

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
JUNE 18, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

VIRTURAL MEETING

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
James Martinez, City Attorney (*joined the meeting virtually*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:09 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 present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sal Chagoya and Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

- 5. PROCLAMATION TO LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH.** **MAYOR ELIA GARCIA**

Mayor Elia Garcia read the proclamation.

6. PROCLAMATION TO BLACK LIVES MATTER. MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

Mayor Elia Garcia read the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2020 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2020. OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 TO INCLUDE INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIX-USE DEVELOPMENTS. MICHAEL MEDINA

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

During this time Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, and Ralph Duran spoke regarding items (5) five and (6) six.

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

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 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 9, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 17 LOCATED AT 10143 SOCORRO RD. FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1, LIGHT COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW PARKING OF SEMI-TRUCKS.

JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:43 pm
Sal Chagoya spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:44 pm

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 9, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 17 LOCATED AT 10143 SOCORRO RD. FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1, LIGHT COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW PARKING OF SEMI-TRUCKS. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran *to deny* item number eleven (11). Motion passed.

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

12. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-B, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 27 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

Public Hearing opened at 6:51 pm
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:51 pm

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE OR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-B, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 27 FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

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

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

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN ORDER SCHEDULING A UNIFORM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, MAYOR, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EITHER CONTINUE WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED GRANT APPLICATION TO THE USDOJ'S BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM, OR APPROVE JOINING EL PASO COUNTY'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SAME FUND. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve to submit the application*.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the submitted application*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION WITH THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY DISPOSITION SERVICES. THIS IS THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE (LESO) PROGRAM WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR USE WITH THE DEPARTMENT. *CHIEF DAVID BURTON***

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

Sal Chagoya and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (SISD). CHIEF DAVID BURTON

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLAT APPROVAL FOR MENDIVIL SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF LOT 7M, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11408 HANEY RD FOR A LOT SPLIT. JOB TERRAZAS

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. REPORT ON CIELO DEL MAR UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION. MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

20. REPORT ON VARELA DRIVE. MICHAEL MEDINA

Report presented by Michael Medina, City Planner.

Sal Chagoya spoke on this item.

No action on this item.

CITY MANAGER

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT EL PASO COUNTY'S GRANT APPLICATIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR BROADBAND FEASIBILITY PLAN AND THE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS EXTENSION AS A PRIORITY ROADWAY PROJECT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Sal Chagoya spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HAVE A STANDING ORDER THAT ALL SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MUST INTERVENE WHENEVER A FELLOW OFFICER IS USING EXCESSIVE FORCE. "DUTY TO INTERVENE"

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *direct the chief of police to recommend to Civil Service Commission*.

Sal Chagoya, Jesse Montelongo and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO BAN ANY NECK RESTRAINTS (CHOKE HOLDS) FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *allow Chief Burton to report back on choke holds*. Motion passed.

Sal Chagoya, Jesse Montelongo and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CREATING AN ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE. RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

WORKSHOP

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS ARTICLES IV SECTION 4.01 THROUGH SECTION 4.03 ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

27. 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

28. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez *delete items twenty-seven, twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 8:54 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

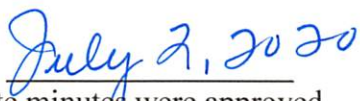


Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved