

Elia Garcia
Mayor
Rene Rodriguez
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 16, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Alicia Aguilar, Recreation Leader
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Victor Reta, Recreation Department Director
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

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 was led by Adriana Rodarte

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrew Lozano, Jesse Montelongo and Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2020-2021 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number five (5) and set aside 10,000.00 for lot cleaning to include any associated cost, no tax rate increase for next year and the necessity list.*

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2020. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up items eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CARES ACT FUNDING RECEIVED FROM EL PASO COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$378,070.00 REQUESTING DIRECTION ON SETTING UP A SEPARATE ACCOUNT OR USING THE GENERAL FUND. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the CARES Act Funding received from the County and set up a separate account for transparency.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXTENDING DISASTER DECLARATION ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020 DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item nineteen (19) and extend till mid September early October.*

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *extend the Disaster Declaration until the end of October.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 73 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.
MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 6:51 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:52 pm

9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 73 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.
MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nine (9).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

CITY CLERK

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF EL PASO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OF HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colo-Villalobos to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE \$3,200 IN ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CSCI) 501(C)3.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENTS (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR APPROVED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN SOCORRO, TEXAS AND PROVIDE RESOLUTIONS FOR THESE PROJECTS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:06 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:28 PM

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION IN REFERENCE TO NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION, CASE NO. 17-MDL-2804 (N.D. OHIO) [557.071]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran *not to engage in this litigation case*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE GRANT EXTENSION CONTRACT TO ALLOW THE CITY TO EXHAUST FUNDS FROM 5310 FUNDS. *VICTOR RETA*

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE'S MANUAL. *CHIEF DAVID BURTON*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14) with corrections like typos, page numbers.* Motion passed.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR BABA SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1B OF THE O.A. DANIELSON SURVEY NO. 316 IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number fifteen (15), with a 54 ft right-of-way that the county commission approved.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

16. REPORT ON A LOT SPLIT (LA JOLLA REPLAT J) BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 11, BLOCK 3, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION AT 100 LA CIENEGA DR.

MICHAEL MEDINA

No action on this item.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADD THE VARELA DRIVE PROJECT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR AN ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$1,579,177.00.

MICHAEL MEDINA

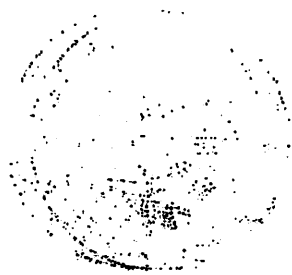
A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent:

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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items twenty (20), twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

24. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:58 pm*. Motion passed.


Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:




Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved