

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
NOVEMBER 21, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chief David Burton
Lt. C Rey
Lt. Eddie Smith
Officer Aguilar
Corporal Mario Benavidez
Det. Jose L. Fraire
Officer Escudero
Officer J. Dominguez
Officer Sierra
Officer J. McKinney
Sgt. L. Rosario
Sgt. E. Keene
Sgt. K. Verdier
Michael Medina, City Planner
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Michelle Gomez, Court
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Job Terrazas, Building Official
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Alex Alvarez, PPW Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 p.m.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE BY SOCORRO POLICE HONOR GUARD.

PRESENTATION

5. INTRODUCTION OF SOCORRO POLICE HONOR GUARD.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Presentation by Chief David Burton. Rene Rodriguez pinned Officer Aguilar, Mayor Garcia pinned Corporal Benavidez, Ralph Duran pinned Detective Fraire and Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos pinned Officer Escudero.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorena Rodriguez, Pat Gardea, Tom Heck, Maria Valdez, Becky Hernandez, Daniel Portugal, Angelica Carrasco Sanchez, Miriam Cruz and Albert Ortiz spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move item thirteen (13) out of the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up item thirty-two after thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-C-7, BLOCK 3 SOCORRO GRANT FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). **JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the rezoning and Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*. Motion passed.

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

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN TO INCORPORATE SIDEWALKS, SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL, ROUNDABOUT ANALYSIS, AND TRANSIT ELEMENTS.

MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

Presentation by Jose Reyes, Engineer for Dannenbaum Engineering.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Rene Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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

6. PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD TO OFFICER MCKINNEY.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Officer McKinney was pinned by Mrs. Sanchez.

7. PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD TO OFFICERS DOMINGUEZ AND SIERRA.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Chief Burton pinned Officer Dominguez and Sierra.

8. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING OCTOBER 2019 MONTHLY REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Mayor Elia Garcia stepped out at 7:33 pm.

Rene Rodriguez sat in as Mayor ProTem.

Mayor Elia Garcia returned to meeting at 7:35 pm

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
10. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2019.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
14. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE V. (THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS) TO AUTHORIZE QUALIFIED THIRD PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONDUCT PLAN REVIEW INSPECTION SERVICES.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**
15. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 4 (ANIMALS), SECTION 4-1 (DEFINITIONS) AND ADD A NEW SECTION 4-31 (THIRD PARTY ANIMAL CONTROL) TO GRANT ENFORCING AUTHORITY TO THE TIGUA ANIMAL CONTROL.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARING

16. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT A PORTION OF MONTEVIDEO STREET BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

Public Hearing opened at 7:39 pm.

Melissa Piña and Rene Rodriguez spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 7:44 pm.

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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 y Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the permanent closing of Montevideo.*

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIN AT 7:46 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:11 PM

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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 Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

CITY CLERK

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE CHAYO APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER AS AN EARLY VOTING STATION FOR THE DECEMBER 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT NO. 6. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019. CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CRIMES VICTIM ADVOCATE. MAYELA GRANADOS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR RECORDS CLERK II. MAYELA GRANADOS

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

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO OBTAIN A MINE-RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLE (MRAP), WHEN A QUALIFIED VEHICLE COMES AVAILABLE THROUGH LESO (LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE). *CHIEF DAVID BURTON***

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

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

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HORIZON POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM. *CHIEF DAVID BURTON***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO UPDATE THE OVERTIME POLICY FOR UNIFORMED EMPLOYEES. *CHIEF DAVID BURTON***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FINAL PLAT APPROVAL EXTENSION FOR JARDIN DE FLORES SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 9, 9-A AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REPLAT OF BAQUERA SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF LOT 11A, BLOCK 2, ALDAMA ESTATES REPLAT A, LOCATED AT 220 SUN PARK ROAD. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DAYCARE ON LOT 13, LAS LUNAS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 5 LOCATED AT 1002 BLUE MOON WAY. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-eight*. Motion passed.

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

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIC SHOP FOR LOT 10, MARY LOU PARK, BLOCK 2, LOCATED AT 688 HORIZON BOULEVARD. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve with staff's recommendations 1.) No mechanic work shall be done outdoors in the rear of property 2.) all access to the mechanic shop shall be through Horizon Blvd. 3.) all activities shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building. 4.) storage of not more than five inoperable automobiles intended for repair, owned by customers only, provided that the outdoor are in which such cars are store shall be enclosed by a solid wall or fence at least six feet high*. Motion passed.

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

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO ESTABLISH A GOAL TO REDUCE THE ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION BY AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR SEVEN YEARS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, SUSPEND REQUEST OF INSTALLATION OF ILLUMINATION DEVICES NOT PART OF A NEW SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND SOLELY AUTHORIZE DEVICES WHICH SAFEGUARDS THE PUBLIC INTEREST.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO ESTABLISH A NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES AND IMPLEMENTS STATE OF PRACTICE TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AND SUSPEND REQUEST OF INVESTIGATION AND INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS ON ROADWAYS CLASSIFIED AS ARTERIALS AND COLLECTORS AND SOLELY AUTHORIZE SUCH REQUEST THAT SAFEGUARDS THE PUBLIC INTEREST.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CANCEL BID/RFQ 19-04 FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PLAN CHECKING AND INSPECTIONS SERVICES.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION 588 TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR PLAN REVIEW AND INSPECTION SERVICES. MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CALLING A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *call for the December meeting to be held on December 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm*. Motion passed.

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

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *appoint Cesar Nevarez as the new Mayor ProTem*. Motion passed.

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

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY APPROVAL WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO SUPPORTS THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BORDER 2020: U.S. - MEXICO BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS PROPOSAL FOR THEIR CAMPAIGN. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE, RALPH DURAN TO ATTEND THE NALEO NATIONAL POLICY INSTITUTE ON PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT AND BONDS WHICH WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 5-7, 2019 IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA.**
RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

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

WORKSHOP

- 39. 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 Cesar Nevarez to *postpone for next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

- 40. 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**

- 41. 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


- 42. 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 forty (40), forty-one (41) and forty-two (42)*. Motion passed.

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

43. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Motion passed.



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved