

Elia Garcia
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Elia Garcia
Rene Rodriguez
Cesar Nevarez
Ralph Duran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Rosio Marin, HR Director
Estevan Gonzalez, IT Director
Michael Medina, City Planner
Sgt. Elena Keene
Lt. Linda Custic

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 four members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:05 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed a 6:06 pm

7. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the adoption of the Ordinance to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2019*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Cesar Nevarez and Ralph Duran

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX INCREASE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve and ratify the tax increase set forth in ordinance adopting a budget for the City of Socorro, Texas for the Fiscal Year commencing on October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2018*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .752457 which is effectively a 7.39 percent increase in the tax rate.* Motion passed.

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

10. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:19 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:19 pm

11. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting the amended Organizational Chart for the City of Socorro, Texas.* Motion passed.

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

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

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:20
PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:27
PM**

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:27 pm.

12. 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

13. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *suspend the rule*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Ralph Duran to *reconsider item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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, 2018 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

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15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HECTOR JIMENEZ VS. CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2015DCV2148 IN THE 346 DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. [551.071]. **BRUCE KOEHLER**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *authorize the city manager and city attorney to finalize the proposed settlement documentation as discussed in closed session.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

16. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 6:33 pm.* Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

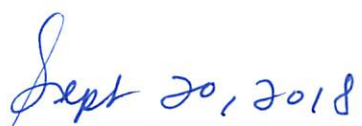


Elia Garcia, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved