

*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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cesar Nevarez  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader  
Lt. Eddie Smith

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:07 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.

The Honorable Judge Ricardo Samaniego and the Honorable State Representative Art Fierro were acknowledged.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

**5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER**

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL TOY DRIVE TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2021 STARTING AT 12:00 PM AT COCONUTS WING CANTINA AT 10750 NORTH LOOP DR. **ADRIANA RODARTE****

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 656 CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021. **ADRIANA RODARTE****

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number seven (7)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**8. SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR INCOMING ELECTED OFFICIAL.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Tribal Judge Isaact Roldan and El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego swore in Mr. Rudy Cruz, Jr. as Representative District 3.

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 2021, FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE OFFICES OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRICTS 1 AND 2.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *move into Executive at this time*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSON AT 6:51 PM**

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTON ON 380 POLICY INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT GOLDEN TREE. [551.087]** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

10. **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**

**11. 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**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**17. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 6:54 pm*.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Ralph Duran and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



*Dec 20, 2021*

Date minutes were approved