

Elia Garcia
Mayor
Rene Rodriguez
At Large
Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



Ralph Duran
District 2
Victor Perez
District 3
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia (*joined at 6:17 pm*)
Cesar Nevarez (*joined meeting at 6:44 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *appoint Rene Rodriguez as Mayor ProTem*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

Mayor Elia Garcia joined the meeting at 6:17 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:19 pm by Mayor Elia Garcia.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Adriana Rodarte.

3. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

Sal Chagoya and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2020 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2020 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2020 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez 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 HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 (ZONING), SECTIONS 46-239 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-263 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-329 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-352 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), AND 46-623 (ACCESSORY BUILDING) TO REDUCE REAR SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. *JOB TERRAZAS***

Public Hearing opened at 6:25 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed 6:26 pm

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 (ZONING), SECTIONS 46-239 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-263 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-329 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), 46-352 (ACCESSORY STRUCTURES), AND 46-623 (ACCESSORY BUILDING) TO REDUCE REAR SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. JOB TERRAZAS

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *amend Sec 46-623 (a) to allow no more than 3 accessory buildings*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *amend Sec 46-623 (a) to allow no more than 2 accessory building for 1 acre or more*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CARES ACT FUNDING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND EL PASO COUNTY.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$350,000 OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR THE SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM AND APPROVE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH LIFTFUND INC. TO ADMINISTER THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOCORRO, TEXAS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 SHUT DOWNS. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Lupe Mares from Liftfund Inc., spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez joined the meeting at 6:44 pm.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL COURTS. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*.

Mayor Elia Garcia spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *suspend the rule and allow Mayor Elia Garcia to continue speaking*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Mayor Elia Garcia continued speaking on this item.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Pere to *allow Mayor Garcia to pose written questions to city attorney and bring back at next council meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at 7:05 pm*. 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 7:05 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:28 PM

14. 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

15. 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

16. 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 fourteen (14), fifteen (15) and sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES RELATED TO THE NORTH NEVAREZ ROADWAY PROJECT. [551.071 AND 551.072] JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made b Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *the recommendations made by city planner*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:30 pm*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

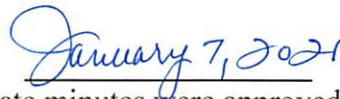


Cesar Nevarez, Mayor ProTem



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved