Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At-Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1

Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/ Mayor ProTem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Elia Garcia
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran
Victor Perez

MEMBERS ABSENT
Rene Rodriguez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:26 pm)*

STAFF PRESENT:
Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jim Martinez, Attorney

Job Terrazas, Building Official
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Chief Administrator, Christopher Rey
Officer Rudy Aguilar
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Joel Gonzalez, PPW Director
Alex Alvarez, PPW Supervisor
Michael Medina, City Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:15 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Medina.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items 13 (thirteen), fourteen (14) and (20) twenty after Public Comment.* Motion passed.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Yesenia Cadena spoke during Public Comment.

13. *PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 186, AMENDMENT 6,* AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS CHANGING SECTIONS II. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FUNCTIONS DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES AND III. DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE. ***ROSIO MARIN***

Public Hearing Opened at 6:21pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:23 pm

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE OPTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND EXERCISE CITY'S OPTION TO RENEW HEALTH COVERAGE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS MM02, MM43, AND MMH1 WITH HSA BANKING FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD PURSUANT TO EXISTING CONTRACT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSALS FOR VOLUNTARY DENTAL, VISION, LIFE AND VOLUNTARY ACCIDENT, CRITICAL ILLNESS HOSPITAL INDEMNITY, GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SECTION 125 PRE TAX SERVICES FOR FY 2017-2018 FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND TO ALLOW USI INSURANCE SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE ADDITIONAL RATE REDUCTION FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED INSURANCE BENEFITS. ***ROSIO MARIN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve*

Michael Medina and Job Terrazas spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:26 pm.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *allow USI Insurance Services, broker of record for the City of Socorro to negotiate with BCBS on rate reduction.*

A re-amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *allow USI Insurance Service to negotiate with BCBSTX for a further reduction to include compensation for USI eliminating the fees paid to USI of $14,400.00, negotiate with METLIFE for Basic Life for a no rate increase and METLIFE, for dental coverage to negotiate for a zero reduction improving benefits from $1,000.00 to $2,000. Annual and if METLIFE does not deliver negotiate with Principal and bring back to council at the next Regular Council Meeting of September 6, 2018.* Motion passed.

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

14. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 186, AMENDMENT 6,*** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS CHANGING SECTIONS II. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FUNCTIONS DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES AND III. DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.** ***ROSIO MARIN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve.*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at this time to consult with attorney.* Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL COVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:45 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:05 PM

14. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 186, AMENDMENT 6,*** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS CHANGING SECTIONS II. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FUNCTIONS DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND RULES AND III. DIVISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.** ***ROSIO MARIN***

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *direct staff to review the changes to Ordinance 186 and bring back to council with changes if any.* Motion passed.

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

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION FROM ROBERTO RANSOM, OPERATIONS DIRECTOR OF THE HUNT INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL COMPETIVENESS UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. ***MAYOR ELIA GARCIA***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone this presentation for the next Regular Meeting of September 6, 2018.* Motion passed.

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

6. *PRESENTATION* BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING JULY'S 2018 MONTHLY REPORT. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. *APPROVAL* OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2018. ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. *PUBLIC HEARING* ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.752457 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

Public Hearing opened at 7:11 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:14 pm

9. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** **ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO SEPARATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 pm
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:15 pm

10. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON*** **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO SEPARATE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

11. ***PUBLIC HEARING*** **ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO MAKE CITY COUNCIL THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND NUISANCE CASES.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:16 pm
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:16 pm

12. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION*** **ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO MAKE CITY COUNCIL THE FINAL AUTHORITY ON SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND NUISANCE CASES.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twelve (12).* Motion passed.

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

15. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING*** **OF AND ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 8-B, BLOCK 17, SOCORRO GRANT FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR A QUADRUPLEX.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number fifteen (15).* Motion passed.

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

16. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING*** **OF AN ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 15, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT (LOTS 1-11, BLOCK 2, EASTLAKE VALLEY SUBDIVISION) FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16).* Motion passed.

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

17. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING*** **OF AN ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2A, 2A1 & 2A3, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO RE (RURAL ESTATES) FOR A SUBDIVISION PLAT.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

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

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

18. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 19, BLOCK 4, MARY LOU PARK AT 10724 LYDIA RD. FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FOR A MULTIFAMILY COMPLEX.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

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

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

19. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 12, BLOCK 18, SOCORRO GRANT, 10277 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A BUSINESS OFFICE & WAREHOUSE.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

21. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* OF APPROVAL REQUEST TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

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

22. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* OF APPROVAL REQUEST FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A "RETAIL SHOPPING CENTER" PURSUANT TO SECTION 46-452(4) TO ALLOW USES PERMITTED OR CONDITIONAL IN THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 ABST 6257, TRACT 6-A ON 1120 HORIZON BLVD TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

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

23. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **TO DENY THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 12, BLOCK 18, SOCORRO GRANT, 10277 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR A BUSINESS OFFICE & WAREHOUSE.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete item number twenty (23) since is was presented as an Introduction under item number nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

24. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **TO APPROVE REQUEST OF PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR FLOR DEL RIO REPLAT "A" BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 15, FLOR DEL RIO LOCATED AT 11621 FLOR MARSHA.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

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

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

25. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR GRIJALVA VALLE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 2A, 2A1 AND 2A3, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT.** ***MICHAEL MEDINA***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item number twenty-five (25)*

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete item number twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

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

26. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE ON THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *announce September 13, 2018 on which the city council will take final action on the tax rate on the municipal budget.* Motion passed.

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

27. *PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION* REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.
ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

28. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE A PROPOSED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AMBULANCE SERVICES. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone this item until the city receives the Interlocal Agreement.* Motion passed.

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

29. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON STATUS ON CHIEF OF POLICE REQUESTING TO CONTINUE RECRUITMENT. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *re-open the police chief recruitment process.* Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

30. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON REQUESTING HP COMMUNICATION INC. TO RELOCATE THEIR EQUIPMENT FROM CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY LOCATED AT 151 S. MOON ROAD TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION. ***YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS***

A motion was made by Victor Perez. No second, motion dies.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete item number thirty (30).* Motion passed.

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

31. *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***

32. *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***

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

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

34. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Motion passed.

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

Elia Garcia, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Sept 6, 2018
Date minutes were approved