

**Elia Garcia**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

**Maria Reyes**  
District 1



**Ralph Duran**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Yvonne Colon-Villalobos**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Elia Garcia  
Rene Rodriguez  
Maria Reyes  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Lt. Smith  
Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz  
Job Terrazas, Administrative Assistant  
Estevan Gonzalez, IT  
Rosio Marin, HR Director  
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant  
Miguel Rosas, Public Works and Parks Director  
Judge Monique Velarde

**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 all members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lorenza Fraire, Sergio Jaime, Maria Gonzalez, Daniel Hernandez, Ben Ivey. Sergio Cox, Sgt. Muñoz and Pablo Barrera

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:10 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, SEPTEMBER 5, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2017.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MAY 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
8. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
9. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
10. **APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MAY 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
11. **APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
12. **APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2017.** **CHARLES CASIANO**

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2017. CHARLES CASIANO**

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

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2017. CHARLES CASIANO**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire and Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but decline.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2017. CHARLES CASIANO**

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

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. ROSIO MARIN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL IN THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. ROSIO MARIN**

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

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

Nays: Maria Reyes

Abstain:

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE PRICING AND SCOPE OF WORK PROPOSALS FROM INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATORS. ROSIO MARIN**

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

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *cap the amount of the investigation to \$5,000.00*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire, Sergio Jaime, and Sergio Cox spoke on this item.

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays: Maria Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**CITY MANAGER**

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE STAFF TO RESEARCH AND  
CREATE AN AUDIT COMMITTEE ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY TO  
REVIEW AND AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 46-639 TO ADDRESS  
LARGE ANIMAL ORDINANCE. MARIA REYES**

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

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE A  
STRATEGIC PLAN TO BEAUTIFY VALLES, LAS LUNAS AND  
MONTREAL PARK/PONDS. RALPH DURAN**

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO CREATE A  
CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE SOCORRO VETERAN'S PARK.  
RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete items twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22)*. Motion failed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Maria Reyes  
Nays: Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Abstain:

A motion was made by Ralph Duran *to direct staff to prioritize a plan.*

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran *to postpone for October.*

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez *to delete item twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Abstain:

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO CREATE A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR THE SOCORRO VETERAN'S PARK.**

**RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes *to delete item number twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays: Ralph Duran and Victor Perez  
Abstain:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DISCUSS MUNICIPAL COURT'S JUDGE JOB PERFORMANCE.**

**RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez *to delete item number twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:43 pm

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez  
Nays:  
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGING THE NAME OF CITY STREET FROM SOUTH EASTLAKE BLVD TO HUECO TANKS RD OR OLD HUECO TANKS RD.**

**RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran *to approve.*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of October 5, 2017.*

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped back into the meeting at 7:45 pm

Sgt. Muñoz, Lorenza Fraire and Ben Ivey spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but was not present.

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak but declined.

An amended motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF AND ATTORNEY TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE TO APPOINT AND REMOVE BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS. RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *direct staff and attorney to create an ordinance with procedures to appoint and remove commissioners with a uniformed set of standards and procedures.* Motion failed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE DIVISION 2 TRUCK ROUTES SECTION 42-99 TO INCLUDE A PORTION OF N. NEVAREZ AND RAILROAD TRACKS. RALPH DURAN**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *direct staff ninety (90) days to review the list of streets.*

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran to *amend the ordinance to exclude N. Nevarez and the railroad tracks.*

An amended motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct staff to review and recommend the streets that need to be added or deleted from the ordinance.* Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire, Sergio Jaime and Daniel Hernandez were signed up to speak but were not present.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**27. 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***

**28. 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***

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

**30. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 8:44 pm.* Motion passed.

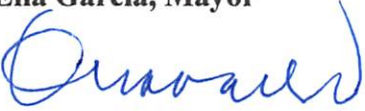


Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Ralph Duran, Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Abstain:

  
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**Elia Garcia, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



10/05/2017  
Date minutes were approved