

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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
Victor Reta, Recreations Department Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:09 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 all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. **PRESENTATION UPDATE ON 87TH LEGISLATION SESSION UPDATE BY RICK ARMENDARIZ AND MARISA MARQUEZ FROM FORMA GROUP.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation by Rick Armendariz and Marisa Marquez.

6. **PRESENTATION ON SOCORRO SAFETY SOLDIER.** **VICTOR RETA**

Presentation by Victor Reta.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2021.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2021 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE 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**
13. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 1A30 & 1A30A, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 LOCATED AT 11353 STOCKYARD RD., FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2, (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A TRUCKING BUSINESS.** **JOB TERRAZAS**
14. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOTS 11 & 12, BLOCK 2, POOLE SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 10860 & 10870 SHANDA CIRCLE FROM C-2, (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-1, (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL).** **JOB TERRAZAS**

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 19B, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 600 MOON FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-1, LIGHT COMMERCIAL. *JOB TERRAZAS*

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REMOVAL OF GUADALUPE MISQUEZ FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 1. *CESAR NEVAREZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINT OF JULIE DOMINGUEZ 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 twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

28. *SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.*

Mayor Ivy Avalos swore in Julie Dominguez.

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 641 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY20 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 Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 17. *UPDATE ON RESIGNATION FROM CSCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MS. PATRICIA LOPEZ.*** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

No action on this item.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIC SHOP IN TRACTS 1A2B & 1M, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298 LOCATED AT 10700 ROBIN RD.*** *JOB TERRAZAS*

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR VALLE NUEVO COMMERCIAL CENTER #1, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 10, 11, 12A, 13A2, 14, AND 14A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Jesus Ortiz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19) with staff recommendations: 1.) soil analysis 2.) schedule of development 3.) covenants and restrictions 4.) traffic impact analysis and 5.) special problems analysis*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER #1 BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 8, 9, 10 & 11, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty (20)*.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty (20) with staff recommendations: 1.) soil analysis 2.) schedule of development 3.) covenants and restrictions 4.) traffic impact analysis and 5.) special problems analysis*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY APPROVAL FOR MAYOR IVY AVALOS, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RUBEN REYES, CITY MANAGER ADRIANA RODARTE AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER VICTOR RETA TO ATTEND TML REGION 4 MEETING IN ANDREWS, TEXAS FRIDAY APRIL 30, 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR IVY AVALOS, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING WEBINAR MUNICIPAL FUNDAMENTALS ON FRIDAY MAY 21, 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve attendance of Mayor, AtLarge, District 1 and District 4 to attend the webinar for item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

23. DISCUSSION UPDATE AND ACTION ON THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT MAURO ROSAS INSTALL OF A 10' X 10' LIFT STATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the issuance of a letter to the Lower Valley Water District signed by all council to include the maintenance of the lift station*.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH BOARDS AND COMMISSION VACANCIES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *allow 90 days to fill all commission and to send council members a current list of all commissions*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO CARES ACT FUNDING PORTION RECEIVED BY EL PASO COUNTY.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*

An amended motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *inform El Paso County that the City of Socorro will use all the money and to expediate their process of reimbursement.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:09

29. 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*

30. 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

31. 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-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed

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

Nays:

Abstain:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES RELATED TO THE NORTH NEVAREZ ROADWAY PROJECT. [551.071 AND 551.072]

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve and authorize the settlement agreement described by city attorney in executive session*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

33. RALPH DURAN V. CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AND INTERNATIONAL EAGLE ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A EAGLE CONSTRUCTION AND/OR EAGLE TRANSPORTATION, IN THE 120TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2020-DCV3246 [551.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *dismiss item number thirty-three (33)*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the settlement discussed in executive session and authorize city manager to execute release*.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Ralph Duran

32. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to adjourn at 8:13 pm.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



May 20, 2021

Date minutes were approved