

Vacant
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Reyes
District 1



Alejandro García
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Alejandro Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Lt. Eddie Smith
Omar Guevara, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Job Terrazas, Planning and Zoning
Miguel Rosas, PW and Parks Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lt. Eddie Smith

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Irene Martin, Jack Martin, Steve Martin, Federico Lara Robles, Rick Avalos, Mike Mang, Hector Valencia, Miriam Cruz, Javier Rodriguez, and Andres Acosta spoke during Public Comment.

5. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY BEE BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE AND HONEY PRODUCTION. VICTOR PEREZ

Marty Loya made presentation.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon Villalobos *to move up items seventeen (17), twenty-five (25) and twenty-seven (27) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:45 pm and broke quorum

Alejandro Garcia stepped back into the meeting at 6:46 pm.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE OPTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND EXERCISE CITY'S OPTION TO RENEW HEALTH COVERAGE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS RM02, RM43 AND RMH1 WITH HAS BANKING FOR TWELVE MONTHS (12) MONTH PERIOD PURSUANT TO EXISTING CONTRACT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSALS FOR VOLUNTARY DENTAL, VISION, LIFE AND VOLUNTARY ACCIDENT, CRITICAL ILLNESS HOSPITAL INDEMNITY, GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE, EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SECTION 125 PRE TAX SERVICES FOR FY 2017-2018 FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ROSIO MARIN

Presentation made by Armando Arrieta

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia *to approve the recommendations made by staff.* Motion passed.

Lt. Eddie Smith spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *allow Lt. Eddie Smith to speak for two (2) additional minutes.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

Lt. Eddie Smith spoke for an additional two (2) minutes.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2, AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGARDING FIRE MARSHAL SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER AN 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 Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *deny item number twenty-seven (27).*

Victor Perez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting of September 7, 2017.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

CONSENT AGENDA

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2017. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *recess for ten (10) minutes*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO RECESS AT 7:20 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:34 PM

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up items fourteen (14), twenty-one (21), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, WALL ESTATES AT 10772 SOCORRO RD., FOR A CELL TOWER.

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Mike Mang spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon Villalobos, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A POT HOLE CREW CONSISTING OF 3 MEMBERS TO WORK FULL TIME TO REPAIR POT HOLES THROUGHOUT THE CITY WITH AN HOURLY RATE OF \$12.02.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon Villalobos to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE USE OF THE NEW POT HOLE CREW.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *direct staff to Research cost of pot hole truck and bring back to council*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 7:46 pm
No speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:47 pm

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING 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 Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of Ordinance 397 Amendment No. 2 to decrease fiscal year 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$42.00.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, and Alejandro Garcia

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Maria Reyes

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of an Ordinance for the proposed rezoning of Tracts 13C, 14B, 14C and 14A, Block 7, Socorro Grant at 9965 Alameda from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) for an office and retail use.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, and Alejandro Garcia

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Maria Reyes

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Victor Perez, seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

JOB TERRAZAS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, and Alejandro Garcia

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Maria Reyes

REGULAR AGENDA

RECREATIONAL CENTERS DEPARTMENT

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE OF THE CHILE WAR FESTIVAL TO THE HARVEST FESTIVAL.**
VICTOR RETA

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CHIEF OF POLICE AND CITY ATTORNEY TO SIGN AN EXTENSION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018.**
CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD CONTRACT TO PURCHASE CRACK SEAL MACHINE TO SEAL MASTER FOR THE PRICE OF \$36,905.00.**
MIGUEL ROSAS

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

PLANNING AND ZONING

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LOT SPLIT APPROVAL OF WALL ESTATES REPLAT A, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, WALL ESTATES AT 10772 SOCORRO RD., FOR A CELL TOWER.

JOB TERRAZAS

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

CITY MANAGER

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve and announce September 7, 2017 as the date on which city council will take final action on the tax rate on the municipal budget*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2017*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 FROM AUGUST 17, 2017 TO AUGUST 21, 2017.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-six*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR MI PUEBLO HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION AND PARADE FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Victor Perez to *approve*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF TRAVEL TO PHOENIX ARIZONA TO MEET WITH HARKIN THEATER FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING A MOVIE THEATER TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete item number thirty (30)*, Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNATED STAFF TO ASSIGN INTERIM STAFF MEMBERS TO ALL OR SPECIFIC CITY COUNCIL REQUEST. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve for discussion*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *continue with the development of the spreadsheet and back to council in three (30) days*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

34. 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

35. 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

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35), and thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Maria Reyes

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SAMUEL CAMPOS ET AL 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 Alejandro Garcia to *direct city attorney to pursue what was discussed in Executive Session and accept the proposal that was discussed*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, and Alejandro Garcia
Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Absent: Maria Reyes

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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *direct staff to continue the research for the best option for remedy.* Motion passed.


Rick Avalos spoke on this item.



Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent: Maria Reyes

39. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *adjourn at 9:56 pm.* Motion passed.


Ayes: Victor Perez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent: Maria Reyes



Rene Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved