



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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Victor Perez

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
Karina Hagelsieb
Daniel Magallanes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.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 four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for public comment.

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

Presentation by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2015.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

8. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF ARTURO LAFUENTE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 4.** **ANTHONY GANDARA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

During this time Arturo Lafuente was sworn in by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 369, AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 2, ROSEVILLE SUBDIVISION, AT 450 BAUMAN RD., FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).** **SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number nine*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF PORTION OF LOT 3, BLOCK 2, ELLEN PARK SUBDIVISION, AT 457 HORIZON BLVD., FROM LNC/C-1 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO FORMAL C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

PLANNING AND ZONING

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SHADE STRUCTURE FOR THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox *to approve item for discussion*.

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox *to postpone item number eleven for the meeting of July 16, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY TXDOT TO CHANGE PLANS FOR HORIZON BLVD. EXPANSION TO ALLOW A SECTION OF THE ROADWAY TO DRAIN INTO A DITCH ALONG THE CITY'S PROPERTY BEHIND WALGREENS. *DOUGLAS LOBDELL*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox *to approve item number twelve (12) for discussion*. Motion amended to *approve item number twelve (12) with the recommendation made by Mr. Lobdell*.

Ayes: Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Sergio Cox

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

RECREATION CENTERS

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE PARK ORDINANCE TO ALLOW SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT COUGAR PARK FOR JULY 3RD INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA. VICTOR RETA

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

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve the issuance of a special permit by city council for the July 3, 2015 event from 6 pm to 12 am*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE DALLAS COWBOY CHEERLEADERS FOR THE JULY 3RD INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA. VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number fourteen (14)*. Motion approved.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

GRANTS

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO AWARD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PHASE II ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO MORENO CARDENAS ENGINEERING. ANIBAL OLAGUE

Presentation made by Alejandra Valadez, Grants Department.

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

Ayes: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain: Anthony Gandara

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE SERIES ON JUNE 29, 2015 IN AUSTIN, TEXAS.

SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TEXAS GAS SERVICE METERS ON A RESIDENTIAL AREA.

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

No action on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:14 PM

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. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items number eighteen (18) thru twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

21. 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 MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *instruct city attorney to proceed as proposed by Mr. Cox with respect to parcels 7 and 9 properties*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:16 pm*. Motion passed.

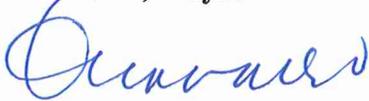
Ayes: Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

July 16, 2015
Date minutes approved