

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 15, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL 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
Jim Martinez (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Michael Medina, City Planner
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:10 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

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. ***PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION TO 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARIES FOR CHRISTOPHER REY, JASIEL MUNOZ AND ISRAEL RODRIGUEZ.***
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

Chief Burton, Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez, Cesar Nevarez, Mayor Garcia, Lt. Christopher Rey, Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz and Corporal Israel Rodriguez spoke on this item.

6. ***PRESENTATION ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S (CSCI) YEAR 1 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL.***
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Presentation made by Alejandra Valadez

CONSENT AGENDA

7. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
8. ***APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2020.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

A motion was made by Victor Perez 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:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

9. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020A; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.***

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:39 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:40

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020A; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve Amegy Bank*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Robert Tijerina spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.
CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 6:55 pm

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

Cesar Nevarez stepped back to the meeting at 6:56 pm.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR HUECO JUNCTION UNIT ONE BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 12A, 12C, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT AND A REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, EASTLAKE VALLEY SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD AND NUEVO HUECO TANKS BLVD.

JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF A PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FOREMAN.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

15. 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

16. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items fifteen (15), sixteen (16) and seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:18 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:01 PM

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL COURTS UNDER 551.071 AND 551.074.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *address issue regarding municipal court for next Regular Meeting for possible censure of that individual.* Motion passed.

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

12. 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 Cesar Nevarez to *approve Mr. Perez's recommendation as discussed in executive session.* Motion passed.

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

18. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 8:04 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