



Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1

Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2 / Mayor ProTem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:39 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief
Omar Guevara, IT Coordinator
Sgt. Mario Rodriguez
Lt. Eddie Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Martinez

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with five members present.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number five (5) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

5. RECOGNITION OF THE SAN ELIZARIO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 4A TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

During this time Mayor Jesus Ruiz, Rene Rodriguez, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Sergio recognized the San Elizario Boys Soccer Team and presented them with a plaque.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *take a ten minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A TEN (10) MINUTES RECESS
AT 6:12 P.M.**

RECESS

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:25
P.M.**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Luis Sigala, Juan Castañeda, and Ralph Duran

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF LOUIE CHAVEZ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 3. VICTOR PEREZ**
- 9. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF SUKY RAMOS FOR CHAIR POSITION OF THE MUSEUM COMMISSION. SERGIO COX**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the Consent Agenda and move item number nine into the Regular Agenda*,

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

REGULAR AGENDA

9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015. **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nine with a correction to item No. 27 of the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2015.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

During this time Mr. Louie Chavez was sworn in by Mayor Jesus Ruiz to the Civil Service Commission.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item No. 1 of the Addendum to the Regular Agenda to be next on the agenda and in open session.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. Discussion and action** regarding legal representation for the City of Socorro for and in connection with the Wilton Conners Way Bridge Project [551.071].

James A. Martinez

No action on this item.

A motion was made Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move items number (13) thirteen and twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

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

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

Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

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

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE WILTON CONNORS WAY BRIDGE PROJECT, THE APPROPRIATE SCOPE OF WORK FOR IT, THE CONSIDERATION CONVEYED AND RECEIVED FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH IT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR IT. SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*.

Anthony Gandara withdrew his motion.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING SOCORRO WATER RUN OFF PLAN. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

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

7. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE REGARDING STATUS OF WORK IN PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING SUMMER STORMS. DOUGLAS LOBDELL

Presentation made by Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director.

ORDINANCES

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR ORDINANCE 346 AMENDMENT NO. 2, AN, ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE F&-2015 ADOPTED BUDGET. KARINA HAGELSIEB

Public Hearing opened at 7:22 p.m.
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO CONCRETE CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,500.00 AT 640 MIKE CARBAJAL. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number fourteen (14) to be paid out of the Contingency Fund*. Motion passed.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SIGNALIZATION PROJECT FOR PHASE II FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *post pone for the next Regular Meeting of May 21, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up items nineteen (19) and twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS ON THE STREETS THAT HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the list provided by Mr. Leony with possible changes*. Motion not approved.

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

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TEMPORARILY POSTPONING PAVING OF THE STREETS AND PROCEEDING WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THE SIGNALIZATION PROJECT AND THEN FINISH WITH THE PAVING OF THE STREETS.
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

16. DISCUSSION AND REVIEW OF THE QUARTERLY PARKS COMMISSION REPORT.
DOUGLAS LOBDELL

No action on this item.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW PAVING STATUS AND CONSIDER STREET ADDITIONS OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES.
DOUGLAS LOBDELL

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number seventeen (17) with targeted streets*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAVING OF HACIENDA DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION UNITS 1 AND 2 TO INCLUDE PRIORITIZING FUNDING AND GIVING PRIORITY STATUS TO OVERLAY LIST.
ANTHONY GANDARA

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. 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 8:09
P.M.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:16
P.M.**

**20. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE ACQUISITION AND PAVING OF
SAN MIGUEL ST. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

No action on this item.

**23. 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.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

**24. 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. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

26. 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 *delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24, twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. ACQUISITION OF APPROXIMATELY .07 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 OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT [551.071 AND 551.072].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27) with the city attorney's recommendation*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

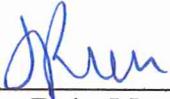
28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:30 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

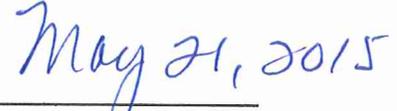
Absent:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved