

**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*

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Perez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
James Martinez, City Attorney

**STAFF ABSENT**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adriana Rodarte, Human Resources Director

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:02  
A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:42  
A.M.**

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM SUBMITTED BY  
RALPH DURAN. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Joseph Bowling seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to settle for the higher amount of 65,236.00.* Motion failed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Joseph Bowling

Nays: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Victor Perez

Motion was tied, Mayor Jesus Ruiz broke the tie and voted nay. Motion failed

A motion was made by Sergio Cox *to accept and settle with the City Manager's recommendation.* No second, motion died.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph Bowling *to grant Mr. Duran the amount he requested of \$65,236.00.* Motion failed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Joseph Bowling

Nays: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Victor Perez

Motion was tied, Mayor Jesus Ruiz broke the tie and voted nay. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to accept and settle with the City Manager's recommendation of \$37,615.00.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Joseph Bowling, and Sergio Cox

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Victor Perez

6. **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.***

7. **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.***

8. **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 Sergio Cox *to delete items six, (6), seven (7) and eight (8).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

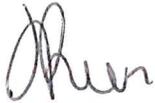
9. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez



**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**



Minutes prepared by  
Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

4-3-14  
Date minutes approved