

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **JUNE 16, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*arrived at 6:10 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs Director
Chief David Burton
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Alejandra Valadez, City Development
Louie Chavez, PPW 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 recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

**5. RECOGNITION TO THE TROPICANA HOMES FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP
TO THE VETERANS MEMORIAL. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Tropicana Homes was recognized by city council and veterans.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:10 pm.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move up items eighteen (18), twenty (20), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 705, A
RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENSION
TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FLOOD
CONTROL PROJECTS; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING
TO THE SUBJECT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Esther Young of Tijerina Galvan and Lawrence LLC made presentation.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, ANNUAL FINANCIAL
REPORT BY SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Alejandra Garcia, Auditor at SBNG made presentation.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RICARDO AVALOS TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION PLACE 5.

RUBEN REYES

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ALBERTO LAGUNAS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 3.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

25. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

During this time Mayor Avalos swore in Alberto Lagunas to the Board of Adjustments.

6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MAY 2022 MONTHLY REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2022.
OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PROPOSED DRAFT MAP FOR REDISTRICTING THEREBY REVISING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN RESPONSE TO THE 2020 CENSUS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND LIFTFUND, INC. TO FOSTER SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT IN SOCORRO, TEXAS.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION (NTHP) FOR THE TELLING THE FULL HISTORY PRESERVATION FUND GRANT SUBAWARD TO CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 701 AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE BOVEE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 702 AND EXECUTE AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE RIO VISTA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT 1 TO THE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR THE PASSMORE SHARED-USE PATH PROJECT IN SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE DETAILED BUDGET FOR THE ARPA ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 703 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR CALLE DE LA BOSQUE DEL PIRO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, AND 11E, BLOCK 20 SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING TWO VARIANCES: 1. A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A LOT SMALLER THAN THE REQUIRED ONE ACRE IN AN A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING AND 2. A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A REDUCTION IN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK.**

CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *include the acreage for variance 1. Lot 4, 40,128 sq feet or .92 acres and for item 2. the existing front setback of 15 instead of the required 35 feet*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RESOLUTION 704 APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO RELOCATE ITEMS DUE TO ROADWAY AND SHARED USE PATH IMPROVEMENTS: 1. RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POLE AT THE CORNER OF RIO VISTA AND ALAMEDA 2. RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POLE AT THE CORNER OF BOVEE ROAD AND ALAMEDA AVENUE AND 3. RELOCATION OF TWO GUY WIRES ALONG PASSMORE ROAD.**

CARLOS GALLINAR

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CITY MANAGER, AND STAFF MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE TML 110TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM OCTOBER 5TH THROUGH OCTOBER 7TH, 2022, IN SAN ANTONIO TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH OPTIONS AND DEVELOP PROPOSALS TO IMPOSE OR REVISE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES WITH SWIMMING POOLS.

MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *suspend the rule and allow Anthony Alfaraz three (3) minutes to speak*. Motion passed.

Anthony Alvarado from ALZA Builders spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *suspend the rule and allow three (3) minutes to Danny Villarreal to speak*. Motion passed.

Danny Villarreal of EcoFriendly Pools of El Paso spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXPAND THE PARTICIPATION OF IDEA STUDENTS TO RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS. RUBEN REYES

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item twenty-two and expand to all students in the city*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 706 AND LETTER URGING GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT TO CALL A SPECIAL EMERGENCY SESSION TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *suspend the rule and allow Hector Ramos to speak*.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

Hector Ramos spoke on this item.

27. 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

28. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent

30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:31 pm.* Motion passed.


Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent




Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved