

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 15, 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 6:23 pm)*
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *(joined the meeting at 6:11 pm)*

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 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.

PRESENTATION

5. **PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MARCH 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 APRIL 1, 2021.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran 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

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2021-2022 BUDGET CALENDAR.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the budget calendar and move the workshops to 6:00 pm with the Regular Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 640 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO END HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND RAISE AWARENESS OF EVERY RESIDENT'S FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS.** **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:11 pm.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS CHALLENGE AMERICA PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO ART WALK. THERE IS A \$10,000 MATCH REQUIREMENT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S (CSCI) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE (HFFI) AND ALLOCATE \$50,000 IN FUNDING TO THE SOCORRO FARMERS MARKET INITIATIVE.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE FY 2021 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez 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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT (SISD) FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT). CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes 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 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 made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items fourteen (14), fifteen (15) and sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:23 pm

- 17. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 6:24 pm*

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

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



May 6, 2021

Date minutes were approved