



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

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez

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
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief
Lt. Eddie Smith
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Joe Enriquez, Parks Supervisor
Angel Almanza, Dispatch Supervisor
Linda Olvera, Police Officer
Jasiel Muñoz, Police Officer
Amalia V. Cardoza, Property & Evidence
Lizbeth Castro, Recreation Leader
Elia Garcia, Municipal Court Judge
Bernardo Salinas, Police Sergeant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Chief Carlos Maldonado

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Luis Sigala spoke during Public Comment.

5. RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WORK IN SOCORRO BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 50 CITIES IN TEXAS. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

Mayor Ruiz presented Chief Maldonado with a plaque for the police department and all department employees with certificates.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara *for a ten (10) minute break*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A TEN (10) MINUTE RECESS AT 6:16 P.M.

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:21 P.M.

6. PRESENTATION BY DALLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS REGARDING THE TEXSERVE BUS GUARD PROGRAM. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

Presentation made by Rachel Frayre and Wes Scott.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items twenty-one (21) and twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CITY MANAGER

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PARK HILL SMITH & COOPER NEW DESIGN FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THE COMPANY. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

Anthony Gandara withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2015.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ LLP (DASLP) PROPOSAL FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNT COLLECTION SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENGAGE THE COMPANY. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-two (22).*

Victor Perez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of July 2, 2015.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

- 7. PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR, REGARDING THE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION AND MUSEUM COMMISSION.**

SAM LEONY

Presentation made by Sam Leony.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2015.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

10. **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 TRACT 4-D, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 11550 NORTH LOOP DR. FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE), WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER.** **SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

11. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 365, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 12, BLOCK 5, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION, AT 11650 DINDINGER RD. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).** **SAM LEONY**

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

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

12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 366, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CLINT**

VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3 AT 2645 DARRINGTON RD., FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL), WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A WRECKING AND JUNK YARD. *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 367, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 22-E & 22F, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 10199 ALAMEDA AVE., FROM LNC-C-2 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO A FORMAL C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

John Birkelbach spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 368, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 1-F-1, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 ABST 6257, AT 1163 HORIZON BLVD. FROM LNC-M-1 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO A FORMAL M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

John Birkelbach spoke on this item.

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *delete item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A BASKETBALL COURT AT MONTREAL PARK. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REMOVAL OF THE LEGAL NON-CONFORMING M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) STATUS FOR TRACTS 25-B, 26-B AND 27, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 266 HORIZON BLVD. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *accept the recommendation to deny*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$22, 175.15 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT. SAM LEONY

Jim Martinez removed himself from this item because he represent the engineering company, John Birkelbach answered questions regarding the item.

Jose Reyes, Engineer Dannenbaum Engineering Company spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the change order with the exception of "loss time due to changes to driveways in the amount of \$12,450.00"*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

RECREATION CENTERS

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH PYROTECHNICO FOR THE JULY 3, 2015 EVENT. VICTOR RETA

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID #15-002 TO NATIONAL BUS SALES AND LEASE. *VICTOR RETA*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO RELOCATE THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION LINE IN SUPPORT OF WIDENING OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD (OHTR), AND TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THAT AGREEMENT. *DOUGLAS LOBDELL*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING SPRINKLER SYSTEMS IN ALL CITY PARKS AND BUILDINGS. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting during Executive Session at 8:49 p.m.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:23 P.M.

- 24. 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

- 25. 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

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items 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 CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY 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 *authorize the city attorney to pursue finalization of the acquisition as recommended and authorize the city attorney to prepare the agreement to consummate and authorize the mayor or his designee to sign said agreement.*

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 *authorize the city attorney to act and negotiate as discussed in closed session.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. ***Discussion and action*** regarding creation or selection of the body to hold public hearings and make final decisions for enforcement of the substandard structures ordinance. [551.071]. ***James Martinez***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve option five and direct city attorney to create an ordinance to include Building Standards Commission made up of the same commissioners serving in the Planning and Zoning.*

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

Nays: Anthony Gandara

Absent:

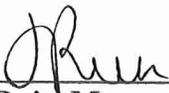
29. ***ADJOURN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:01 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

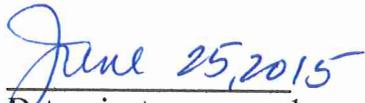
Absent:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved