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

# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 26, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

## VIRTUAL MEETING

# VIRTUAL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

# **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cesar Nevarez

### 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 6:09 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 four members joining virtually.

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

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## 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

### 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number five (5). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

6. DISCSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING A REQUEST TO EL PASO COUNTY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SOCORRO FUNDING MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE CARES ACT FOLLOWING GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S MAY 11, 2020 ALLOTMENT PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDING FOR CITIES THAT DID RECEIVE A DIRECT ALLOCATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to approve.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve and seek the entire amount due to the city based on 55.00 Per capita and a population of 34,887.00 and carbon copy of the letter to our state representatives. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 7. 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
- 8. 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

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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items seven* (7), *eight* (8) *and nine* (9). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

# **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 6:39 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Date minutes were approved