGRAM. THE CITY'S GRANT MATCH COMMITMENT IS \$11,574.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eighteen (18) and include Mayor Pro-Tem and city manager to act as the city's authorized representatives*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S LESO (1033) PROGRAM AND DESIGNATE MAYOR AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THIS AGREEMENT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen and include Mayor Pro-Tem and city manager as authorized officials in matters pertaining to this agreement.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLAT APPROVAL FOR HERNANDEZ LOYA SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 10F7, 10F7A AND 10F10, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT AT 10921 BURT RD. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty (20).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move items twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22) to Executive Session to consult with the attorney.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:54
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:13
PM**

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ON AMENDING POLICY 35 PUBLIC, CIVIC AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS USE OF SOCORRO CITY PROPERTY AND LIMITED SERVICES. SECTION: SCOPE OF LIMITED USE OF PROPERTY AND SERVICES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *direct staff to revise policy 35 as discussed with the attorney in Executive Session.*

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

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:14 pm.

Fernie Salcido and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item

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

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped back into the meeting at 7:18 pm.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE, RALPH DURAN TO ATTEND THE NALEO NATIONAL POLICY INSTITUTE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL BE HELD MARCH 29-30, 2019 AT THE SHERATON GATEWAY LOS ANGELES HOTEL, CALIFORNIA. RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

24. 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

25. 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

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

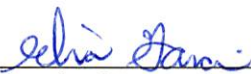
27. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:26 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez




Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved