

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 2, 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 Granado, Executive Assistant
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator (*joined the meeting virtually*)
Estevan Gonzales

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 Olivia Navarro.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members joining virtually.

Rene Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:07 pm.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Isabel Castillo had requested to speak but did not join the meeting and Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2020. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2020 CASH RECEIPTS. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda.*

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

Nays:

Abstain

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

- 10. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,755.50. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,755.50. *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, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Abstain

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 616 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO END HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND RAISE AWARENESS OF EVERY RESIDENT'S FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Abstain

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 5310 GRANT AGREEMENT.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Abstain

CITY MANAGER

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICIES AND EMPLOYEE PAY ISSUES DURING COVID19 HEALTH EMERGENCY.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *discuss items fourteen (14) and fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO INSTITUTE MEASURES BECAUSE OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ARISING GFROM THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, INCLUDING INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM CERTAIN AREAS AND LOCATIONS, OCCUPANCY OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND OTHER PREMISES, THE CLOSURE OF AND LIMITATIONS ON THE OPERATIONS OF NON- ESSENTIAL AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND PROCEDURES TO ENFORCE THESE MEASURES, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PENALTY. *CESAR NEVAREZ*

A motion was made Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and have city manager develop and ordinance to develop perimeters and bring back to council at next regular meeting.*

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *enforce what the county has implemented and instruct staff to create and ordinance like El Paso.*

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LEAVE OF ABSENSE POLICIES AND EMPLOYEE PAY ISSUES DURING COVID19 HEALTH EMERGENCY. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number fourteen (24).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF GOODS AND SERVICES NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON THOSE PURCHASES AND REPORTING PROCEDURES OF SAME. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item fifteen (15) with a cap of \$49,999.99*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain

WORKSHOP

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon Villalobos to *postpone item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

- 18. 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***

- 19. 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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

21. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 8:14 pm*.

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

Nays:

Abstain



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



April 16, 2020

Date minutes were approved