

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
JUNE 7, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:13pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jim Martinez, Attorney (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:07pm*)

Job Terrazas, Building Official
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Chief Administrator, Christopher Rey
Sergeant, Linda Cusic
Alejandra Valadez, Interim Grants Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

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

Adriana Rodriguez on behalf of Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

Public Comment made by Miriam Cruz, see Exhibit "A"

PRESENTATION

**5. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE SCOUTS BSA TROOP, CREW 21 COFFEE POSSE RUN CLUB, EL PASO EXECUTIVE LIONS CLUB, ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ AND ALEJANDRA VALADEZ FOR THE CLEAN UP ON PROPERTY ON RACHEL STREET APRIL 29 AND MAY 5, 2018.
MAYOR ELIA GARCIA**

Certificates of Appreciation presented by Council and Mayor Elia Garcia.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move items sixteen (16), eighteen (18), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

16. 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

No action taken on this item.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY'S ENGINEER FIRM QUOTE ON CREATING A ROUNDABOUT ON STOCKYARD AND CIELO AZUL. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez second by Cesar Nevarez to *approve for discussion item eighteen (18)*.

Rene Rodriguez arrived at 6:13pm.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to delete. No seconded. Motion dies.

Victor Perez rescinded motion.

Adriana Rodriguez on behalf of Miriam Cruz read comment. See Exhibit "A"

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT ROBERT RENTERIA TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AS AN ALTERNATE.
ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT MARY PEREZ TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION PLACE 2.
RALPH DURAN**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

During this time Mayor Garcia swore in Robert Renteria and Mary Perez.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 17, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2018. OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve 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 OF ORDINANCE 442 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 6-A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENTS. JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:29 pm.
No speakers during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:30pm

9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 442 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 6-A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF APARTMENTS. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

10. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 443 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 11 & 11-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF 96 APARTMENT UNITS. JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:32 pm.
No speakers during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:32pm

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 443 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 11 & 11-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF 96 APARTMENT UNITS.
JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRANTS COORDINATOR IN THE GRANTS WRITING DEPARTMENT.
ROSIO MARIN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item twelve (12)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve with the recommendation of a specific Associate's Degree on the description*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JOB AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CITY PLANNER DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION.
ROSIO MARIN

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

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and include preferred American Certified Planner or a related member of an association*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE CANUTILLO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (CISD) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018. *INTERIM CHIEF JASIEL MUÑOZ*

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE SOCORRO POLICE TRAINING FACILITY LOCATED ON VINEYARD RD. *CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTOPHER REY*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 542 TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SOCORRO PARKS MASTER PLAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF AND ATTORNEY TO LOOK INTO DISSOLVING OUR CURRENT TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item nineteen (19)*. 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

26. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), and twenty-six (26)*. 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 6:44 pm*.
Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:




Elia Garcia, Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved