

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
APRIL 1, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez

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: 6:17 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 five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

No speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up items eighteen (18) and nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINT OF GUADALUPE MISQUEZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 1.* CESAR NEVAREZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

19. *SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.*

Mayor Avalos swore in Ms. Guadalupe Misquez.

PRESENTATION

5. *PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 MONTHLY REPORT.* ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2021.* OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.* CHARLES CASIANO

9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2021 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.* CHARLES CASIANO

10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.* CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 494 AMENDMENT 1 TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$108,600.00 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:37 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:38 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 494 AMENDMENT 1 TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$108,600.00 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND EL PASO TRADE AND MANUFACTURING COUNCIL.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF \$200,000 OF CARES ACT FUNDING FOR THE SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR RANCHO ESCONDIDO ESTATES, BEING TRACT 2E2, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Conrad Conde from Conde Engineering spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR JORDAN SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 5A & 6B1A, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11661 SOCORRO RD FOR A LOT SPLIT.

JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

CITY MANAGER

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (TAMUS) AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE RIO VISTA PARK FROM MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2026.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes *to move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

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

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN PEN SESSION AT 7:03 PM

20. 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

21. 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

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

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran *to delete items twenty (20). twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

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

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE'S REVISED INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION. [551.071] JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *suspend the effective date of requested rate adjustment for forty-five (45) days and council to act on or before June 25, 2021*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos


24. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 7:07 pm*.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos




Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved