

*Elia Garcia*  
Mayor  
*Rene Rodriguez*  
At Large  
*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



*Ralph Duran*  
District 2  
*Victor Perez*  
District 3  
*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**VIRTUAL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Elia Garcia  
Rene Rodriguez (*joined the meeting at 6:07 pm*)  
Cesar Nevarez  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez (*joined the meeting virtually*)

Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director  
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adriana Rodarte.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with all members joining virtually.

ALL SPEAKERS WILL JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE AND WILL BE  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY MAYOR GARCIA.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2020.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT**

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2020-2022 BUDGET CALENDAR.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number seven (7).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

#### **CITY MANAGER**

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING A DISASTER DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND THE OCCUPANCY OF PREMISES; PENALTY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Miriam Cruz and Robert Campion spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the ordinance to include face coverings when out in public within the city limits of the City of Socorro and maintain the 6 feet proximity distance from ages 3 (three) and above to take effect in 3 days at 11:59 and for staff to submit a letter to the El Paso Health Department requesting that the Socorro Police Chief, Socorro Fire Department and Socorro Ambulance Service be notified of any Covid-19 cases within the Socorro City limits.*

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

Nays:

Abstain

## **WORKSHOP**

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS ARTICLES III SECTION 3.07 THROUGH SECTION 3.11. ADRIANA RODARTE**

No action on this item.

**10. 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**

**11. 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**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

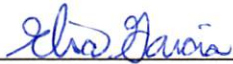
**13. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 7:15 pm*.

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

Nays:

Abstain

  
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**Elia Garcia, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

May 7, 2020  
Date minutes were approved

