

**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  
AUGUST 5, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Ralph Duran  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cesar Nevarez  
Victor Perez (*joined at 6:23 pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:23 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.

Acknowledgement of the Honorable Commissioner Iliana Holguin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. Public Comment**

Miriam Cruz and Sal Chagoya spoke during Public Comment

**PRESENTATIONS**

**4. PRESENTATION UPDATE ON 87<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATION SESSION WRAP BY  
RICK ARMENDARIZ AND MARISA MARQUEZ FROM FORMA GROUP.  
ADRIANA RODARTE**

Rick Armendariz and Marisa Marquez gave presentation.

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:23 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 6:32 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 6:34 pm.

**5. PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER ILIANA  
HOLGUIN REGARDING COUNTY PROGRAM FOR RENTAL AND  
UTILITY ASSISTANCE. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and Ana Apoda from Paso Del Norte Community Foundation.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up items twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**27. PUBLIC HEARING ON WRITTEN CHARGE TO REMOVE EUGENE  
TRUJILLO AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm

Eugene Trujillo spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:05 pm

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO REMOVE EUGENE TRUJILLO AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

A motion was made Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ralph Duran *to approve for discussion.*

An amended motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ralph Duran *to remove Eugene Trujillo from the Board of Adjustments.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays: Victor Perez

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 1 AND JULY 15, 2021. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2021 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 11-A, BLOCK 19, SOCORRO GRANT (HISTORICAL) LOCATED AT 10493 SOCORRO ROAD FROM R-1 TO C-1. CARLOS GALLINAR**
- 13. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 1, AND LOTS 2 & 3 BLOCK 2, CONNER'S SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 TO C-2. CARLOS GALLINAR**
- 14. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 31, BLOCK 14, COUNTRY GREEN SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 10937 RYE LANE FROM R-1 TO R-2 WITH A CONDITION TO LIMIT THE DENSITY TO ONE DUPLEX UNIT. CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by ralph Duran *to approve the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 15, MISSION #1, BLOCK 11 LOCATED AT 551 ZEBU ROAD FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A CONDITION OF LIMITING THE DENSITY TO A DUPLEX UNIT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm

Alfredo Gurrola spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:26 pm

- 16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 15, MISSION #1, BLOCK 11 LOCATED AT 551 ZEBU ROAD FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A CONDITION OF LIMITING THE DENSITY TO A DUPLEX UNIT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number sixteen (16)*.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the rezoning and limit to only a duplex*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 5D, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 27 LOCATED AT 11683 SOCORRO ROAD FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:37 pm

Eleazar Ojeda spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:40 pm

**18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 5D, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 27 LOCATED AT 11683 SOCORRO ROAD FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number eighteen (18)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number eighteen with the density cap of light commercial currently on property*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**19. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 13A1E, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 8 FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

**20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 13A1E, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 8 FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone items nineteen (19) and twenty (20) for thirty (30) days*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF EL PASO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME.**

**OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**CITY MANAGER**

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the voter approval tax rate of 0.803158*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 19 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2021 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2022.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the Public Hearing of August 19 and change the September Public Hearing from September 2 to September 1*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2022 BUDGET PLAN.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FOR MAYOR IVY AVALOS, DISTRICT 4 YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS, AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND TML REGION IV MEETING IN ODESSA, TEXAS FRIDAY AUGUST 20, 2021.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-five (25) with motel accommodations if necessary*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL FOR THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE EVENT FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 AND TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-six (26) to service for a public purpose*. Motion passed.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO VACATE LOS ADOBES DR. TO ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

**MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item twenty-nine (29) for discussion*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *amend for next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND SECTION 46 OF THE MUNICODE TO ALLOW MOBILE / MODULAR OFFICE UNITS FOR COMMERCIAL USE.**

**RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**31. 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**

**32. 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**

**33. 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 thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**34. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 8:37 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



*August 19, 2021*

Date minutes were approved