

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 20, 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
Chief David Burton

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:11 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

Rene Rodriguez spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty-four (24) through twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

24. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO PROJECTS ARTERIAL 1 (1682) AND NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROADS PRESENTATION BY KIM JOHNSON BLANTON ASSOCIATES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Jose Reyes, Carlos Peralez and Kim Johnson.

No action on this item.

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT BY SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*.

Presentation made by Tello Cabrera.

Cesar Nevarez logged out of the meeting at 6:31 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

26. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE SYNEROID TECHNOLOGIES BRING A PILOT PROGRAM "BRING MY PET HOME" CAMPAIGN TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made b Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duan to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONER MIRIAM CRUZ TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION PLACE 4. *RUBEN REYES*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM CRUZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 5. *RUBEN REYES*

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

29. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

Judge Ruben Nuñez swore in Miriam Cruz.

PRESENTATION

5. WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAM.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING APRIL 2021 MONTHLY REPORT AND CIVIL SERVICE ANNUAL 2020 REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2021.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SEVERAL SECTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MUNICODE CHAPTER 28 RELATED TO NUISANCES.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE

10. **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**

Public Hearing opened at 8:03 pm

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 8:06 pm

11. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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**

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

Miriam Cruz and Enrique Escobar spoke on this item.

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

12. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:14 pm

Jose Olivas spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 8:16 pm

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

14. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:24 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:25 pm

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:28 pm

Rene Rodriguez spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:29 pm

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item seventeen (17)*.

An amended motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ralph Duran to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENEED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENEED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:51 PM

An amended motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR. CAROL CANDELARIA

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING CONTRACT WITH BIG DOG PYRO FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the Big Dog Pyro Fireworks Display for December 3, 2021*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Ralph Duran

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON OBTAINING A MODULAR BUILDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PROGRAM AT FT BLISS TO BE UTILIZED AS A COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING. THE FUNDING SOURCE WOULD BE THE CARES ACT. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A DECISION TO APPROVE AN MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE DEA, AS A PRECURSOR FOR ASSIGNMENT OF A HIDTA TASK FORCE OFFICER.

CHIEF DAVID BURTON

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR HACIENDAS DE SOCORRO BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 2E, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-two (22) with staff and Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations.*

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of June 3, 2021.* Motion passed.

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

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR VALLE DEL SOL UNIT 5, BEING TRACT 13A1E, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT TO CREATE TWO LOTS FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

30. 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*

31. 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

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

33. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF SOCORRO PROJECTS ARTERIAL 1 (1682) AND NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROADS PRESENTATION, AND ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY THEREUNDER, UNDER SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) thirty-two and (33) thirty-three.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez


34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 9:24 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


June 3, 2021

Date minutes were approved