

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (joined the meeting at 6:16 pm)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:11 p.m.

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 five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to move up item eleven (11) to be next on the agenda.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020A; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve item number eleven (11).* Motion passed.

Presentation made by Robert Tijerina from Tijerina, Galvan Lawrence LLC Financial Consulting.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:16 pm.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item, but connection was lost.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

- 7. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020A; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2021, AND ALLOWING THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM.** **CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion passed.

Lt. Smith, Jesse Montelongo and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE REPORT.** **JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nine (9) as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission to remove Ernest Gomez*.

Jesse Montelongo, Miriam Cruz and Ernest Gomez spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAS DE SOCORRO SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 13B & 18, BLOCK 12 AND TRACTS 1, 3A & 3C, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT. *JOB TERRAZAS*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number ten (10)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item ten (10) to Executive Session to consult with counsel regarding real property and item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:58 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:24 PM

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item number ten (10) for the next Regular Council Meeting of October 1, 2020*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

12. 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

13. 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

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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


15. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:31pm*. 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