

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
MAY 21, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.**

VIRTUAL MEETING

VIRTUAL 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 the meeting virtually)*

Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 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 all members joining virtually.

ALL SPEAKERS WILL JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE AND WILL BE
ACKNOWLEDGED BY MAYOR GARCIA.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items sixteen (16) and seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT JESUS CHAIDEZ TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

During this item Mayor Garcia virtually swore in Mr. Jesus Chaidez.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT JORGE DOMINGUEZ TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 4. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

Mr. Dominguez was not sworn in since he did not join the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

5. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S COVID-19 RESPONSE, EXPENSES TO DATE, AND PROJECTED BUDGET. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Alejandra Valadez made presentation, see Exhibit "A".

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

8. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 2, 3, 4, 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12A 13, 13A, 13A2, 14 AND 14A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.**

JOB TERRAZAS

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 2, 3, 4, 7, 7A, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12A 13, 13A, 13A2, 14 AND 14A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT.**

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone items eight (8) and (9) nine.*

An amended motion by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone the Public Hearing and Adoption of the ordinance for items eight (8) and (9) nine as requested by the developer.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION 618 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FY 2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING (CESF) PROGRAM. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Alejandra Valadez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number ten (10).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE EL PASO SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR NARCOTIC DESTRUCTION. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Chief David Burton spoke on this item.

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:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PLAT APPROVAL FOR CARRASCO SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 14B AND TRACT 2A, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 725 ANDERSON ROAD. JOB TERRAZAS

Job Terrazas spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR BABA SECTION ONE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF THE O.A. DANIELSON SURVEY NO. 316 IN EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. JOB TERRAZAS

Job Terrazas and Roberto Romero from TRE Engineering spoke on this item.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOCATE \$1,500.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON VARELA SUBDIVISION, ONCE RIGHT OF AWAY HAS BEEN DEDICATED OR ACQUIRED FOR ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN CHARGE STATING THE BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMISSIONER, JUAN CASTAÑEDA AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN CHARGE. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT JORGE DOMINGUEZ TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 4. *YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

WORKSHOP

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHARTER AMENDMENTS ARTICLES III SECTION 3.07 THROUGH SECTION 3.16. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the addition of the Ethics Commission*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ralph Duran

19. 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

20. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 7:22 pm*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor





Olivia Navarro City Clerk

Date minutes were approved: _____

