

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2

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

**vacant**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Perez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:23 p.m.*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Doug Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO  
Victor Reta, Recreation Supervisor  
Adriana Rodarte, HR Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

**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.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

5. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 11, 2014 VETERANS DAY.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz read the proclamation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

6. **RECOGNITION OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER #574  
COLOR GUARD THAT PARTICIPATED FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Gloria M. Rodriguez presented the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 574 Color Guard with a plaque.

7. **RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST  
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Gloria M. Rodriguez presented the Socorro Police Department with a plaque for the first National Night Out in the City of Socorro which was a very successful event.

8. **PRESENTATION BY VICTOR RETA, RECREATIONAL CENTERS  
DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR, SUMMARIZING THE 2014 SOCORRO  
FALL FESTIVAL.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Presentation by Victor Reta.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

9. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
10. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER  
16, 2014.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
11. **APPROVAL FOR MAYOR RUIZ AND CITY MANAGER WILLIE  
NORFLEET, JR. TO ATTEND THE 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF  
THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN WASHINGTON DC  
FROM JANUARY 22, 2015 TO JANUARY 24, 2015.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve items nine (9) and ten (10) and move item number eleven into the Regular Agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 11. APPROVAL FOR MAYOR RUIZ AND CITY MANAGER WILLIE NORFLEET, JR. TO ATTEND THE 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER MEETING OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN WASHINGTON DC FROM JANUARY 22, 2015 TO JANUARY 24, 2015.**

***MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and replace Willie Norfleet, Jr. with Rene Rodriguez.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**ORDINANCES**

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 356, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, LAS MILPAS SUBDIVISION AT 10740 MIRISA DRIVE FROM LNC/R-2 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

***SAM LEONY***

***Public Hearing opened at 6:20 p.m.***

***No Speakers***

***Public Hearing closed at 6:21 p.m.***

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 356, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 3, LAS MILPAS SUBDIVISION AT 10740 MIRISA DRIVE FROM LNC/R-2 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

***SAM LEONY***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 20, BLOCK 3, HILLCREST MANOR SUBDIVISION (10852 ARLENE CIRCLE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the recommendation made by Planning and Zoning Commission to deny.*

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

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

Sandy Saucedo, Patricia Garcia, Raquel Martinez and Efraime Silva

Rene Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the application and Public Hearing for November 20, 2014.* Motion passed.

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

**CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND CITY OF EL PASO'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. *SANDRA HERNANDEZ***

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

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

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO EL PASO TIMES FOR SERVICE EXPENSE BEYOND PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT. *SANDRA HERNANDEZ***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

### **17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REGARDING FRANCHISE TAXES PAID OR OWED BY EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE PERIOD 2010 TO 2013. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

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

Mary Beth Stevens with El Paso Electric Company spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### **18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT CONDUCTED BY LGS. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

## **GRANTS DIVISION**

### **19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,200.00 FROM THE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SOLID WASTE PROGRAM. *ANIBAL OLAGUE***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PURCHASE P25 RADIOS FOR THE  
SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (SISD) AND YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (TPD) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING AND MAINTAINING RECORDS FOR A NON-TERMINAL AGENCY AGREEMENT.**

**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO DICKASON COMPANY FOR SERVICE EXPENSE BEYOND PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO HOME DEPOT AND OFFICE DEPOT FOR SERVICE EXPENSE BEYOND PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

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, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

### **RECREATIONAL CENTER DEPARTMENT**

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO AHERN RENTALS FOR SERVICE EXPENSE BEYOND PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT. *VICTOR RETA***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED BURBRIDGE ACRES REPLAT "G" LOCATED AT 12261 CINNABAR STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION. THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. *SAM LEONY***

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, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PURCHASE PIPING MATERIAL, \$5,030.92, TO FIX DAMAGED CULVERTS LOCATED AT HOLGUIN ROAD AND SOCORRO LATDRAL, AND ALSO AT OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD AND ISLA LATERAL, BOTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE CITY OF SOCORRO WILL PROVIDE MATERIAL AND THE EPCWID#1 WILL PROVIDE THE INSTALLATION. *SAM LEONY***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR CITY MANAGER. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone item number twenty-seven (27) for Regular Meeting of November 20, 2014.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF A DATE FOR THE DECEMBER 2014 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY 2015 TO CANVASS THE VOTES FOR THE DECEMBER 20, 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *declare December 18, 2014 as the date for the December 2014 Regular Meeting.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF RE VARIABLES AND STANDARDS TO INCLUDE IN ORDINANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE FOR INVITING INPUT FROM PUBLIC AND PROPERTY OWNERS RE SAME. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone for the November 20, 2014 meeting.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

Rene Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PAY DAY LENDING, PAWN SHOPS, ALTERNATIVE SMALL CREDIT FACILITIES AND SIMILAR BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

*JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2014*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:24 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:59 P.M.**

**32. 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.*

**33. 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.***

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

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items number thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**35. SAMUEL CAMPOS, ET AL. V. CITY OF SOCORRO; CAUSE NO. 2013DCV4546; 120<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS [551.071].**

***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *accept the action recommended by the city attorney*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**36. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:00 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

11-18-14  
Date minutes approved