

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Maria Reyes
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
AUGUST 1, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
David Mirazo, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Chief David Burton
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Alex Alvarez, PW Supervisor
Mike Medina, City Planner
Acting Sgt. Mario Benavidez
Officer Aguilar
Job Terrazas
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Lt. C. Rey
Lt. Eddie Smith
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:18 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, Sal Chagolla, Javier Macias and Rene Rodriguez spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

24. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2020 BUDGET PLAN.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran *to approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERRIFF'S FOUNDATION TO UTILIZE COUGAR PARK FOR THE FERIA DE EL PASO ON SEPTEMBER 20TH, 21ST AND 22ND 2019.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez to *approve and revised the Ordinance for fund raisers*. Motion passed.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *revise the Ordinance for fund raisers, waive the alcohol in parks ordinance and have appropriate zone for children*. Motion passed.

Lily Limon and Miriam Cruz spoke and this item

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2019.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR JUNE 2019.**
CHARLES CASIANO
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2019.**
CHARLES CASIANO
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 TRACT 5, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 21 LOCATED AT 10166 SOCORRO RD., FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR A PARKING LOT.**
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 TRACTS 3B, 4C & 4D, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 21 LOCATED AT 10180 SOCORRO RD., FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.**
JOB TERRAZAS

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 451 AMENDMENT # 2 TO BALANCE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET WITH A ZERO (0) INCREASE AND DECREASE.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:46 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:47 pm

12. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 451 AMENDMENT # 2 TO BALANCE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET WITH A ZERO (0) INCREASE AND DECREASE.* *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2019-2020 POLLING PLACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE COUNTY OF EL PASO FOR THE USE OF APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirteen (13) with the possibility of having the community center opened during election.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2019.* *CHARLES CASIANO*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

15. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 577 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO TXDOT'S FY19 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT ESCONTRIAS ELEMENTARY. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.* *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 578 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO TXDOT'S FY19 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT H. D. HILLEY ELEMENTARY. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 579 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO TXDOT'S FY19 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT HUECO ELEMENTARY. 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 seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 580 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO TXDOT'S FY19 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE. 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 eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE RE-PLAT APPROVAL FOR LA JOLLA REPLAT I, BEING A LOT SPLIT OF LOT 4, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 6 AT 10560 SANTA PAULA. JOB TERRAZAS*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REPLAT APPROVAL FOR BELEN PLAZA REPLAT K, BEING ALL OF LOT 2, BLOCK 6, BELEN PLAZA LOCATED AT 10815 REGINA DR. JOB TERRAZAS*

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

Ruby Herrera spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR EASTLAKE VALLEY SUBDIVISION UNIT 4, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 13A AND 14, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT AND A PORTION OF LOTS 26, 27, 28 AND 52, BLOCK 1, EASTLAKE VALLEY SUBDIVISION. JOB TERRAZAS*

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-two(22)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the rollback tax rate of 0.837502*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak but declined.

Sal Chagolla spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 15TH AND SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2019 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT TWO ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TO BECOME INVESTMENT OFFICERS TO THE SOCORRO PUBLIC FINANCE OR INVESTMENT BOARD PER ORDINANCE 250 AMENDMENT 1 AND ORDINANCE 321.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *appoint Rene Rodriguez and Yvonne colon-Villalobos*. Motion passed.

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE TWO ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE SOCORRO PUBLIC FINANCE OR INVESTMENT BOARD TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE INVESTMENT TRAINING OR ATTEND THE TRAINING IN LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS FROM DECEMBER 5TH THROUGH THE 6TH 2019. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED TO TRAVEL FOR TML ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM OCTOBER 9TH THROUGH OCTOBER 11TH, 2019 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A WEBINAR TO DISCUSS ANNEXATION ON OCTOBER 24TH, 2019. RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER INTERESTED TO TRAVEL FOR TML ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE FROM NOVEMBER 7TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 8TH, 2019 IN BASTROP, TEXAS. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

WORKSHOP

- 31. 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.

- 32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS SECTIONS VII, VIII, IX, PAGES 28 THROUGH 39 FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Staff to look at Recalls of other city charters and bring back to council.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:12 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BACK AT 8:23 PM

- 33. 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***

- 34. 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***

35. 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 thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 49395 [551.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the settlement agreement and authorize the city attorney to execute agreement subject o the City of El Paso*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos


36. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 8:24 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

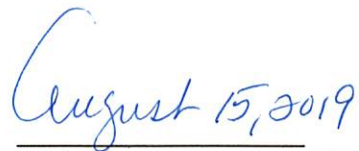
Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos


Elia Garcia, Mayor *Mayor Pro Tem*


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved