

*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 20, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Elia Garcia  
Rene Rodriguez  
Cesar Nevarez  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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 five members present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up item nineteen (19) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXERCISE OPTION TO RENEW CONTACT WITH ELITE AMBULANCE SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO STARTING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,000 ANNUALLY. TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2020 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 13, 2020. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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 and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

- 7. 1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:11 pm

The doors to Chambers at 860 Rio Vista were opened to any speakers for this item.

No speakers for this item.

Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm

- 8. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 pm  
Enrique Escobar spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm

- 9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 item number nine*. Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:15 pm and was immediately disconnected.

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

### **GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS TO INCREASE TELEWORK CAPABILITIES AND ONLINE MUNICIPAL SERVICES. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 625 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM'S 2020 FIRE, AMBULANCE, SERVICE TRUCK (FAST) FUND. THE CITY'S REQUIRED CASH MATCH CONTRIBUTION IS \$5,000.00. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 626 APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM'S 2020 PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND. THE CITY'S REQUIRED CASH MATCH CONTRIBUTION IS 25% OR UP TO \$20,625.00.**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT AMISTAD'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (DCHD) FOR ESG-CV PHASE II.**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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 and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OBTAINING A SET OF THREE USED MODULAR BUILDINGS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PROGRAM TO UTILIZE AS A HOLDING AREA FOR COVID-19 POSITIVE ARRESTEES. THE FUNDS WOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE COVID RELIEF FUND.**

**CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE TEAR DOWN AND BUILD OF A NEW HANDICAP RAMP AND DECKING FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,875.00.**

**CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

a motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**CITY MANAGER**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**17. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 - 2021.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MUNICIPAL JUDGE TWO YEAR CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE CONTRACT.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran *to move into Executive Session*. Motion died, due to no second.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, and Victor Perez

Nays: Ralph Duran

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW ORDINANCE NO. 250 AMENDMENT NO. 1 STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF COKER ROAD. CESAR NEVAREZ**

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

Diana Ronquillo spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**22. 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**

**23. 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**

**24. 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-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.


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


Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**25. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Rene Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:02 pm*. Motion passed.

  
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**Elia Garcia, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



  
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Date minutes were approved