

*Gloria M. Rodriguez*  
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  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rene Rodriguez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Job Terrazas, Building Official  
Julie Franco, City Auditor  
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant  
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director  
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator  
Office E. Hernandez  
Chief David Burton  
Lt. E. Smith  
Lt. C Rey  
Michael Medina, City Planner

**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 Estevan Gonzales.

### 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Humberto Nevarez, Eva Rojas, Miriam Cruz, Maria Escudero, Claudia Trevizo, Javier Villasona, Luis Aparicio, Rocio Rosales and Leticia Araiza, spoke during Public Comment.

#### 5. **PRESENTATION FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER OF THE AMERICA'S INNOVATION CENTER REGARDING THEIR PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR UPCOMING ENTREPRENEURS AND THEIR NEW INNOVATOR BOOT CAMP PROGRAM.** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

Presentation made by Nancy Lowery, Director of Accelerator Program with Medical Center of the Americas Foundation.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up items thirty-five (35), thirty-two (32) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

#### 35. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REGIONAL TRANSIT NEXT STEPS BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNTY OF EL PASO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** *MAYOR ELIA GARCIA*

Sal Alonzo and Danny Marquez from the El Paso County were present and Saul Alonzo made a presentation.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *deny the participation and approach the MPO for CMAC and wait until the LLG is established*.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

**32. .DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL - AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND CITY OF EL PASO HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$360,148.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to approve with the corrected amount of \$287,204.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 584 WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THE EPCWID1'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATER AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RIVERSIDE CANAL THAT WILL LEAD TO WATER CONSERVATION, DROUGHT MITIGATION, AND WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:27 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:39 PM**

- 39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING MARY MEDINA, COMPLAINT V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO, RESPONDENT, CLOSED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 OF TEXAS GOV'T CODE.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *grant the city attorney the settlement agreement as requested.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

- 6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING AND JULY 2019 MONTHLY REPORT.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2019.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

**12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO REGULATE SUBDIVISIONS AND INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER PLANNING, SUBDIVISIONS AND TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS.** **JOB TERRAZAS**

**13. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 42-67 SECTIONS 42-69, 42-102 AND 46-633(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO RESTRICT LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING AND STORAGE WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICTS.** **JOB TERRAZAS**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR JULY 2019.** **CHARLES CASIANO**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2019.** **CHARLES CASIANO**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move item number nine out of the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

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

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

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

**9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the floor amendment that the Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 17.07 percent and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$89.40.*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the floor amendment that the Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 17.07 percent and will raise taxes for Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$89.40 and the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up item number thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHIEF OF POLICE OUTSTANDING BALANCE ON THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF MOVING TO SOCORRO IN THE AMOUNT OF 8,426.71. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

**16. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE OF .837502. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:50 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:51 pm

**17. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 583 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:51 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:51 pm

**18. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISION RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 7:52  
No speakers  
Public Hearing closed at 7:52 pm

**19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISION RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

**20. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 11B1, 11B2 & 11B3, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY 302 ABST 10170 LOCATED AT 16143, 16133, 16106 GATEWAY BLVD WEST FROM UNCLASSIFIED AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A COMMERCIAL VENTURE. JOB TERRAZAS**

**21. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 11B1, 11B2 & 11B3, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY 302 ABST 10170 LOCATED AT 16143, 16133, 16106 GATEWAY BLVD WEST FROM UNCLASSIFIED AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A COMMERCIAL VENTURE. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone items twenty and twenty-one for the next meeting*. Motion passed.

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

**22. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, FRIEDMAN ESTATES #2, BLOCK 11 LOCATED AT 11460 DATSUN FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR A SECOND DWELLING.**

**JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 7:55 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:55 pm

**23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, FRIEDMAN ESTATES #2, BLOCK 11 LOCATED AT 11460 DATSUN FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR A SECOND DWELLING.**

**JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item number twenty-three as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission and Planning and Zoning Department.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**24. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE IV (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES), DIVISION 3 (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT) SECTION 2-175 (APPEALS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO APPROVE THE RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

**JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 7:57 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:57 pm

**25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE IV (BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES), DIVISION 3 (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT) SECTION 2-175 (APPEALS) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO APPROVE THE RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

**JOB TERRAZAS**



A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2019. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND DEA (DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY) FOR 2020. CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

### **PLANNING AND ZONING**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL REQUEST TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to approve item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**CITY MANAGER**

**30. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

No action for this item.

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Special Meeting of September 11, 2019 @ 6:00 pm to adopt the municipal budget.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A NEW BANK ACCOUNT WITH LOGIC FOR THE INVESTMENT OF NEW CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATIONS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**36. 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**

**37. 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**

**38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND  
RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.  
ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items thirty-six (36), thirty-seven (37) and thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

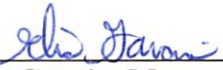
**39. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 8:09 pm*. Motion passed.

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

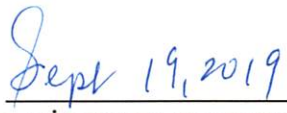
Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

  
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Elia Garcia, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



  
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Date minutes were approved