

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor  
**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large  
**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2 / Mayor Pro Tem

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Anthony Gandara**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Victor Perez  
Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:04*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Doug Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO  
Omar Guevara, IT Technician  
Adriana Rodarte, HR Director  
Carlos Maldonado, Chief of Police  
Lt. Eddie Smith  
Anibal Olague, Grants Writer  
Job Terrazas, Planning and Zoning

**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.**

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.**

Quorum was established with five members present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Almonte and Irene Perez spoke during Public Comment.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2015.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda excluding item number seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

7. **APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO COX, MAYOR JESUS RUIZ AND AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RENE RODRIGUEZ TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATE CONFERENCE OF MAYORS ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING FROM JUNE 19-22, 2015, IN SAN FRANCISCO, CA.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *exclude Rene Rodriguez from the trip*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez and Sergio Cox

Nays: Anthony Gandara and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 320.**

**GRANTS DIVISION**

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO KABOOM.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**

Anibal Olague spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE FIXED ASSETS AGREED UPON PROCEDURES REPORT FROM WHITE, SAMANIEGO, & CAMPBELL, LLP. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *postpone item number nine (9) for the Regular Meeting of April 16, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE PASSION OF CHRIST EVENT AT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE HELD ON APRIL 3, 2015. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH BAZAAR FROM JUNE 26 THRU JUNE 28, 2015. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO THE EPCWID#1 TO EXTEND THE PIPE CULVERT ON OLD HUECO TANKS RD. FROM 40' TO 58' LONG FOR FUTURE ROAD WIDENING OF THE STREET.**  
**SAM LEONY**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS TO SELECT A PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING FIRM TO PERFORM THE SURVEYING PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**  
**SAM LEONY**

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

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move item thirteen after Executive Session*, Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**14. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE NO.363, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 7, SECTION 2-266 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION TO ASSUME THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MUSEUM COMMISSION, ELIMINATING THE MUSEUM COMMISSION, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 5 (SECTION 2-233 TO 2-256) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**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, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Abstain:

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JESUS RUIZ, CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE SIGN AN EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT AND CERTIFICATION FORM WITH HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (HIS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHARING OF FUNDS RECEIVED WHILE ASSISTING IN (HIS) OPERATIONS.**  
**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

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

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

### CITY MANAGER

16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE VISITOR SIGN-IN POLICY.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

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, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Abstain:

### MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PAVING OF PASSMORE ROAD; TO INCLUDE PRIORITIZING FUNDING, WAIVING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PURCHASING POLICY, AND GIVING PASSMORE ROAD PRIORITY STATUS ON OVERLAY LISTS.**  
**ANTHONY GANDARA**

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

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

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, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:21 P.M.**

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS TO SELECT A PROFESSIONAL SURVEYING FIRM TO PERFORM THE SURVEYING PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *SAM LEONY***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF CITY MANAGER'S RESIGNATION [551.071 AND 551.074]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the resignation of Willie Norfleet, Jr.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER [551.071 AND 551.074]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *appoint Adriana Rodarte as Interim City Manager for the City of Socorro with a new prorated salary of \$100,00.00 and will not be able to apply for the permanent city manager position*. Motion passed.

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

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY MANAGER SEARCH AND HIRING PROCESS [551.071 AND 551.074].** *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *for administration to initiate and contact the Water's Group and request a proposal and bring back to council as soon as possible.*

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

**18. 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.*

**19. 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.*

**20. 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items eighteen (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20).* Motion passed.

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

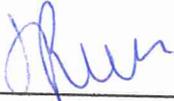
**21. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:29 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

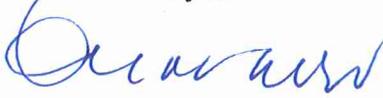
Nays:

Abstain:



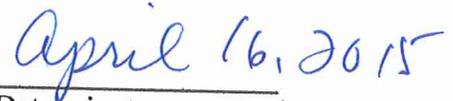
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk



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Date minutes approved