

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

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jim Martinez, Attorney (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:06pm*)
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Adam Ochoa, Planning & Zoning Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Estevan Gonzalez, IT
Victor Reta, Recreations Director
Miguel Rosas, Parks & Public Works Director
Alejandra Valadez, Interim Grants Coordinator
Jasiel Munoz, Chief Administrator
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rosio Marin

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Martinez arrived at the meeting at 6:06pm.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz, David Estrada, Irene Montero, Antonio Teran, Ruben Montero, Tony Valdez, and Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Comment.

5. PRESENTATION BY MIGUEL HERNANDEZ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FROM EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY. MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to postpone item for next council meeting.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2018. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez *to move item thirty-five (35).*

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to move items fourteen (14) twenty-three (23), twenty-one (21) twenty (20), nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARTMENT

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MISSION TRAIL SPONSORSHIP.
VICTOR RETA**

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

Shelby McCune and Diego Valdez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF ON CREATING A BUDGET AND RECOMMENDATION FOR FUTURE PAVING AND STREET LIGHTS.
MAYOR ELIA GARCIA**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *direct staff to create and recommend a comprehensive plan for street paving and lighting needed throughout the city item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES OF THE ANNUAL EVENT FIRST THANKSGIVING 1598 ON APRIL 22, 2018.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *waive the permit fee for event item twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD DEL MAR CONTRACTING, INC FOR EXCAVATION OF THE ONION FIELD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,265,706.75 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR REJECT BID AND GO OUT FOR BID AGAIN.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve and award the BID to Del Mar Contracting.*

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *reject all bids and go out for new bids for excavating Onion Field again for item twenty (20).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE 9 STREET LIGHTS ON LISA DIANE, ERNEST AND KLEPPIN TOTAL COST OF \$9,441.00.
ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

Irene Montero, Antonio Teran, and Ruben Montero spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

**8. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 46-260(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO CLARIFY MULTIFAMILY DWELLING USES AND DENSITIES IN THE R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT.
ADAM OCHOA**

Rene Rodriguez walked out at 7:10pm.

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 pm.
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:11pm.

**9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 46-260(2) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO CLARIFY MULTIFAMILY DWELLING USES AND DENSITIES IN THE R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT.
ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item nine (9)*. Motion passed.

David Estrada spoke on this item.

Rene Rodriguez walked in at 7:13pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2-E AND 2-E-2, BLOCK 11 SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos walked out at 7:18pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1 WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, 10790 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE). ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos walked in at 7:25pm.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item nine (9)*. Motion passed.

David Estrada spoke on this item.

Rene Rodriguez walked in at 7:13pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2-E AND 2-E-2, BLOCK 11 SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos walked out at 7:18pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 1 WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, 10790 SOCORRO ROAD, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE). ADAM OCHOA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos walked in at 7:25pm.

REGULAR AGENDA

CITY CLERK

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY2018-2019 BUDGET CALENDAR. OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez No second. Motion dies.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the following schedule for FY 2018-2019 for Capital Program Workshop to Saturday May 19 and June 9, 2018 and Budget Workshop on Saturday June 30, and July 14, 2018 at 8:00am. Also, change date from August 15, 2018 to Saturday August 14, 2018 on section number two (2).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MONSTER COMMERCIAL CONTRACTORS FOR STABILIZATION WORK NEEDING TO BE DONE AT THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item thirteen (13).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VISTA BONITA ESTATES SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 5, BLOCK 24, SAN ELIZARIO. ADAM OCHOA

No action taken on this item.

David Estrada, Jesus Cabrera, and Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rules to allow speaker that walked in late to speak on this item with a three-minute limit*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Roberto Duran spoke on this item.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION (HSGD) 2019 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) REQUESTING \$52,320.60 IN FUNDING FOR OVERTIME PATROL HOURS AND OVERTIME DISPATCHER HOURS (NO CASH MATCH REQUIRED). *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the resolution to submit a grant item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES' 2018 PUBLIC ART CHALLENGE REQUESTING \$456,363 IN FUNDING FOR A PUBLIC ARTS INITIATIVE TO SPUR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MATCHING FUNDS OF \$500,000 WILL BE INCLUDED AS PER RESOLUTION 503. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the submission of a grant application for Bloomberg Philantropies 2018 for item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Katia Moryza, Socorro High School intern spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item twenty-five (25) swap with item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE STREET LIGHTING ON VINEYARD IN THE AMOUNT OF 2,010.00.

VICTOR PEREZ AND YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

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

Rebecca Ramirez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF CITY OF SOCORRO MEDIA POLICY.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve with the provisions given by council item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 320AMENDMENT 4, SECTION V. PUBLIC COMMENT TO ALLOW A SPEAKER TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ONLY 3 AGENDA ITEMS WITH A 2 MINUTE LIMIT EACH.

MAYOR ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve to amend Ordinance 320 Amendment 4 section V. item twenty-four (24)*. Motion did not pass.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RENE RODRIGUEZ AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS TO ATTEND AN EXCLUSIVE WORKSHOP MEETING WITH THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF TERRELL TX ON APRIL 8TH & 9TH, 10TH 2018 AS OPPOSE TO ONLY THE 8TH & 9TH AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item eighteen (18) and open invitation for any council member that would to attend meeting including Mr. Casiano for dates planned.* Motion passed.

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

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAVING OF RANGE WAR, SUDAN, RYE, SUPIMA, JUDY AND COTTON VALLEY ESTATE SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275, 695.00. *CESAR NEVAREZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone item twenty-six (26) until completion of plan.* Motion passed.

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PLACE A METAL GUARD RAIL FROM CORNER TO CORNER AT THE END OF FLOR BLANCA. *YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item twenty-seven (27).* Motion passed.

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

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:38
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT
9:14 PM**

- 28. 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

- 29. 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

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), and thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES FILED ON MARCH 19, 2018 BY EL PASO ELECTRIC REGARDING COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAM [551.071].**

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adopt the resolution to suspend the proposed rate change negotiations for 90 days past the effective date*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RATE ADJUSTMENT FILED ON MARCH 15, 2018 BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adopt the resolution to suspend the proposed rate adjustment negotiations for 45 days past the effective date.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., TO REDUCE RATES IN CONNECTION WITH A DECREASE IN ITS FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY [551.071]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone item for next Regular Meeting of April 19, 2018.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEYS AND DELIBERATION REGARDING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ON OR NEAR COKER ROAD [551.071 AND 551.072]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

No action taken on this item.

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING VACATING STREETS IN RANCHO MIRAVAL SUBDIVISION AND PROCEDURES FOR AND ALTERNATIVES TO SAME. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

David Estrada, Tony Valdez, Jesus Cabrera, and Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *allow additional speaker to speak on item thirty-five (35) for a minute and a half.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Jesus Morales spoke on this item.

No action taken on this item.

36. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 9:27 pm*. Motion passed.

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