



Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1

Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2 /Mayor ProTem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:00 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
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief
Lt. Eddie Smith
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers 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

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Maria Reyes, Rafael Salcedo, Juan Castañeda, and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:13 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENES BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:30

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 30. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *approve for discussion*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *agree to the land owners representative's latest proposal of minimum lot size and minimum lot size to front in addition to all other terms already approved by city council and to authorize the city attorney to finalize the agreement for Parcels 7 and 9*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MAY 2015.** **KARINA HAGELSIEB**
7. **APPROVAL ON THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR MAY 2015.** **KARINA HAGELSIEB**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up item number twenty-four (24)*.

24. **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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve with recommended amendments by the city attorney*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Sergio Cox

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain: Anthony Gandara

Absent: Victor Perez

RESOLUTION

6. **RESOLUTION 484 AUTHORIZING COLLECTION FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% OF DEBTS AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE SUCH AS UNPAID FINES, FEES, COURT COSTS, FORFEITED BONDS, AND RESTITUTION ORDERED PAID BY A MUNICIPAL COURT SERVING THE CITY, AND AMOUNTS IN CASES IN WHICH THE ACCUSED HAS FAILED TO APPEAR.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items number eighteen (18) and nineteen (19)*. Motion passed

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

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY WHITE SAMANIEGO & CAMPBELL, LLP. *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

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

Roxy Samaniego and Gina Bañuelos spoke on this item.

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

19. 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 seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 371, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 20, SOCORRO GRANT FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 372, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 7, ALDAMA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AT 238 MIDNIGHT SUN DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).**

SAM LEONY

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

Public Hearing Opened at 6:58 p.m.

No speakers for Public Comment

Public Comment Closed at 6:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve with correction to the Staff Recommendation Report "to place the transmitter to be used by any emergency type repeater."*

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez and Sergio Cox *with Staff Recommendation #7 for an easement to place a transmitter on structure to be used by City of Socorro see Exhibit "A"*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

Public Hearing Opened at 7:02 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

Public Hearing Opened a 7:03 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 7:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Antony Gandara seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion denied.

Ayes: Anthony Gandara and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Rene Rodriguez and Sergio Cox

Absent: Victor Perez

Mayor Ruiz broke tie and voted Nay.

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

Public Hearing Opened at 7:04 p.m.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing Closed at 7:04 p.m.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Mayor Ruiz acknowledged ex-councilman Jesus Hernandez.

16. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

*Public Hearing Opened 7:11 p.m.
Rafael Salcedo spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:5 p.m.*

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item number sixteen (16) for the meeting of July 16, 2015.* Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

17. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$16,200.00 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT.**
SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone item number seventeen (17) for the meeting of July 16, 2015.* Motion passed.

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

GRANTS

20. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO ARMOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$169,184 UNDER HOME PROGRAM CONTRACT #1002045.**
ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

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

HUMAN RESOURCE

21. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE CURRENT EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK SECTIONS C.02 CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEES AND SECTION H.02 HOLIDAYS.**
LORENA RUIZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-one (21) for discussion*. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A YEARLY ASSESSMENT CENTER FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANT POSITIONS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. *LORENA RUIZ*

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

CITY MANAGER

23. 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *postpone item number twenty-three (23) for the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DATA RECEIVED FROM WATERS & COMPANY EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT (CHUCK ROHRE) ON EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND COMPENSATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *require a Master's Degree and salary at \$135,000.00.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

27. 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

28. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-four (27) twenty-seven, twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

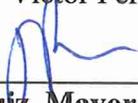
30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:32 p.m..* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

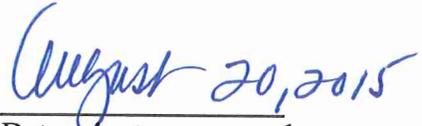
Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved