

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
JULY 18, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived at 6:16 pm*)
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*Arrived at 6:56 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Lt. Smith
Officer Hernandez
Lt. C. Rey
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers 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 Charles Casiano

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz and Sergio Cox spoke during Public Comment.

5. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING JUNE'S 2019 MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2019 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 2, 2019. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

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

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE "CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION SERIES 2019"; SECURING THE PAYMENT THEREOF BY AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO INCLUDING A PAYING AGENT/ REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND A PURCHASE CONTRACT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez. Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE (AMBULANCE) SERVICES CONTRACT TO ELITE MEDICAL TRANSPORT OF TEXAS, LLC AND NEGOTIATE SUBSIDY COSTS FOR FY 2019-2020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000.00 UP TO 140,000.00.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:16 pm

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TIGUA FACILITY SERVICES INC. FOR ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO STARTING ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 ANNUALLY AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING TO ASSIST STAFF IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE STAFF TO INVOICE CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ONE DISPATCHER SALARY IN THE AMOUNT OF 42,147.00.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE STAFF TO INVOICE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FOR PAVING CUT REPAIRS ON DINDINGER ROAD AND AS NECESSARY.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

WORKSHOP

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2019-2020 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:56 pm.

No action on this item.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Review Articles VII, VIII and IX for next Regular Meeting.

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

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:34 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Elia Garcia removed herself from Executive Session and Victor Perez sat in as Mayor ProTem.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVND IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:02 PM

17. 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

18. 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

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete items seventeen (17), eighteen (18) and nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING INVESTIGATION INTO MUNICIPAL COURT OPERATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO APPOINTED INVESTIGATOR RE SAME. [551.071 AND 551.074]. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *instruct city manager to engage with an outside attorney to represent the city and instruct that attorney to initiate a lawsuit to investigate a claim against Mayor Elia Garcia for the purpose of getting subpoena power to subpoena Mayor Garcia to a deposition to answer questions to the scope of the investigation and then instruct that attorney to take the prior investigator's work product, complete the investigation and report to city council.*

Miriam Cruz and Sergio Cox spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays: Ralph Duran

Absent:

21. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:11 pm.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:




Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved