

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT

Victor Perez (*joined the meeting at 6:18 pm*)
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined the meeting at 6:13 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Alicia Aguilar, Recreation Leader
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 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 four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Margarita Perez spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to move up item number twenty-four (24) before item five (5)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT RESOLUTION 623 RECOGNIZING OFFICER JOSHUA GONZALEZ. RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:13 pm

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD FOR OFFICER JOSH GONZALEZ. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

6. COMMENDATION CITATION FOR CORPORAL ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

7. UNIT CITATION FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION (CID). CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:18 pm

Chief David Burton read the Life Saving Award, the Commendation Citation and the Unit Citation to recognize the officers.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2020 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2020 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2020. OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2020 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
13. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 2, 3, 4, 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12A 13, 13A, 13A2, 14 AND 14A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FROM C2/A1 TO IC-MUD FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.** **JOB TERRAZAS**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

14. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF 28 PROPOSITIONS REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CITY REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, AND DISTRICT 4 CITY REPRESENTATIVE; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES; ORDERING NOTICE OF THE ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF SAID NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT TO HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT; PROVIDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:34 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY, THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF 28 PROPOSITIONS REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; ELECTION FOR MAYOR, CITY REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, AND DISTRICT 4 CITY REPRESENTATIVE; DESIGNATING LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES; ORDERING NOTICE OF THE ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF SAID NOTICE; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING DATES AND TIMES; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT TO HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING A STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT; PROVIDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve and amend Exhibit "A" with correct dates of early voting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT MINOR UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENDING OCTOBER 1, 2020 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nineteen (19)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve with voter amount approval of 8% increase in revenue*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos left the meeting at 7:13 pm

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve and bring back to council with different scenarios of a rate lower than 8% for item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

PLANNING AND ZONING

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIC SHOP AT LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 ABST 6257, TRACT 1-A-1 LOCATED AT 1113 HORIZON BLVD. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

18. UPDATE ON THE MASTER SIDEWALK PLAN PROJECTS.

MICHAEL MEDINA

No action on this item.

CITY MANAGER

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 20, AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2021 BUDGET PLAN. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO ADD ORMSBY TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF SAID PROJECT. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *bring back to council to provide construction cost for discussion to possibly adding Ormsby to the Capital Improvement Program*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 25. 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***

- 26. 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

- 27. 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 twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

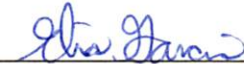
28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:00 pm.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos




Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved