

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
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
JUNE 17, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez *(joined the meeting at 6:30)*
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *(joined the meeting at 6:29 pm)*

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Anthony Sida, IT Technician
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant
Victor Reta, Recreations Department Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:13 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Adriana Rodarte.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

No speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDRES CHAVEZ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PLACE 3.*

RUBEN REYES

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL PADILLA TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION PLACE 2.*

RALPH DURAN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

20. *SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS.*

Mayor Ivy swore the new commissioners.

PRESENTATIONS

5. *PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MAY 2021 MONTHLY REPORT.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. *APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2021.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 494 AMENDMENT 2 TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$182,603.00 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

9. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 16D1, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11401 ALAMEDA AVE FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).

JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing Opened at 6:24 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing Closed at 6:25 pm

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 16D1, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11401 ALAMEDA AVE FROM M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

11. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR AND PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN ONE.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing Opened at 6:28 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:29 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMPLIFIED SOUND PERMIT IN CERTAIN LOCATIONS AND ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR AND PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN ONE. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:30 pm

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos left the meeting at 6:30

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN ORDER SCHEDULING A UNIFORM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 2 AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A MATCH OF UP TO \$132,805 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FY 2021 COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT (CPD) CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS SOLICITATION FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LAURA TURON TO OFFER AN EXHIBIT PRESENTATION OF PARADOX TRAVELING ART AT THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER ON JULY 31, AUGUST 1, AND AUGUST 3RD, 2021 AS PART OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS TEXAS TOURING ROSTER.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECENT UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR HIDDEN VALLEY SUBDIVISION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY.**
JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL – REGULAR AGENDA

- 21. DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH SYNEROID TECHNOLOGIES PILOT PROGRAM “BRING MY PET HOME” WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move into Executive Session to consult with counsel regarding real estate and personnel matter*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:13 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:13 PM

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING INVESTIGATION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT [551.074].

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-six (26) thru twenty-seven (27)*.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION UPON PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO THE EXPANSION AND/OR RENOVATION OF BOVEE ROAD [551.072].
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to:

1. authorize the city to construct an expansion and/or renovation of Bovee Road at the location shown on the map included with the backup materials provided to Council;
2. The City is authorized to acquire by purchase or through eminent domain proceedings all necessary real property rights, consisting of fee title, easements, and other interests in land within the boundaries of such project, including without limitation the rights involving the person(s) and/or tract(s) identified on the list included with the backup materials;
3. There is a necessity to acquire such rights for public use in connection with such project, being the purpose of providing enlarging or improving streets or other roadway, and/or the straightening, widening, or extending streets, as authorized by Section 251.001 of the Texas Government Code;
4. The location and extent of such project, and the acquisition of such rights, is reasonable and necessary;
5. If necessary in the opinion of the City Manager, the City is authorized to file eminent domain proceedings, to acquire such rights;
6. In connection with any eminent domain proceeding relating to such project, the City is authorized to seek possession of the condemnation properties pursuant to Section 21.021 of the Texas Property Code;
7. If such possession is sought, the City is authorized to make any deposits into the court registry as required by such law, and to otherwise take all steps necessary under such law to obtain such possession;
8. The City Manager is delegated the authority to determine whether such possession should be sought in a particular proceeding; and

9. The City Manager is authorized to sign any and all applications, bonds, contracts, pleadings, affidavits, and other documents as may be necessary to seek and obtain such possession.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

26. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION UPON PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS BY EMINENT DOMAIN OR OTHERWISE RELATING TO THE EXPANSION AND/OR RENOVATION OF RIO VISTA ROAD [551.072].*
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to

1. authorize the city to construct an expansion and/or renovation of Rio Vista Road at the location shown on the map included with the backup materials provided to Council;
2. The City is authorized to acquire by purchase or through eminent domain proceedings all necessary real property rights, consisting of fee title, easements, and other interests in land within the boundaries of such project, including without limitation the rights involving the person(s) and/or tract(s) identified on the list included with the backup materials;
3. There is a necessity to acquire such rights for public use in connection with such project, being the purpose of providing enlarging or improving streets or other roadway, and/or the straightening, widening, or extending streets, as authorized by Section 251.001 of the Texas Government Code;
4. The location and extent of such project, and the acquisition of such rights, is reasonable and necessary;
5. If necessary in the opinion of the City Manager, the City is authorized to file eminent domain proceedings, to acquire such rights;
6. In connection with any eminent domain proceeding relating to such project, the City is authorized to seek possession of the condemnation properties pursuant to Section 21.021 of the Texas Property Code;
7. If such possession is sought, the City is authorized to make any deposits into the court registry as required by such law, and to otherwise take all steps necessary under such law to obtain such possession;
8. The City Manager is delegated the authority to determine whether such possession should be sought in a particular proceeding; and
9. The City Manager is authorized to sign any and all applications, bonds, contracts,

pleadings, affidavits, and other documents as may be necessary to seek and obtain such possession.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

28. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez *to adjourn at 8:23 pm.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



July 1, 2021

Date minutes were approved