

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

**Joseph E. Bowling**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Victor Perez  
Rene Rodriguez  
Joseph E. Bowling  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr.  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief  
Adriana Rodarte, HR Director  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Jessica Diaz, Parks Supervisor  
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 5. PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD TO RUTH A. SOTO, ELSA PERALTA, ELENA KEENE, DIEGO SARINANA, JESUS GUTIERREZ, BERNARDO DE LUNA, OFELIA CORDERO, AND LUIS RAMOS.**

**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

During this time Mayor Ruiz presented all with plaques.

During this time Chief Carlos Maldonado presented Ruth A. Soto, Elsa Peralta, and Elena Keene with a pin.

- 6. PRESENTATION BY PAUL GARCIA REGARDING A CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY IN SOCORRO.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Not present.

- 7. PRESENTATION BY VELO PASO REGARDING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN OUTREACH.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Presentation by Victor Cordero, Vice President and Scott White, Policy Director for Velo Paso, Bicycle-Pedestrian Coalition.

- 8. PRESENTATION BY ANIBAL OLAGUE, SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT, REGARDING GRANT ACTIVITY.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**

Presentation by Anibal Olague.

- 6. PRESENTATION BY PAUL GARCIA REGARDING A CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY IN SOCORRO.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Paul Garcia made presentation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
- 10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2014.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
- 11. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR SERGEANT E. SMITH, AND RECORDS CLERK, ANNA ROBLES, TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT AND RECORDS TRAINING IN SAN MARCOS, TEXAS OCTOBER 21-23, 2014.** **CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda and move item number twelve from the Consent Agenda into the Regular Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**12. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO AND LIEUTENANT EDMUNDO MONTOYA TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA OCTOBER 25-28, 2014. CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny*.

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the travel for Chief Carlos Maldonado*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Victor Perez

Abstain: Joseph E. Bowling

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

**13. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 342, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. SANDRA HERNANDEZ**

*Public Hearing Opened at 7:25 p.m.*

*No Speakers for Public Hearing*

*Public Hearing Closed at 7:26 p.m.*

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 342, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. *SANDRA HERNANDEZ***

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

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

- 15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 3, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, AN ORDINANCE 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 AS AMENDED AND ORDINANCE 280 AS AMENDED. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

- 16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 343, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICESD WHILR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND CREATING AN OFFENSE. *GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### CITY MANAGER

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 21, 2014 AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CIVIL SERVICE RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.**

***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Adriana Rodarte spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### **RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT**

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE VEHICLE FOR THE RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE REGION 19 PURCHASING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, RFP 12-6846, 2015 FORD TRANSIT WAGON F-350 12 PASSENGER VAN W/ HIGH ROOF.**  
**VICTOR RETA**

A motion was made by Victor Perez 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

Nays:

- 21. DISCUSSION ACTION TO RENEW THE WARRANTY FOR 14 LAPTOPS AND 17 TOWERS & MONITORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,775.51.**

**VICTOR RETA**

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

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

Nays:

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AND AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO, THE CITY OF EL PASO, THE CITY OF ANTHONY, TEXAS, AND THE CITY OF HORIZON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE PREVIOUS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAID PARTIES DATED JULY 22, 2013 RELATING TO THE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN OPERATIONS STONEGARDEN GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**  
**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PROPOSED FUEL ACCOUNTABILITY POLICY. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

Douglas Lobdell, Jr. spoke on this item.

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

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

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PUBLIC WORKS DISPOSAL PLAN. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

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

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

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND A CHANGE TO THE REQUIRED DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE ANNUAL STREETS REPORT TO SYNC WITH THE NEW ANNUAL CALENDAR. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

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

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

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL CALENDAR. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

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

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

### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014. *SAM LEONY***

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

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

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT POLICY 380 RELATED TO INCENTIVES FOR NEW BUSINESSES IN SOCORRO, TEXAS. *SAM LEONY***

Sam Leony spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR CITY MANAGER, WILLIE NORFLEET. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve a yearly evaluation starting October 2014*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *establish an evaluation date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of October 2014*. Motion passed.

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

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT TO CITY COUNCIL A LIST OF EVENTS COORDINATED BY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS FOR FY 2015. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Jessica Diaz and Victor Reta spoke on this item, see Exhibit "A".

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE GREATER EL PASO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.**

**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve a \$500.00 membership with the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AD SPACE IN THE GREATER EL PASO MAGAZINE. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

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

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

Nays:

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO PERFORM A COST ANALYSIS OF PURCHASING RECYCLING BINS FOR ALL PARKS AND CITY OF SOCORRO BUILDINGS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**CITY ATTORNEY**

- 34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF TO PREPARE A NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, TO RETAIN AN ENGINEERING FIRM TO DEVELOP TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR THE NEW SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, AND TO DECIDE WHETHER FINAL AUTHORITY FOR PLAT APPROVALS SHOULD BE VESTED IN CITY COUNCIL OR DELEGATED TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION.** *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

James Martinez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve and include city council having authority on final plats*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

- 35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY AND STAFF TO PREPARE A NEW NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATE NOTICE AND HEARING PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO TAKE ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE SAME.** *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

James Martinez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 36. 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.*

**37. 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.*

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

*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items thirty-six (36), thirty-seven (37), and thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

**12. ADJOURN**

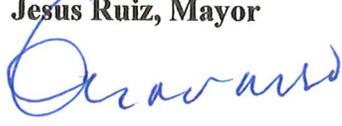
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:08 p.m.* Motion passed.

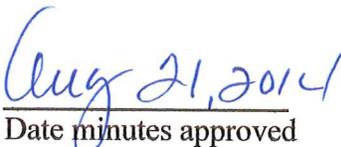
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph B. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays

Abstain:

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

  
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Date minutes approved