

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
MAY 2, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived at 6:06 pm*)
Victor Perez (*Arrived at 6:07 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Michael Medina, City Planner
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Lt. Eddie Smith
Lt. C. Rey
Officer S. Triste
Julie Franco, City Auditor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos spoke during Public Comment.

Victor Perez arrived at the meeting at 6:06 pm.

County Commissioner Vince Perez was recognized.

Rene Rodriguez arrived at the meeting at 6:07 pm

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2019. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AND ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 2, POOLE SUBDIVISION AT 10880 SHANDA CIRCLE FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO USE THE LAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. *JOB TERRAZAS***
- 9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 9, 10, 12, 13J, 13J1, 13K, 13K1, 13L AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 2H, 2G, 5A, 6A AND 7, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A1/C-2/R-1 (AGRICULTURAL, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2/C-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS***

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACTS 5A, 6A, 6A2, AND 7, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A1/C-2 (AGRICULTURAL, GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) FOR A NEW SUBDIVISION.

JOB TERRAZAS

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A TRACTS 14 & 13A, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

JOB TERRAZAS

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 23A, 23B, 23C, 23D, 24A, 24B, 25A, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE) FOR THE EXPANSION OF SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL.

JOB TERRAZAS

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AS PER TCEQ PHASE II MS4 GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 8 (BUSINESS), CHAPTER 12 (EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SERVICES), CHAPTER 18 (HEALTH AND PUBLIC WELFARE), CHAPTER 22 (HUMAN RELATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES), CHAPTER 28 (NUISANCES), CHAPTER 36 (STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES), CHAPTER 38 (ZONING), CHAPTER 42 (TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES) AND CHAPTER 46 (ZONING) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY, AND TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS THEREUNDER PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PLANNING AND ZONING SUPERVISOR AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND THE PLANNING DIRECTOR; AND TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 46 (ZONING) TO ELIMINATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL AND ASSIGN ITS DUTIES TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL.

MICHAEL MEDINA

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:

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 451 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT INCREASE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,803.00. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

**Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm**

- 16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 451 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT INCREASE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,803.00. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

- 17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3, SECTION 36-255 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING WAIVER OF EVENT PERMIT FEES FOR NON-PROFIT PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND WHEN AUTHORIZED BY LAW. *MICHAEL MEDINA***

**Public Hearing Opened at 6:22 pm
Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed at 6:23 pm**

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 3, SECTION 36-255 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING WAIVER OF EVENT PERMIT FEES FOR NON-PROFIT PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND WHEN AUTHORIZED BY LAW. *MICHAEL MEDINA***

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

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

Nays:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number thirty to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPORT LETTER TO OPPOSE
HOUSE BILL 2287. MAYOR ELIA GARCIA**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *deny the opposition letter*.

Commissioner Vince Perez spoke on this item.

Zulema Avila, Interim Director with the County Housing Authority spoke on this item.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve letter of support for House Bill 2287 to Senator Rodriguez*.

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

Nays:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLAT APPROVAL FOR SOCORRO
HIGH SCHOOL, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 21B, 22B, 23A, 23C, 24A, 24B
AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 23B AND 23D, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO
GRANT. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to move into Executive Session at this time for consultation with city attorney.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:37 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:48 PM

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLAT APPROVAL FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 21B, 22B, 23A, 23C, 24A, 24B AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 23B AND 23D, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve item number twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 572 IN SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CENSUS AND ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE TO BE MADE UP OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING PARTICIPATION IN THE DECENNIAL CENSUS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to approve item number nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ON COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT USAGE AND DATA SECURITY. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

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

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

Nays:

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARMENT

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH BIG DOG PYRO FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.00. *VICTOR RETA*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and grant authority for administration to execute contract*.

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

Nays:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. IT IS WITHIN OUR PRESENT STAFFING LEVELS FOR 2019. *CHIEF DAVID BURTON*

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:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RESCIND BID 19-01 CONTRACT AWARD FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES TO MICHELLE'S VENTURES, INC. DBA VISION CONSULTANTS INC. AND RE-INITIATE THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLAN CHECKING AND INSPECTIONS. *MICHAEL MEDINA*

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

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

Nays:

25. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES AS DIRECTED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR ORMSBY COURT. MICHAEL MEDINA

No action on this item

CITY MANAGER

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR USE OF WELLS FARGO PURCHASING CARD AND TO ENSURE SECURITY AND LEGITIMACY OF TRANSACTIONS FOR OFFICIAL CITY BUSINESS. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED POLICY 35 FOR PUBLIC, CIVIC AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS USE OF SOCORRO CITY PROPERTY AND LIMITED SERVICES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CINTAS UNIFORMS FOR THE PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF WELLS FARGO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF 12,000.00 TO REPAIR AND EXPAND BRIDGE CROSSINGS AT BAUMAN. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND TML REGION IV MEETING IN SAN ELIZARIO, TX ON JUNE 14, 2019.**
RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

- 32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CREATE GUIDELINES ON AGENDA ITEMS AND BACK UP MATERIAL, BEFORE AN ITEM CAN BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

Ralph Duran rescinded his motion.

No action on this item.

- 33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO MOVE ITEM TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS OUT OF CONSENT AGENDA INTO THE REGULAR AGENDA.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-three (33)*. Motion not passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

- 34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SCHEDULE WORKSHOPS TO PREPARE FOR THE 2020 ELECTION CHARTER AMENDMENT.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

35. 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

36. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36) and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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


Nays:

38. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 9:29 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

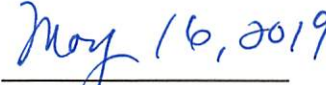


Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved