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

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Ralph Duran
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Cesar Nevarez *(joined at 6:39 pm)*
Victor Perez

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

Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Carlos Gallinar, Interim City Planner

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 four council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. ***WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON FY 2021-2022 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

   Presentation made by Charles Casiano, Finance Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. ***EXCUSE*** **ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2021.** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON APPROVING MAY 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** ***CHARLES CASIANO***

9. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON APPROVING MAY 2021 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** ***CHARLES CASIANO***

10. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON APPROVING MAY 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** ***CHARLES CASIANO***

11. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING*** **REGARDING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE I "IN GENERAL", TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE: ARTICLE VI (PERMITS), AND AMENDING CHAPTER 46 (ZONING),ARTICLE I – DEFINITIONS, ARTICLE II – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, DIVISION 3 (BUILDING PERMITS), AND ARTICLE V (SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL DISTRICTS) TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION ON REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, THEIR RELATED FEES, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND FENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIMMING POOLS.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE

12. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** **OF ORDINANCE 494 AMENDMENT 2 TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY $182,603.00 FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:38 pm
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:39 pm

Cesar Nevarez joined the meeting at 6:39 pm

13. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION*** **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 item number thirteen (13).* Motion passed.

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

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

14. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON APPROVING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY COORDINATOR.** ***CAROL CANDELARIA***

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

15. ***DISCUSSION ACTION*** **ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR SENDERO FLORES VILLAGE, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 4B & 4C, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 27 FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.**
CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number fifteen (15) with staff recommendations which include all pending reports, soil analysis, schedule of development, covenants and restrictions and traffic impact analysis prior to recording the final plat.*

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

16. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS FOR THE RIO VISTA FARM PROJECT.** ***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

17. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **TO APPROVE RAMIREZ CONSTRUCTION FOR THE STREET STRIPING OF PASSMORE, BAUMAN, BOVEE, MOON, BUFORD, PLACE, RIO VISTA AND PLANNING AND ZONING PARKING LOT IN THE AMOUNT OF 29,500.00.** ***LOUIE CHAVEZ***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve.*

An amended motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the street striping of Passmore, Bauman, Bovee, Moon Buford, Place, Rio Vista and Planning and Zoning to Ramirez Construction.* Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

18. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **TO APPROVE THE ARTIST WORK ON A MURAL IN THE CORNER OF NORTH LOOP AND THREE MISSIONS BUSINESS NATIONAL SELF STORAGE 10560 N. LOOP SOCORRO, TEXAS 79927.** ***RALPH DURAN***

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

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

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO HAVE STAFF RESEARCH WATER WELLS FOR PARK IRRIGATION. ***RALPH DURAN***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number nineteen (19)*

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

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos 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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:03 PM

EXECTUIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:11 PM

23. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS JUNE 1, 2021 [551.071]. ***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *suspend the effective date of the tax increase for 90 days and adopt a Resolution.* Motion passed.

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

24. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION (GRIP – GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM) FILED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION ONE GAS, INC. – WEST TEXAS SERVICE AREA WITH THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS (21-1008-169) [551.071]. ***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the application.* Motion passed.

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

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 ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty (20), twenty-one a (21) and twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

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

25. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to adjourn at 7:14 pm.*

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

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

August 5, 2021
Date minutes were approved