

*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  
JUNE 21, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Perez (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:28pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Jim Martinez, Attorney (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:02pm*)

Job Terrazas, Building Official  
Rosio Marin, HR Director  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant  
Chief Administrator, Christopher Rey  
Officer, Karina Verdier  
Officer, Elias Valera  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 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 five members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sergio Jaime and Fernie Salcido

**PRESENTATION**

**5. PRESENTATION FROM EL PASO CENTER FOR CHILDREN ON THE UPRISING OF HUMAN/SEX TRAFFICKING AWARENESS BY VICKI J. MAESTAS, LBSW YOUTH ADVOCATE, SPECIALIZED TREATMENT HOME.  
YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS**

Presentation made by Vicki J. Maestas, LBSW Youth Advocate, Specialized Treatment Home and Claudia Orozco, El Paso Center for Children.

Victor Perez arrived at 6:28pm.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move items twenty-one (21), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty-two (22), and twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**CITY MANAGER**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK INTO THE SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING LOCATED IN THE CORNER OF TANTON AND MIDDLE DRAIN FOR POSSIBLE LEASING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *allow staff to explore the possibility of leasing building to include a walk through with city inspector, staff, and or council with the understanding that there be no quorum involve item twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LICENSEE'S AGREEMENT FOR 25 YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,098 A YEAR AND BE INCREASED FOR EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR OF INFLATION OR A 3 YEAR PAYOUT FOR A 25 YEAR LICENSE FOR \$327,450.00 OR A 50 YEAR LICENSE IN THE AMOUNT \$654,900.00 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Jesus Reyes, General Manager for El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran *to approve the El Paso County Water Improvement District Licensee's Agreement for 25 years in the amount of \$13,098 a year and be increased for each succeeding year of inflation of three year payment with the addition to contract to be added to extend another 25 years item sixteen (16).*

Rene Rodriguez rescinded motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve the El Paso County Water Improvement District Licensee's Agreement with lump sum of \$327,450.00 payable in three (3) annual installments, with the first installment payable upon execution of this License, 109,150.00, the second installment due April 1, 2019, and the last installment due April 1, 2020. With an option to renew for another twenty-five (25) years on the same payment terms and to authorize mayor, city manager, and or designee to execute the agreement. Motion passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 543 THAT WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE THAT THE EPCWID1 FOR THEIR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WATERSMART SMALL SCALE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 EFFICIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM FOR AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT YSLA LATERAL. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

Jesus Reyes, General Manager for El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 spoke on this item.

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

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 544 THAT WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE THAT THE EPCWID1 FOR THEIR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SECTION 404 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR DISASTER DECLARATION #FEMA-4332-DR-TX FOR STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVERTS IN THE MESA DRAIN AND MESA SPUR DRAIN.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez second by Victor Perez to *approve and adopt Resolution 544 that where the City of Socorro pledges to support this initiative that the EPCWID1 for their grant application to the Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Disaster Declaration #Fema-4332-DR-TX, upgrade to include 45 culverts and Mesa Spur for item eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

Jesus Reyes, General Manager for El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 spoke on this item.

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

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 545 THAT WHERE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE THAT THE EPCWID1 FOR THEIR GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FLOOD PROTECTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY REVIEWING THE USE OF EPCWID'S DRAIN SYSTEM TO MITIGATE FLOODING.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve and adopt Resolution 545 item nineteen (19).* Motion Passed.

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

**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 GRANT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone due to meeting with contractors and property owners and to bring back item when it's ready to present item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO INCLUDE ON THE THOROUGHFARE PLAN ROUNDABOUTS AT MOON AND OLD HUECO, STOCKYARD AND CIELO AZUL, SOCORRO RD. AND WINN, SOCORRO RD. AND MOON AND SOCORRO RD. AND BOVEE. RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAJOR THROUGHFARE PLAN. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item twenty (20)*.

Richard Ibarra, Project Manager at Dannenbaum Engineering spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the major thoroughfare plan and to include the identified intersections for item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into executive session to consult with city attorney*. 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 7:37  
PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT  
10:10 PM**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FINDINGS OF AN  
INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SOCORRO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT [551.07 AND 551.074] *ROSIO MARIN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *read portions of the publish report on the Socorro Police Department investigation on the next council meeting since it is now a public record item twenty-six (26)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *have the completed main body of the report be read into the record on the next council meeting without any addendums, additions, and or attachments on report. Also, include any corrections to the timeline, since it is now a public record*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *suspend the rule and allow a speaker to speak on this item with a two-minute limit item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**6. PRESENTATION FROM CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MAY'S 2018 MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by City Manager, Adriana Rodarte.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2018. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**9. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS REPORT FOR APRIL 2018. *CHARLES CASIANO***

**10. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR APRIL 2018. *CHARLES CASIANO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES**

**11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS CREATING SOCIAL HOST UNDERAGE DRINKING ACCOUNTABILITY RELATED TO UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, AND CREATING A CIVIL OFFENSE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.**

***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve introduction, first reading and calling for a public hearing of an ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas creating social host underage drinking accountability related to underage consumption of alcohol item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

**12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO THE MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACT 10-I, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, 10974 E. BURT ROAD, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.  
*JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of an ordinance for the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro to the master plan and rezoning of tract 10-I, Block 3, Socorro Grant item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2018. *CHARLES CASIANO***

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

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 546, TXDOT HAS DETERMINED THAT SPEED REDUCTION IS NECESSARY ON IH-10 FROM 75 MPH TO 70 MPH, FOR THE DURATION OF A PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION BETWEEN 2.5 MILES EAST OF HORIZON TO FM 1110.  
*JOB TERRAZAS***



A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve speed reduction already approved from TX DOT internally*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**23. 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**

**24. 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**

**25. 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 twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING ON OR NEAR GATEWAY EAST BLVD. [551.071]**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct staff to proceed as discussed in executive session and direct city attorney to initiate lawsuit and injunction*. Motion passed.

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

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


A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for the next regular council meeting for item twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

**34. ADJOURN**

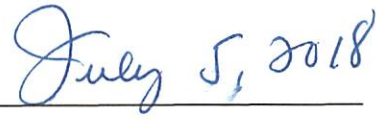
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *adjourn at 10:40 pm*. Motion passed.

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

  
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Elia Garcia, Mayor



  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

  
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Date minutes were approved