

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
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived at 6:02 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Michael Medina, City Planner
Lt. Eddie Smith
Officer Mario Benavidez
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs Director

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 Estevan Gonzales.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Eva Rojas spoke during Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:04 pm

7. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX INCREASE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. PUBLIC HEARING OF 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, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:06 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:07 pm

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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, 2019 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.837502 per \$100.00, which is effectively a 11.95 percent increase in the tax rate for item number ten (ten)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

11. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:14 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIN AT 6:27 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:32 PM

ADDENDUM AGENDA

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSMISSION COST RECOVERY FACTOR, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 49148 [551.071]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the proposed settlement*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

15. 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*

16. 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

17. 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 fifteen (15), sixteen (16) and seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 6:34 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Elia Garcia
Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Sept 19, 2019
Date minutes were approved

