

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 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 the meeting at 6:31 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Estevan Gonzalez, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Department Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:18 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 members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

Diana Nuñez, Alejandro Garcia, Pablo Barrera, Rene Rodriguez, Terry Serna and Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

- 5. PRESENTATION FROM COMMISSIONER ILIANA HOLGUIN REGARDING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON EL PASO COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS LOANS AND GRANTS PROGRAMS ALONG WITH A RENTAL RELIEF PROGRAM AND UMC MOBILE UNIT TO INTRODUCE TO PEOPLE IN SOCORRO. MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

The honorable Iliana Holguin made the presentation.

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:31 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2021. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 2D, 1D, 2C1, 1D3, 1C1, 4A2B, 4C, 4B1, 4B2, 1C, 1H, 1B, 1B1, 6C, 6B & 6A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1/C-2 TO R-2/C-2 FOR A NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. JOB TERRAZAS**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 633 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2020 OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) TO FUND OVERTIME AND EQUIPMENT FOR PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THE BORDER INITIATIVE. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXTEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (LVWD) FOR THE COVID-19 UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 6 HAND-HELD RADIOS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,162.50. CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 1 REPLAT B, BEING LOT 1, BLOCK 3, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 470 VALLE DEL PASEO FOR A LOT SPLIT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twelve (12).*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item twelve (12) as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission to allow the applicant to record the plat and to grant a 2.5' variance to the existing building.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 481. *MICHAEL MEDINA*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirteen (13).*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *instruct staff to propose definition for agricultural properties and research a window for maintaining agricultural exemption.*

An amended motion was made Victor Perez to *include agricultural properties and direct staff to take into consideration and try to incorporate all the comments made and taken at the Public Meeting of February 2020 regarding setbacks and residential areas.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY MANAGER

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING EVALUATION TEMPLATE FOR CITY MANAGER. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the proposed template provided by Mr. Reyes with a section after each item for comments for ratings of 1 or 2.*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the proposed template provided by Mr. Reyes with a section after each item for comments for ratings of 1 or 2 and to provide electronic or hard copy as an exhibit.* Motion passed.

Alejandro Garcia spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO GIVE APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO THE CONSULTING FIRM (THE FORMA GROUP) WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY WHEN TIME CONSTRAINTS DO NOT ALLOW THE CONSULTANTS AND LIAISONS TO MEET.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE RALPH DURAN AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVES YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS TO TRAVEL FOR THE 87TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the travel with 3M mask.* Motion passed.

Alejandro Garcia spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON UPCOMING SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONDUCTING A STUDY AND COST ANALYSIS ON A SECTION OF REGINA DR. FOR THE PAVING COMPLETION OF THE ROAD. *MAYOR IVY AVALOS*

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

Diana Nuñez, Alejandro Garcia and Rene Rodriguez spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *place this street on the list*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

19. 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*

20. 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

21. 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 nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 8:13 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

February 18, 2021

Date minutes were approved