

*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  
OCTOBER 1, 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*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant  
Michael Medina, City Planner  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:14 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**

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.**  
**OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2020 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

10. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE REVENUE BY \$400,000.00.00 AND DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$73,343.00 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:19 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:19 pm

11. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE REVENUE BY \$400,000.00.00 AND DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$73,343.00 FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

**12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING EXHIBIT C TO ORDINANCE NO. 492 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:25 pm  
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:29 pm

**13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING EXHIBIT C TO ORDINANCE NO. 492 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S (LVWD) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FY 2021 REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PROGRAM.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOCATE \$10,000 TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THREE (3) COMMUNITY CLEAN UP AND TIRE AMNESTY EVENTS DURING THE FY 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR AND MAXIMIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECEIVED FROM GRANTS.**  
**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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO (YDSP) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE SOCORRO POLICE AGENCY'S FREQUENCIES AND ENCRYPTION CODES ON YDSP COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. THIS DOCUMENT WOULD ALLOW INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOTH AGENCIES ON INCIDENTS REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE COORDINATION. APPROVE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM.**

***CHIEF DAVID BURTON***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran 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 & FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAS DE SOCORRO SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 13B & 18, BLOCK 12 AND TRACTS 1, 3A & 3C, BLOCK 27, 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.

Miriam Cruz and Enrique Escobar 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 FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR EASTLAKE VALLEY UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL TRACTS 9, 10, 12, 13J, 13J1, 13K, 13K1, 13L AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 2H, 2G, 5A, 6A AND 7 FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Enrique Escobar spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR MARIA REYNA PINEDA SUBDIVISION, BEING LOT 10, BLOCK 2 SAN YSIDRO SUBDIVISION, AT 221 REVELES WAY FOR A LOT SPLIT. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran 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 #8 NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROAD EXTENSION. *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

**CITY MANAGER**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING ENGAGING WITH SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AUDITING FISCAL YEAR 2020. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

**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 Ralph Duran to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM TEXAS GAS SERVICE TO APPROVE USE OF FINANCIAL HEDGING [551.071].**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**26. SUMMARY FINDINGS REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL COURTS UNDER 551.071 AND 551.074. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete this item and bring back on next regular meeting as a discussion and action item*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez


**27. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rene Rodriguez to adjourn at 6:28 pm. Motion passed.

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

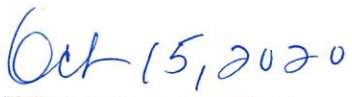
Nays:

Absent: Ralph Duran

  
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**Elia Garcia, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



  
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Date minutes were approved