

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
OCTOBER 3, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Alex Alvarez, PW Supervisor
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Lt. Eddie Smith
Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz

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 all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Franz Felhaber, Alex Felhaber, Tomas Gandarilla, Jose Castañon. Cristina Ybarra, Miriam Cruz and Margaret Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
6. ***APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2019.***
OLIVIA NAVARRO
7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019.*** ***CHARLES CASIANO***
8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2019.*** ***CHARLES CASIANO***
9. ***INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 451 AMENDMENT 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,296.00.*** ***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, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

10. ***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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:20 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:23 pm

11. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 12. 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 6:27 pm

No speakers on this item

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

- 13. 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 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, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RFQ 19-05 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ARCHITECTURAL REHABILITATION DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER, INCLUDING AWARDED THE CONTRACT OR IDENTIFYING FINALISTS AND CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THEM.**

VICTOR RETA

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 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 1 AMENDING PLAT. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone for next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *reconsider item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RFQ 19-05 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR ARCHITECTURAL REHABILITATION DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER, INCLUDING AWARDING THE CONTRACT OR IDENTIFYING FINALISTS AND CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM THEM. VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the top four (4) finalists*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE FINAL ACCEPTANCE LETTER FOR THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROADWAY. MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *have Nuevo Hueco Tanks Roadway cleaned before signing the acceptance letter*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE PARKS MASTER PLAN TO INCLUDE THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN FROM THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL - AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE 706 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND YSLETA DEL SUR FOR PARTNERSHIP REGARDING THE AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND YSLETA DEL SUR. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon Villalobos to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. 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 Ralph Duran to *move item number twenty (20) to Executive Session*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLAIM MADE BY TOMAS GANDARILLA FOR DAMAGE TO HIS PROPERTY. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENEW DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ, LLP (DASLP) CONTRACT FOR FINES AND FEES COLLECTION SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THE COMPANY. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item twenty-one for the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, RENE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND TML REGION IV MEETING IN TOWN OF HORIZON CITY, TX ON NOVEMBER 1, 2019. RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATIVE AT- LARGE RODRIGUEZ TO RECEIVE OR PARTICIPATE IN CLASSES ON CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR THE MPO. RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

24. DISCUSSION ACTION AND RATIFICATION TO APPROVE REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WANT TO ATTEND THE 3RD ANNUAL MENTORSHIP BENEFIT IN THE AMOUNT OF 500.00. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve and extend invitation to Department Heads*. Motion passed.

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

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 Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting of October 17, 2019.* Motion passed.

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

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:
Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:24 PM

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CLAIM MADE BY TOMAS GANDARILLA FOR DAMAGE TO HIS PROPERTY. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the claim.* Motion failed

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

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *pay the settlement agreement of \$220.00 to Mr. Gandarilla.* Motion passed.

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

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 Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


29. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:29 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved