

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 2, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Chief David Burton
Michael Medina, City Planner
Lt. Eddie Smith
Officer Cesar Gonzalez
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Alex Alvarez, Public Works and Parks Supervisor
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 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 four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Miriam Cruz and Albert Ortiz spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2019.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MAY'S 2019.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR MAY'S 2019.* *CHARLES CASIANO***

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9. *PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 1, GRIJALVA GARDENS, LOT 4 LOCATED AT 733 GRIJALVA DR. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A DUPLEX.* *JOB TERRAZAS***

**Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm
Sergio Cox and Sandy Saucedo spoke on this item
Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm**

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 1, GRIJALVA GARDENS, LOT 4 LOCATED AT 733 GRIJALVA DR. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A DUPLEX. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *deny the rezoning as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission.* 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 up items twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-five (25) and twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REQUEST TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO ADD RIO VISTA AS A FOUR LANE PROJECT FOR INCLUSION ON THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL. ALSO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 1 ON THE WIDENING OF RIO VISTA FROM ALAMEDA TO NORTH LOOP AS WELL AS TO EXPAND THE BRIDGE NEXT TO SANCHEZ ELEMENTARY. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the request to the Metropolitan Planning Organization to add Rio Vista as four lane project for inclusion on the Transportation Planning Documents and Travel Demand Model and request assistance from SISD and El Paso County Water Irrigation District No. 1 on the widening of Rio Vista from Alameda to Thunder to include the bridge.* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twelve (12) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE (AMBULANCE) SERVICES CONTRACT TO ELITE MEDICAL TRANSPORT OF TEXAS, LLC AND NEGOTIATE SUBSIDY COSTS FOR FY 2019-2020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00 UP TO 140,000.00.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Presentation made by Alejandra Valadez.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone item twelve (12) for the next Regular Meeting.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REQUEST TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO WIDEN NORTH LOOP ROAD (FM 76) FROM HORIZON BOULEVARD IN SOCORRO, TEXAS TO THE EL PASO COUNTY / HUDSPETH COUNTY LINE.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the request to Texas Department of Transportation to widen North Loop (FM76) from Horizon Boulevard in Socorro, Texas to the El Paso County/Hudspeth County line.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIR AND EXPANSION OF THE RIO VISTA BRIDGE NEXT TO SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REQUEST TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO AMEND THE DESTINO 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL TO INCLUDE THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROADWAY EXTENSION FROM NORTH LOOP (FM76) TO ALAMEDA AVE (SH20) IN THE APPROPRIATE NETWORK YEAR FOR ACCELERATION.
RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the request to the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization to amend the Destino 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model to include the Nuevo Hueco Tanks roadway Extension from North Loop to Alameda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

WORKSHOPS

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Rene Rodriguez left the meeting at 7:26 pm

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone Sections 1 thru 3 for the next Regular Meeting and review Sections 4 thru 6.* Motion passed.

Sergio Cox spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *suspend the rule and allow time to speakers to speak.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Sergio Cox and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

No action on this item

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar to *take a five (5) minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A FIVE (5) MINUTE RECESS AT 8:13 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:20 PM

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number fourteen (14) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF EMIL CHAPARRO, JANINE YOUNG, CLAUDIA GARCIA, PATRICIA FIERRO, AND WILLIAM CORREA TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED INANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY'S 2019. *CHARLES CASIANO*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR TXCDBG CONTRACT 7218460 TO MARBEK SERVICES, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,808.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT.** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S (THC) FY 2020 TEXAS PRESERVATION TRUST FUND (TPTF) FOR THE RIO VISTA LIBRARY PROJECT. THE CITY'S CASH MATCH CONTRIBUTION IS \$30,000 FROM EXISTING COS.** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 16. INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER AND TRAFFIC OFFICER.** *CHIEF DAVID BURTON*

Chief David Burton introduced Officer Rudy Aguilar as the Community Services Officer for the next two (2) years.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD LANDMARK PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING CORPORATION FOR THE SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE REALIGNMENT OF NEVAREZ ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 38,800.40 AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. *MICHAEL MEDINA***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

CITY MANAGER

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 576 DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, and Ralph Duran

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT OF TIJERINA GALVAN LAWRENCE LLC (FORMERLY KNOWN AS LAWRENCE FINANCIAL CONSULTING LLC) AS THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND RELATED LETTER AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *allow administration and city attorney to review and negotiate the Engagement Letter as long as it does not exceed*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE INVESTIGATION INTO MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO APPOINTED INVESTIGATOR RE SAME. [551.071 AND 551.074]. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone this item to the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

26. 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

27. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete items twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 8:53 pm*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Victor Perez

Elia Garcia
Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



July 18, 2019
Date minutes were approved