

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
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived at 6:09 pm*)
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*Arrived at 6:51 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Alex Alvarez
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Lt. C. Rey
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director
Michael Medina, City Planner
Officer David De Santiago
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator

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 Michael Medina.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public comment.

PRESENTATION

**5. PRESENTATION BY PIO REGARDING NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL
AWARD NAMES CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT
AWARD RECIPIENT. *VICTOR RETA***

Presentation made by Victor Reta.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:09 pm.

**6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING AUGUST 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
SEPTEMBER 5 AND SPECIAL SEPTEMBER 11, 2019. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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 Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

**9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 235 TO MODIFY PROCEDURES AND
CHARGES FOR PUBLIC RECORDS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

10. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:20 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:20 pm

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone items ten (10) and eleven (11)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

12. 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

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Public Hearing opened at 6:24 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:26 pm

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW DIRECTOR TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *appoint Jazmin Vasquez to the City of Socorro Community Initiative Board of Directors*.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 585 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019 AS STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN STORMWATER TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE RIO GRANDE WATERSHED.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HOGGS FOUNDATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH TEXAS COMMUNITIES COUNT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE CENSUS 2020 OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. 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 sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION 586 DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR TXCDBG CONTRACT NO 7218460 - PHASE II SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION AND PAYMENT OF DRAW REQUESTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GRANT BUDGET FOR TXCDBG CONTRACT NO 7218460 - PHASE II SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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, and Victor Perez
Nays:
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 587 ADOPTING TXCDBG POLICIES AND PLANS FOR CONTRACT NO 7218460 - PHASE II SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT A LABOR STANDARDS OFFICER AND CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICER FOR TXCDBG CONTRACT NO 7218460 - PHASE II SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the appointment of Mayela Granados as Labor Standards Officer and Alejandra Valadez as the Civil Rights Officer for TxCDBG contract 72-18460 for item number twenty (20).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT BY OUTSOURCING SERVICES VS AN INTERNAL POSITION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Yvonne colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:51 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRANT ASSISTANT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and change title to Grant Technician.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION (2) TO AMEND EXTANT ORDINANCES THAT PROHIBIT OR LIMIT THE OPERATION (2) OF FARMER'S MARKET.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

WORKSHOP

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS SECTIONS VII, VIII, IX, PAGES 28 THROUGH 39 FOR THE 2020 ELECTION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item twenty-four (24) for the next regular meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

25. 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*

26. 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

27. 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 twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

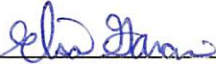
28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 7:19 pm*.
Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved