

*Elia Garcia*  
Mayor

*Rene Rodriguez*  
At Large

*Maria Reyes*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2

*Victor Perez*  
District 3//Mayor Pro Tem

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:12 pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
David Mirazo, City Attorney (*Left the meeting at 6:31 pm*)  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:31 pm*)

Alejandra Valadez, Grant Coordinator  
Lt. Linda Cusic  
Rosio Marin, HR Director  
Chief C. Rey  
Officer Rudy Aguilar  
Michael Medina, City Planner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with five members present.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Ralph Duran to *move up items twelve (12), sixteen (16) and seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,455.28, AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW ARROYOS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 2. *RALPH DURAN***

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the appointment of Andrew Arroyos*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Ralph Duran and Victor Perez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**17. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.**

During this time Mayor Garcia swore in Andrew Arroyos.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melvin Rodriguez, Sergio Martinez, Alicia Delgado, Martha Hernandez, Lorenzo Carrillo, Micaela Molinar, Fernando Garcia, Miriam Cruz, Sergio Cox, Francisco Dominguez, Consuelo Ramirez, Juan Rucobo, Santos Perez and Art Melendez spoke during Public Comment.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:12 pm

Veronica Rodriguez and Suki Alarcon were signed up to speak but declined.

**PRESENTATION**

5. **PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING AUGUST'S 2018 MONTHLY REPORT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2018.**  
**OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

8. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1A, SOCORRO MISSION #1 SUBDIVISION AT 671 SANTA GERTRUDES RD. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW 3 HOMES.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

**Public Hearing opened at 6:36**  
**Sergio Cox and Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing**  
**Public Hearing closed at 6:38 pm**

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1A, SOCORRO MISSION #1 SUBDIVISION AT 671 SANTA GERTRUDES RD. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW 3 HOMES.** **MICHAEL MEDINA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro's Master Plan to rezone Lot 2, Block 1A, Socorro Mission #1 at 671 Santa Gertrudes Rd.* Motion passed.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RESOLUTION 555 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S (RGGCOG) 2019 SOLID WASTE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,400 FOR A COMMUNITY PRIDE CLEAN-UP PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. THE CITY'S IN-KIND MATCH CONTRIBUTION IS \$1,000.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

### PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF APPROVAL REQUEST TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR A PARADE FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 31, 2018.**  
**MICHAEL MEDINA**

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL'S DECISION DIRECTING STAFF NOT TO RENEW MUNICIPAL JUDGE'S CONTRACT AND TO INSTEAD OPEN POSITION TO NEW APPLICANTS.**  
**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve to rescind council's decision on directing staff not to renew the municipal judge's contract.* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Sergio Cox spoke on this item.

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

Nays: Ralph Duran

Abstain:

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MUNICIPAL JUDGE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO FINALIZE CONTRACT. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the two-year contract and 2,500.00 yearly raise with the stipulations that she be available for magistrates and warrants, with 2 additional days as need left at her discretion and dispatch to contact her for magistrates and warrants for a better tracking system.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO EXPLORE DIFFERENT FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN THAT WAS JUST APPROVED BY COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES THE EXCAVATION OF THE ONION FIELD BASIN EXCAVATION. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *direct staff to find funding sources.* Motion passed.

Sergio Cox spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule to allow speakers to speak.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Patricia Gardea spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Victor Perez to *suspend the rule and allow speaker to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**18. 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**

**19. 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**

**20. 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 eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


**21. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 7:45 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez, 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



  
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Date minutes were approved