

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevárez
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
OCTOBER 17, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*arrived at the meeting at 6:23 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Lt. C. Rey
Officer Aguilar
Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Michael Medina, City Planner
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 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

Carlos Trejo, Miriam Cruz and Albert Ortiz, spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items twenty-one (21), twenty-three (23) and nineteen (19) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL FINES AND FEES ACCOUNT COLLECTION SERVICES WITH THE LAW FIRM OF DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ, LLP, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THE LAW FIRM.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSAL FOR HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING SERVICES TO CITY OF SOCORRO'S ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE FIRM.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Rene Rodriguez arrived at the meeting at 6:23 pm.

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

Nays:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE DEDICATION OF TRACTS 13B AND 13C, BLOCK 4 SOCORRO GRANT AND OTHER RELATIVE TRACTS TO DEMONSTRATE A PUBLIC USE AND PROVIDE A COST ESTIMATE OF SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE.

MICHAEL MEDINA

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve with a submission of different scenarios on improving newly acquired property*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

PRESENTATION

5. **PRESENTATION BY MR. GERALD GRIJALVA, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, PROVIDING FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THE BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2019, TO AUTHORIZE THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT TO ISSUE UP TO \$27,500,000 IN AD VALOREM TAX BONDS, AND THE PROPOSED PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED WITH SUCH BOND PROCEEDS.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Michael Flores from the Lower Valley Water District made presentation.

6. **PRESENTATION BY EL PASO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE REGARDING HISTORICAL CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN.**

VICTOR RETA

Presentation made by Andrea Hutchins from the El Paso County.

Cesar Nevarez left the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:39 pm.

7. **PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING SEPTEMBER 2019 MONTHLY REPORT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2019.**

OLIVIA NAVARRO

- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF MONTEVIDEO STREET BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**
MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Rene Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 7:44 pm.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 451 AMENDMENT 3 TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,296.00.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 7:44 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:45 pm

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 451 AMENDMENT 3 TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,296.00.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A START UP BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve \$2,500.00 as the start up budget amount*. No second. Motion did not pass.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S FY 2020 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF ARCHITECTURAL REHABILITATION DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RIO VISTA FARM. THE MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT IS 50-50. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve up to \$30,000.00*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR LEONOR ESTATES UNIT 1 REPLAT A, BEING ALL PINECREST ESTATES UNIT 1 REPLAT A AND LEONOR ESTATES UNIT AMENDING PLAT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve with LED lights*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR EASTLAKE VALLEY UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL TRACTS 9, 10, 12, 13J, 13J1, 13K, 13K1, 13L AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 2H, 2G, 5A, 6A AND 7 FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. JOB TERRAZAS

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

Miriam Cruz and Enrique Escobar spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REPLAT FOR POOLE SUBDIVISION REPLAT E, BEING ALL OF LOT 45, BLOCK 3, POOLE SUBDIVISION, 10800 STACI LANE FOR A LOT SPLIT. JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED REPLAT OF TREJO SUBDIVISION REPLAT A, BEING ALL OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, TREJO SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 10058 APODACA RD. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve and the recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission. 1). Lot 2 shall be extended to the rear of the property. 2). Lot 2 shall have a minimum area of 10,000. Square feet*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *Move item twenty (20) into Executive Session*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:39 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN OPENS SESSION AT 8:52 PM

CITY MANAGER

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLAIM MADE BY CARLOS TREJO FOR
DAMAGE TO HIS PROPERTY. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the claim with a maximum of \$400.00 with proof of phone and allow staff to determine cost.* Motion passed.

Carlos Trejo spoke on this item.

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

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2020, 2021 AND
2022. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the Holiday Schedule and change the name of the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day.* Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE AND STAFF TO MEET WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMENT, WHEN APPROPRIATE, DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS TO COMMUNICATE FOR PRO-BUSINESS PUBLIC POLICY AND A REGULATORY CLIMATE SUPPORTIVE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, TRANSPORTATION PLANS, BUSINESS GROWTH, ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR ALL INITIATIVES IN SOCORRO. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *include 2 other representatives*. No second.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve Representative At Large and one other representative and staff*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

WORKSHOP

- 25. 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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone item number twenty-five (25) to the next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez


29. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 9:21 pm*.


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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez




Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved