

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Joseph E. Bowling
District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Joseph E. Bowling
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:10 p.m.*)
Sergio Cox (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:36 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director
James Martinez, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Bozynski

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Luis Sigala, Sergio Jaime, and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY PAUL GARCIA REGARDING HIV.

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Eddie Anchondo from International Aids Empowerment made the presentation.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

SANDRA HERNANDEZ

7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2014 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2014 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2104 AND MARCH 6, 2014.

SANDRA HERNANDEZ

8. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$842.50 TO MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE ELIA GARCIA FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING MARCH 3 – 5, 2014.

ELIA GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:

Absent: Sergio Cox

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items eleven (11) and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:

Absent: Sergio Cox

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 257, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING PUBLIC AND WORKPLACE SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ/SANDRA HERNANDEZ

**Public Hearing Opened at 6:27 p.m.
No Speakers
Public Hearing Closed at 6:27 p.m.**

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 257, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING PUBLIC AND WORKPLACE SMOKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ/SANDRA HERNANDEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling *to approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent: Sergio Cox

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to take a ten (10) minute recess*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent: Sergio Cox

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A TEN (10) MINUTE RECESS

RECESS

Sergio Cox arrived to the meeting during recess at 6:36 p.m.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSIN AT 6:43 P.M.

9. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND ORDINANCE 280 AMENDMENT NO. 1. SERGIO COX

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:44 p.m.
Ralph Duran spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed at 6:48 p.m.*

- 10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND ORDINANCE 280 AMENDMENT NO. 1. *SERGIO COX***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number ten (10)*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

- 13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 331, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, SANTA MARTINA SUBDIVISION (11806 NORTH LOOP DRIVE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THE DENIAL OF THE R-3 ZONING AND RECOMMENDS THE APPROVAL OF R-2 ZONING. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

- 14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 332, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 8, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT (9901 ALAMEDA AVENUE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to suspend the rule and allow a speaker for item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 9, BLOCK 17, SOCORRO GRANT (10143 SOCORRO ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

SAM LEONY

Isidro Torres spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling *to approve the recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Sergio Cox
Nay:
Abstain: Joseph E. Bowling and Gloria M. Rodriguez

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT TO GAYLE REID APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,975.

KARINA HAGELSIEB

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE REPORT COMPILED BY WEAVER AND TIDWELL, LLP. KARINA HAGELSIEB

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to table item seventeen (17) for the meeting of March 28, 2014.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING PAYMENT TO RALPH SELLERS & ASSOCIATE. KARINA HAGELSIEB

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE EVENT FEES FOR A MOTORCYCLE PARADE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JROTC PROGRAMS ON APRIL 5, 2014. SAM LEONY

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL FOR DAA FARMS SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 4C4 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 4C3, BLOCK 39, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE LOCATED AT TRACT 36-B, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANTS (578 WYNN ROAD). *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-one (21) with the correction to the street name to read Winn Rd.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO REVISE ORDINANCE 76-1A INCLUDING ZONING PROCEDURES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY. *SAM LEONY*

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON OFFICE SPACE FOR CITY STAFF BEFORE APPROVING CONTRACT FOR TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OFFICE SPACE. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but was no present.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez *not to renew the contract to Texas A&M.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *accept the City Manager's recommendation not to renew the Contract to Texas A&M University System and grant them a sixty (60) day notice.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:
Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED SOLUTION TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE. (PRESENTATION BY OMAR GUEVARA AND PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*.

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the technology proposal and obtain three (3) electrical informal bids*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENEWING CITY MANAGER CONTRACT. JESUS RUIZ

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the City Manager's Contract for two (2) years with the same salary*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Mayor Jesus Ruiz, Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,616.00 JESUS RUIZ

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PLACING A MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S WEBSITE. (PRESENTATION BY DAVID BOZYNSKI). JESUS RUIZ

David Bozynski read the mission and vision statements.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE WATERS CONSULTING GROUP RECRUITMENT OF POLICE CHIEF. RENE RODRIGUEZ

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

No action on this item.

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON NEW INSTALLATION OF CHAIN LINK BACKSTOPS, DUGOUTS AND FENCING FOR TWO BASEBALL FIELDS AT COUGAR PARK ON SOCORRO ROAD. REQUESTING THE SAME FOR T-BALL FIELD FENCING FOR YOUTH BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 4 THROUGH 6 TO BE LOCATED AT MOON CITY PARK. SERGIO COX

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table for the Special Meeting of March 28, 2014*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nay:
Absent:

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PURCHASING PLAQUES FOR ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS THAT COLLABORATED WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO IMPLEMENT DISASTER RELIEF. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow a speaker*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A POLICE SUBSTATION ON VINEYARD ROAD. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *table for the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2014*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *table for the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2014*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HAVING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS HOSTED AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITHIN EACH OF THE FOUR CITY DISTRICTS. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS WILL PROVIDE A BRIEF UPDATE OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS. VICTOR PEREZ

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*.

Victor Perez withdrew his motion

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct the City Attorney to research what constitutes a Legislative Review Meeting*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

CITY ATTORNEY

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL OPINION REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S ABILITY TO PUBLISH ORDINANCES AND NOTICES IN THE WEST TEXAS COURIER. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move item number thirty three (33) into Executive Session*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:31 P.M.

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL OPINION REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S ABILITY TO PUBLISH ORDINANCES AND NOTICES IN THE WEST TEXAS COURIER. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *disallow the City of Socorro to Publish Ordinances and Notices in the West Texas Courier*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

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.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nay:

Absent:

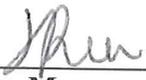
37. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:33 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez.

Nays:

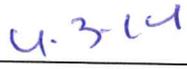
Abstain:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Minutes prepared by
Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved