

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 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*)

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Alicia Aguilar, Recreation Leader
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Victor Reta, Recreation Department Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08 pm

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 all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

Ivy Avalos, Miriam Cruz and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR THE COVID-19 UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (LVWD).

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item six (6)*. Motion passed.

Alejandra Valadez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

7. DISCUSS AND ACTION ON 184 SANTA PAULA DR, TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE ON IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MEASURES. IT HAS BEEN MANY ACCIDENTS OVER THE YEARS.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *direct administration to take a look at the possibility of installing, speed hump, lighting or guardrail, whatever is feasible*. Motion passed.

Diana Nunez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 630
CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE RUNOFF ELECTION HELD
DECEMBER 12, 2020. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item 630 canvassing the returns of the Runoff Election of December 12, 2020.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**9. SWEAR IN CEREMONY FOR INCOMING ELECTED OFFICIALS.
ADRIANA RODARTE**

Judge Monique Velarde-Reyes virtually swore in Ivy Avalos.

Judge Ruben Lujan swore in Ruben Reyes

Judge Monique Velarde-Reyes virtually swore in Yvonne Colon-Villalobos,

At this time Mayor Elia Garcia virtually hands the gable to Mayor Ivy Avalos.

**10. 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**

**11. 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**


**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND
RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.
ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items ten (10), eleven (11) and (12) twelve.* Motion passed.


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

13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to adjourn at 7:02 pm.



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



January 7, 2021
Date minutes were approved