

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 7, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt Eddie Smith
Sgt. C Rey
Job Terrazas, Administrative Assistant
Omar Guevara, IT Director
Miguel Rosas, Parks and PW Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director

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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Edmundo Rubio, Amelda Hermosillo, and Rick Avalos spoke during Public Comment.

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 8 AND 21, 2017.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the Consent Agenda and exclude item number five (5)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up items numbers thirty-eight and thirty-nine (39)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE DAN WILLIAMS REQUEST TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11180 GATEWAY BLVD. TO DISCHARGE ADDITIONAL RUNOFF TO THE SPARKS ARROYO CHANNEL.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *deny the request of Dan Williams*. Motion passed.

Rick Avalos and Jose Reyes, Engineer from Dannenbaum Engineering spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2018 BUDGET.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirty-nine (39)*. Motion passed.

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

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *deny the excuse for item number five (5)*. Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.773428 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm

Daniel Hernandez spoke

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm

8. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:33 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:33 pm

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve assessment and collection of property taxes at a rate of .727555 per \$100.00*

value of real property, which consists of a rate of .539363 per \$100 for maintenance and operations and a rate of .188192 per \$100 for debt service. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Ralph Duran, and Victor Perez

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Maria Reyes

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018 for the City of Socorro. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting the amended Organizational Chart for the City of Socorro. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, RIO VISTA SCHOOL SUBDIVISION, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE) FOR A K-12 SCHOOL.
JOB TERRAZAS

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

Job Terrazas spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES TO CREATE A NEW DIVISION 4, DEPLOYMENT OF NETWORK NODES IN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN ARTICLE II, STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY, TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND A DESIGN MANUAL GOVERNING NETWORK PROVIDERS' ACCESS TO PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 284, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of an Ordinance amending Chapter 36, Streets, sidewalks and other public places to create a new Division 4, Deployment of Network, Nodes in City Right-of-Way, in Article II, Streets and Rights-of-Way to establish guidelines, procedures and a design manual governing network providers' access to public Right-of-Way as provided in Chapter 284, Texas Local Government Code. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2A, 2A1 AND 2A3, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) FOR A SMALL FARM.

JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

15. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 397 AMENDMENT 2 TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42.00.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing Opened at 6:45 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:45 pm

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 397 AMENDMENT 2 TO DECREASE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42.00. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACT 5-K-2, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293, AT 1120 VISA RD. FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO SELL THE PROPERTY AS COMMERCIAL. JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:46 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:46 pm

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACT 5-K-2, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293, AT 1120 VISA RD. FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO SELL THE PROPERTY AS COMMERCIAL. JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

19. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 13C, 14B, 14C AND 14A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT AT 9965 ALAMEDA AVE. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR AN OFFICE AND RETAIL USE. JOB TERRAZAS

Public Hearing opened at 6:50 pm

Edmundo Rubio

Public Hearing closed at 6:51 pm

20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 13C, 14B, 14C AND 14A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT AT 9965 ALAMEDA AVE. FROM R-1 (SINGLE

**FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR AN
OFFICE AND RETAIL USE. JOB TERRAZAS**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

- 21. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND
REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, MARY LOU PARK AT 10839 NORTH
LOOP DR. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2
(GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR RETAIL USE. JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 6:52 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:53 pm

- 22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN,
AND REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, MARY LOU PARK AT 10839
NORTH LOOP DR. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2
(GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR RETAIL USE. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve with the condition that they will not use the entrance thru Lydia St.* Motion passed.

Job Terrazas spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

- 23. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND
REZONING OF TRACTS 8 AND 15, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM
A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO A COMBINATION OF C-2, (GENERAL
COMMERCIAL) AND R-2, (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A
PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 6:56 pm

Hector Valencia, Jack Martin, Letty Rey, Joe Saucedo, Claudia Garcia and Enrique Escobar.

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 pm

- 24. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACTS 8 AND 15, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO A COMBINATION OF C-2, (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND R-2, (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) FOR A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

- 25. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF LOTS 104 AND 105, MOON ADDITION #2 REPLAT LOCATED AT 166 AND 172 MOON RD. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) FOR A COMMERCIAL RETAIL CENTER. JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 7:17 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:18 pm

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:18 pm.

- 26. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF LOTS 104 AND 105, MOON ADDITION #2 REPLAT LOCATED AT 166 AND 172 MOON RD. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) FOR A COMMERCIAL RETAIL CENTER. JOB TERRAZAS**

A motion was made Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Maria Reyes

- 27. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-D-1, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 1069 COKER RD FROM RE (RURAL ESTATES) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS. JOB TERRAZAS**

Public Hearing opened at 7:22 pm
Rick Avalos spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:25 pm

- 28. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-D-1, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 1069 COKER RD FROM RE (RURAL ESTATES) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATIONS. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone for the first Regular Meeting in October*. Motion passed.

Rick Avalos spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Maria Reyes

- 29. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 414 AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-C-1-K, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 900 HORIZON BLVD FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR COMMERCIAL RETAIL USE. *JOB TERRAZAS***

Public Hearing opened at 7:36 pm
Patricia Gardea and Edmundo Rubio spoke during Public Hearing.
Rene Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 7:38 pm.
Public Hearing closed at 7:39 pm

- 30. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 414 AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-C-1-K, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 900 HORIZON BLVD FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR COMMERCIAL RETAIL USE. *JOB TERRAZAS***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

REGULAR AGENDA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY 2015.**
CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR BEER AND WINE FOR LOT 6A, BLOCK 1, HORIZON SHOPPING CENTER REPLAT A AMENDED PLAT, LOCATED AT 10750 NORTH LOOP DR., STE. A-1 TO ESTABLISH A BAR AND GRILL.**
JOB TERRAZAS

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

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

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:51 pm

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *take a recess of ten (10) minutes*. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 7:52 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:05 PM

CITY MANAGER

33. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran to reduce the *event item line for the Recreation Center for the purchase of a Christmas tree from 43, 000.00 to 21,500.00.*

No motion for this item.

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *announce September 14, 2017 as the date to which city council will take action on the tax rate and municipal budget.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR ANIMAL SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirty-five (35).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT REGARDING DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CITY MANAGER AND TO DISCUSS SEVERAL CONCERNS CITY MANAGER HAS REGARDING DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE'S BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS THAT RAISE POTENTIAL LIABILITIES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran to *approve the discussion of the formal Complaint.*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move this item To Executive Session to consult with legal counsel deliberate [551.074] personnel matters.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HAVE A MAYOR AND COUNCIL CHILI COOK-OFF AT OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 23, 2017.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve item number thirty-seven (37).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

40. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF AND CITY ATTORNEY TO REVIEW AND AMEND MUNICIDE SECTION 46-639 TO ADDRESS LARGE ANIMAL ORDINANCE.

MARIA REYES

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2017 when Representative District 1 is present.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT A CITY COUNCIL POLICY TO REQUIRE COUNCIL MEMBER TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE COST OF SECURITY PROVIDED DURING CITY ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE COST FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WHERE THAT SECURITY IS MADE NECESSARY BY THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move item number forty-one (41) to Executive Session.*

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *amend the motion to include Section 551.071 consultation with attorney.* Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

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

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:56
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:58
PM**

42. 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

43. 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

44. 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 forty-two (42), forty-three (43), and forty-four (44).* Motion passed.

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

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FILE A FORMAL COMPLAINT REGARDING DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE'S ALLEGATIONS AGAINST CITY MANAGER AND TO DISCUSS SEVERAL CONCERNS CITY MANAGER HAS REGARDING DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE'S BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS THAT RAISE POTENTIAL LIABILITIES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct the HR Manager or the finance director to solicit proposals from independent investigators to investigate the following:*

1. *An allegation of retaliation submitted by the city manager.*
2. *Whether Yvonne Colon-Villalobos improperly attempted to use her office to influence the conduct of outcome of the elections;*
3. *Whether Yvonne Colon-Villalobos has improperly communicated with city staff in an effort to undermine or prevent the execution of a decision made by city council.*
4. *Whether Yvonne Colon-Villalobos attempted or intimidated or harassed the city manager by claiming she (the city manager) did not obtain her employment position based on her qualifications and skill;*

And to bring such proposals, including pricing and scope of work to city council for consideration at its next regular city council meeting.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT A CITY COUNCIL POLICY TO REQUIRE COUNCIL MEMBER TO REIMBURSE THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE COST OF SECURITY PROVIDED DURING CITY ELECTIONS, INCLUDING THE COST FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, WHERE THAT SECURITY IS MADE NECESSARY BY THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *delete item number forty-one (41).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

45. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LEGAL CLAIMS ARISING FROM AND RELATED TO SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL FOR VALENCIA ESTATES UNIT ONE, BEING ALL OF TRACT 1B, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT [551.071 AND 551.072].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *approve the proposed settlement agreement and authorize the city manager and city attorney and mayor to execute said agreement.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

46. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LEGAL OPTION TO ADDRESS FLOODING ON AND NEAR COKER ROAD, INCLUDING PROPERTY ACQUISITION [551.071 AND 551.072]. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *postpone and allow staff to give council a recommendation.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

47. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SAMUEL CAMPOS ETAL V. CITY OF SOCORRO, CAUSE NO. 2013DCV4546, IN THE 120TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY [551.071]. **JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *grant the settlement authority discussed in Executive Session.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

47. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 11:06 pm.* Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

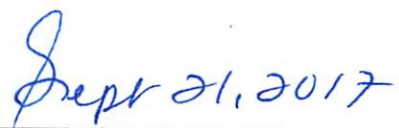


Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved