

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
JULY 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 BY CITY MANAGER WILLIE NORFLEET, JR. REGARDING FLOOD CONTROL PLAN. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Willie Norfleet, Jr., Lt. Montoya, Doug Lobdell, Sam Leony, Victor Reta, and Jessica Diaz, spoke on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *SANDRA HERNANDEZ***

7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2014 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2014. *SANDRA HERNANDEZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

8. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 334 AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 334 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF TOW TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO; ESTABLISHING FEES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 222 AS AMENDED.**

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Public Hearing Opened at 6:50 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 6:50 p.m.

9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 334 AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 334 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE OPERATION OF TOW TRUCKS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO; ESTABLISHING FEES AND PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 222 AS AMENDED. *GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *take up items ten (10) and twelve (12) together*. Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 295, AMENDMENT NO. 7, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO AMENDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND SALARIES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK AND COURT CLERK. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items ten (10) and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Adriana Rodarte spoke on these items.

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

Nays

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SOCORRO HEALTH REALTY, LLC. REQUEST FOR GRANT/ASSISTANCE OF \$50,000 FOR A "BRIDGE" OVER THE CANAL BETWEEN ALAMEDA AND CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move this item into Executive Session.* Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CLEANUP AND DEMOLITION PROJECT ON 741 GRIJALVA DRIVE, 9982 MELISSA CIRCLE, AND 10228 HATCHETT ROAD, AS PER ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS RELATING TO VACANT AND DILAPIDATED PROPERTIES. *SAM LEONY***

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

Sam Leony spoke on this item.

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

Nays

Abstain:

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION LICENSE FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY LOCATED AT TRACT 16, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT (BEHIND WALGREEN'S- NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE). *SAM LEONY***

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

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

Nays

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

A motion was made Gloria M. Rodriguez to *evaluate Mr. Norfleet twice a year.*

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone for the next meeting of July.* Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING QUARTERLY BUDGET AMENDMENTS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

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

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

Nays

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTING A BUDGET FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR FY 2015. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

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

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

Nays

Abstain:

18. 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 spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *for the next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO COORDINATE A SCHOOL FAIR FOR CITY OF SOCORRO EMPLOYEES. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

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, Joseph B. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays

Abstain:

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

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

Nays

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:44 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:08 P.M.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SOCORRO HEALTH REALTY, LLC. REQUEST FOR GRANT/ASSISTANCE OF \$50,000 FOR A "BRIDGE" OVER THE CANAL BETWEEN ALAMEDA AND CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for Regular Meeting and allow legal staff to do appropriate research on this item.* Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

- 20. 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.

- 21. 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.

- 22. 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 numbers twenty (20), twenty-one (21), and (22) twenty-two.* Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

- 23. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:09 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays

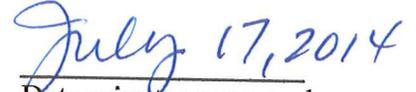
Abstain:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved