

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Sgt. Linda Cusic
Michael Medina, City Planner
Job Terrazas, Building Official P&Z Supervisor
Officer Karina Verdier
Alejandra Valadez, Grant Coordinator
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Estevan Gonzales

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz, Margie Perez, Martha Martinez, Maria Del Pilar Carrillo, Alicia Bosquez, Angie Barrera and Karina Rivera spoke during Public Comment.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:09 pm.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items twenty-three (23), thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33) and thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 557 WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THE EPCWID1'S GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AGRICULTURAL WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FRANKLIN FEEDER CANAL THAT WILL LEAD TO WATER CONSERVATION, DROUGHT MITIGATION, AND WILL BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS AND AGRICULTURAL BUSINESSES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Omar Martinez from El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENEW DISTRICT OFFICE SPACE AGREEMENT FOR WILL HURD CONGRESSMAN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DEEMING GRIJALVA SUBDIVISION A HIGH RISK AREA FOR STUDENTS.

CESAR NEVAREZ

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve Resolution 558 deeming Grijalva Subdivision a high risk area for students.* Motion passed.

Michael Medina, Martha Martinez, Maria Del Pilar Carrillo and Angie Barrera spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Abstain:

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO COUNTY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirty (30).*

Mr. Bracamontes, from the County of El Paso spoke on this item.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny the Interlocal Agreement with El Paso County for the ambulance services.* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY COLLEGE INTERNS REGARDING CITY INTERNSHIP. VICTOR RETA

Presentation made by Maria Angeles and Diana Rodriguez, interns at the Community Centers.

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Rene Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 7:01 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2018. OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018. CHARLES CASIANO

10. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018. CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, VINEDO ACRES, BLOCK A AT 11196 MUSCAT RD. FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW A SECOND DWELLING. MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 7:04 pm

Alicia Bosquez

Public Hearing closed at 7:06 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, VINEDO ACRES, BLOCK A AT 11196 MUSCAT RD. FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW A SECOND DWELLING.

MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 12-M, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO GRANT AT 181 ORMSBY CT. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) FOR THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 7:30 pm.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:31 pm.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 12-M, BLOCK 10, SOCORRO GRANT AT 181 ORMSBY CT. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) FOR THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES.

MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *deny item fourteen (14)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

15. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, POOLE SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 2 AT 10881 ALAMEDA AVE. FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO BE USED AS A VEHICLE STORAGE YARD.

MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 7:45 pm.
Eduardo Hernandez and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.
Public Hearing closed at 7:48 pm.

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, POOLE SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 2 AT 10881 ALAMEDA AVE. FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO BE USED AS A VEHICLE STORAGE YARD.

MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 2-N, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 1 AT 859 ANDERSON RD. FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO BE USED AS A PERSONAL STORAGE.

MICHAEL MEDINA

Public Hearing opened at 8:03 pm.
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 8:04 pm.

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 2-N, SOCORRO GRANT, BLOCK 1 AT 859 ANDERSON RD. FROM A-1, AGRICULTURAL TO M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO BE USED AS A PERSONAL STORAGE.

MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twenty-eight (28) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING (P&Z) COMMISSIONERS REQUEST TO HAVE WORKSHOPS TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND REGULATORY CHANGES.

MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the workshops for the Planning and Zoning Commission*. Motion passed.

Daniel Lopez, chairman for the Planning and Zoning Commission and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER 2018.

CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION (EPMPO) FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY'S FFY2018 AND FFY2019 SECTION 5310 PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND PROCUREMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL ADA VEHICLE. THE CITY'S MATCH CONTRIBUTION FOR FFY2018 IS \$50,736.00 FROM THE EXISTING FY 2018-2019 RECREATION CENTERS BUDGET. THE CITY'S MATCH CONTRIBUTION FOR FFY 2019 IS ALSO 50,736.00 FROM THE PROJECTED RECREATION CENTERS BUDGET FOR FY 2019-2020.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak but declined.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ARM'S-LENGTH NON-PROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION TO SOLICIT, FUNDRAISE, COLLECT AND USE DONATIONS, GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS AND BEQUESTS FROM INDIVIDUAL DONORS, FOUNDATIONS, AND PRIVATE CORPORATIONS TO SUPPORT AND FURTHER THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MISSION TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF SOCORRO RESIDENTS. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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:

Abstain:

- 22. UPDATE ON TXCDBG 2017-2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AWARD TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,000.00 (CONTRACT NO. 7218460), AND DEFICIENCIES PENDING ON PREVIOUS TXCDBG 2015-2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND CONTRACT FOR THE SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CONTRACT NO. 7215479). ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

Update by Alejandra Valadez.

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIC SHOP ON TRACT 11, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT AT 9945 ALAMEDA AVE. MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *deny item number twenty-four (24)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete this item, have staff inspect the property, cease all business, staff to provide owner with a list of all deficiencies and allow six (6) months to correct all deficiencies*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PLAT APPROVAL FOR BURBRIDGE ACRES REPLAT "J" BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 7, BLOCK 3, BURBRIDGE ACRES LOCATED AT 12295 NICCOLITE DR. MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PLAT APPROVAL FOR MISSION TRAIL ESTATES REPLAT "K" BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 7, MISSION TRAIL ESTATES LOCATED AT 211 & 213 CAMINO DE LA ROSA. MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR SUNSET VALLEY ESTATES UNITS 1, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 1-C, 1-C-1, 2-E AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 1-A, 1-B, 1-D, 2-A AND 2-C, BLOCK 10, AND ALL OF TRACT 7-B-1 AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 5-A AND 6-A, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT.
MICHAEL MEDINA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR STAFF TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF THE REALIGNMENT OF NORTH NEVAREZ RD. AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION NECESSARY FOR THE ROADWAY.
MICHAEL MEDINA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT WITH CENTRO SAN VICENTE, AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

34. 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

35. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete items thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35), and thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz was signed up to speak on items thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), but declined

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

Nays:

Abstain:

37. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *deny item number thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS INVOLVING MUNICIPAL COURT [551.071 AND 551.074].

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone item number thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


39. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 9:42 pm*.
Motion passed.

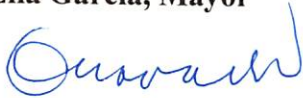
Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

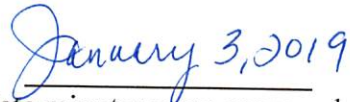
Abstain:



Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved