

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2 / Mayor Pro Tem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez
Victor Perez
Anthony Gandara

STAFF PRESENT

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director
Doug Lobdell, Public Works Director
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO
Omar Guevara, IT Technician
Carlos Maldonado, Chief of Police
Lt. Eddie Smith
Lorena Ruiz, Interim HR
Victor Reta, Recreation Supervisor

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 all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rafael Salcedo, Ricardo Alvidrez, Luis Sigala, Sergio Jaime, Carmen Caldera, Ralph Duran, Steve Engrecht, Tommy Faulkner, Lorenza Fraire, and Suky Ramos, spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO OFELIA VALENS AND ADRIANA CANDELARIA FOR SUBMITTING WINNING PICTURES IN CITY OF SOCORRO FACEBOOK PAGE PHOTO CONTEST.** *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

Mayor Jesus Ruiz presented Ofelia Valenzuela with certificate.

6. **PRESENTATION OF SIGNALIZATION PROJECT PHASE II BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.** *SAM LEONY*

Presentation made by Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director and Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Tommie Faulkner, Lorenza Fraire, and Suky Ramos spoke on this item.

7. **PRESENTATION BY ADRIANA RODARTE, INTERIM CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MONTHLY REPORT.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager

Lorenza Fraire and Suky Ramos spoke on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2015.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
10. **APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2015.** *KARINA HAGELSIEB*
11. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MARCH 2015.** *KARINA HAGELSIEB*
12. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO TO ATTEND THE FBI-LEEDA 24TH ANNUAL EXECUTIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS FROM MAY 2, THRU MAY 6, 2015. THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR CHIEFS TO DISCUSS MANY CONTEMPORARY AND PRESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES** *CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO*

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the Consent Agenda and move item number twelve (12) to the Regular Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

REGULAR AGENDA

12. APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO TO ATTEND THE FBI-LEEDA 24TH ANNUAL EXECUTIVE TRAINING CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS FROM MAY 2, THRU MAY 6, 2015. THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED FOR CHIEFS TO DISCUSS MANY CONTEMPORARY AND PRESSING LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES *CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO*

Chief Carlos Maldonado spoke on this item.

Rene Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez and Sergio Cox

Nays: Anthony Gandara

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

ORDINANCES

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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*

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

Lorenza Rodriguez spoke during Public Hearing

Mayor Jesus Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez sat in as Mayor ProTem.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz returned to the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *deny item number thirteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE , AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOTT 1, BLOCK 4, BAUMAN ESTATES SUBDIVISION #2, AT 11398 RANKIN DR. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

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

Ricardo Alvidrez, owner of the property spoke on this item.

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

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 364, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 19, MOON ADDITION, AT 9995 MOROCCO CIRCLE, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). SAM LEONY

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

Victor Perez rescinded his motion

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

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

16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 346 AMENDMENT NO. 2, AN, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE FY 2015 ADOPTED BUDGET.
KARINA HAGELSIEB

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

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

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

Karina Hagelsieb spoke on this item.

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined

Suky Ramos was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BUDGET VS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE PERIODS OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015.
KARINA HAGELSIEB

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

Karina Hagelsieb spoke on this item.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Suky Ramos was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

Nays: Rene Rodriguez

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR JARDIN DE FLORES SUBDIVISION UNIT 2. *SAM LEONY*

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

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 362 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, REGULATING CREDIT ACCESS BUSINESSES. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *deny item number twenty (20)*.

Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox rescinded their motion.

A motion was made Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and prepare an ordinance for item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item .

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,097.88 FOR THE *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *deny item number twenty-one (21)*.

Sergio Cox rescinded his motion.

A motion was by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of May 7, 2015*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire and Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent

POLICE DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THE PROMOTION OF EDDIE SMITH TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT.

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PRESENT A K-9 JOB DESCRIPTION AND AUTHORIZE STIPEND FOR THE K-9 POSITION. THE STIPEND WILL AMOUNT TO 2 HOURS OF OVERTIME ON EACH OF THE OFFICER'S DAYS OFF. THIS WILL AMOUNT TO 12 HOURS OF OVERTIME EACH PAY PERIOD. THIS IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD K-9 PRACTICES ACROSS THE NATION.

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

CITY MANAGER

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO IT JOB DESCRIPTION, SALARY AND FAIR LABOR STANDARD ACT EXEMPT STATUS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*.

Sergio Cox withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-four (24) with a salary of 50,000.00 annually with the title of IT Coordinator to be effective immediately.* Motion passed.

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

Nays: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

Absent:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING WATERS & COMPANY EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT/A SPRINGSTED COMPANY (“WCER”) RECRUITMENT PROPOSAL AND AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES FOR CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ENGAGE THE COMPANY WITH A FINANCIAL IMPACT OF \$23,500.00.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent

Gloria M Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

26. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF SOCORRO FLOOD PLAN.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Presentation made by Doug Lobdell, Public Works Supervisor.

No action for this item.

Gloria M. Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING BASKETBALL COURT ADDITION TO MONTREAL PARK.

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-seven with design plan provided by Sam Leony, the basketball court to be elevated; vandalism and theft resistant and built with quality material.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:27
P.M.**

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9: 50

- 28. 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.

- 29. 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.

- 30. 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 twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30).* Motion passed.

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

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAYMENT OF ACCRUED LEAVE BALANCES TO FORMER CITY MANAGER [551.071 AND 551.074].
ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *pay out accrued leave balances effective immediately*. Motion passed.

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

**32. ACQUISITION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 2.246 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FOR THE OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD PROJECT, THE CONSIDERATION TO BE CONVEYED FOR IT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAME AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT [551.071 AND 551.072].
JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

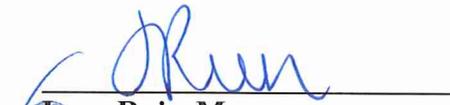
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *proceed with the recommendation made by the city attorney*. Motion passed.

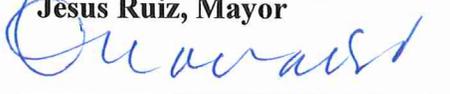
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox
Nays:
Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

33. ADJOURN

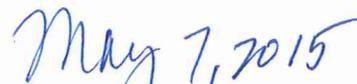
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:52 p.m.* Motion passed.

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



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor


Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved