

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
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Alicia Aguilar, Recreation Leader
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:11 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

No speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move item number twelve (12) out of the Consent Agenda.*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the Consent Agenda and move item number twelve out of the Consent Agenda.*
Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JULY 2020 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JULY 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JULY 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
11. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

REGULAR AGENDA

12. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number twelve (12)*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF EL PASO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AS OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

13. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE OF .836995. ADRIANA RODARTE

The doors to the building at 860 Rio Vista were opened to any speaker wishing to speaker regarding the Tax Rate.

Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:19 pm

14. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 627 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:19 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:20 pm

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR THE SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND REDFORK MARKETING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PORTION OF THE SOCORRO YOUTH IN CULTURE (SY!C) PROGRAM WEBSITE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR ESTANCIAS DEL PARRAL SUBDIVISION. BEING TRACTS 19B & 20B, BLOCK 13, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

JOB TERRAZAS

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

Jorge Ascarate with the CEA Group spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES RELATED TO THE NORTH NEVAREZ ROADWAY PROJECT.

MICHAEL MEDINA

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

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move into Executive Session to consult with attorney regarding land acquisition*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:39 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:55 PM

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item eighteen (18) and proceed as discussed in Executive Session*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION #5
BOVEE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. MICHAEL MEDINA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION #6
RIO VISTA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT. MICHAEL MEDINA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION #7
PASSMORE ROAD SHARED USE PATH. MICHAEL MEDINA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY MANAGER

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

23. 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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve September 10, 2020 as the date on which council will take final action*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO START THE LIEN OF ABATEMENT COST PROCESS FOR PROPERTIES 10930 AND 10974 BURT ROAD.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

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

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

29. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:08 pm*. Motion passed.

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

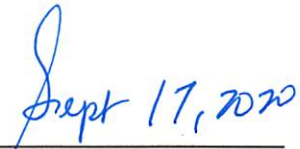


Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved