

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Elia Garcia  
Rene Rodriguez  
Cesar Nevarez  
Ralph Duran  
Victor Perez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:04 pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*Arrived at the meeting at 6:08*)  
Charles Casiano

Lt. Eddie Smith  
Sgt. Linda Custic  
Adam Ochoa, Planning and Zoning Director  
Miguel Rosas, PW and Parks Director  
Rosio Marin, HR Direct  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant  
Victor Reta, Recreations 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 Charles Casiano

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with five members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived at the meeting at 6:04 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 8. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017 *CHARLES CASIANO***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *move up items twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTY LOYA TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION PLACE 5. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

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

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF RUDY CRUZ TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR PLACE 1. CESAR NEVAREZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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 THE APPOINTMENT OF ALFREDO GONZALEZ TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION PLACE 1. CESAR NEVAREZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

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

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JUAN D. LOPEZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 1. CESAR NEVAREZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE LANDEROS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PLACE 1. CESAR NEVAREZ**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

Jim Martinez arrived at the meeting at 6:08 pm.

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

**29. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS.**

During this time Mayor Garcia swore in Rudy Cruz, Juan D. Lopez and Jose Landeros.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-39 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO PROHIBIT U-TURNS, OVER, UPON OR ACROSS CERTAIN MEDIANS, EXCEPT AT INTERSECTIONS WHERE THE APPROACHING VEHICLE IS CONTROLLED BY AN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF "NO U-TURN" SIGNS IN THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES. ADAM OCHOA**

Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm.  
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm.

- 10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 42-39 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO PROHIBIT U-TURNS, OVER, UPON OR ACROSS CERTAIN MEDIANS, EXCEPT AT INTERSECTIONS WHERE THE APPROACHING VEHICLE IS CONTROLLED BY AN OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF "NO U-TURN" SIGNS IN THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES. ADAM OCHOA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance amending Section 42-39 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, prohibiting U-Turns, over, upon or across certain medians except at intersections where the approaching vehicle is controlled by an official traffic control devise and authorizing the installation of "No U-TURN" signs.* Motion passed.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017. CHARLES CASIANO**

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

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

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY2017. CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FINAL PLAT APPROVAL EXTENSION FOR JARDIN DE FLORES SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 9, 9-A AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT. ADAM OCHOA**

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:

Abstain:

**CITY MANAGER**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING ENGAGING WITH CRI CARR RIGGS & INGRAM, LLC CPAS AND ADVISORS, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AUDITING FISCAL YEAR 2017. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the engagement letter with CRI CARR RIGGS AND INGRAM LLC CPAs*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL WORKSHOP IN SAN ANTONIO ON JANUARY 19, 2018. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the attendance of any council member who wishes to attend*.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN CHARGE STATING THE BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMISSIONER, CHRYSTIAN GUZMAN AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN CHARGE.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *direct city attorney to prepare the written charge*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENEWAL OF BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT OR DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS FOR GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *renew the grant writing contract.*

Mr. Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct staff to search for other grant writing options.* Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *allow Lt. Smith to speak.*

Lt. Smith spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twenty-three (23) before eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**23. DISCUSSION AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AND BRING TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION CHANGES TO THE IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED WHEN PARK LAND IS CONVEYED TO THE CITY, INCLUDING OUTDOOR LIGHTING, SIGNAGE WITH THE NAME OF THE PARK AND THE TIMING OF THE CONVEYANCE, AND TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO CITY ORDINANCES CONTROLLING SAME.**

***RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, POLICY OR POLICY REVISION TO PROVIDE FOR FENCING, VISUAL BLOCKING AND OTHER SECURITY MEASURES ON, NEAR AND AROUND DRAINAGE PONDS AND WATER CONVEYANCE CHANNELS. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

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

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, POLICY OR POLICY REVISION TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE DRAINAGE AND CONTROL OF STORM WATER ON, FROM AND AROUND CITY ROADS PARTICULARLY WHERE THE ROAD COMES TO AN END AND FUTURE EXTENSION OF THE ROAD IS CONTEMPLATED. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, POLICY OR POLICY REVISION TO LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A SUBDIVISION CAN PROVIDE FOR DRAINAGE PONDS OR OTHER STRUCTURES TO BE LOCATED ON EACH OR MOST OF THE LOTS IN A SUBDIVISION AND INSTEAD REQUIRE ONE OR SEVERAL COLLECTIVE RETENTION PONDS TO RECEIVE THE RUNOFF FROM THE ENTIRETY OF THE SUBDIVISION. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT PARKS IN SUBDIVISIONS BE SEPARATED FROM AND NOT USED ALSO AS PONDING AREAS. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO ENROLL MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS CITY EMPLOYEES. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**30. 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***

**31. 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**

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM SUBMITTED BY RALPH DURAN FOR DAMAGE TO OR TAKING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY. [551.071].**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**34. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:48 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



January 4, 2018

Date minutes were approved