

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*joined meeting at 6:14 pm*)
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mayela Granados, Executive Assistant
Alicia Aguilar, Recreation Leader

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:12 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 present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2020.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 477 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE REVENUE BY \$400,000.00 AND DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$73,343.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 20-19-2020.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Victor Perez joined the meeting at 6:14 pm

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened 6:14 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX RATE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number ten for discussion.*

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodrigue to *approve item number ten (10) and to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:21 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:22 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING OM SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twelve (12).*

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.836995 per \$100, which is effectively a .64729 percent increase in the tax rate.* Motion passed.

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

13. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:26 pm

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

15. 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

16. 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

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

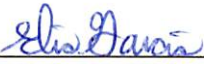
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items fifteen (15), sixteen (16) and seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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




18. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:29pm*. Motion passed.



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved