



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
JULY 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:06)*

STAFF PRESENT

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

Omar Guevara, IT
Tomasita Reyes, Accounts Payable
Norma Olague, Receptionist
Martina Rodas, Payroll Technician
Anibal Olague, Grant Writer
Lt. Eddie Smith
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO

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 Sam Leony

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the thirty minute allotted time for speakers*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Rafael Ramos, Oscar Fraire, Jose Garcia, Jose Lopez, Guadalupe Lopez, Martina Rodas, Norma Olague, Michael Prieto, Juan Prado, Rafael Salcedo and Juan Castañeda spoke during Public Comment.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Oscar Esparza was signed up to speak but was not present.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move up item number thirteen (13) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 373, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 2, MERIDA SUBDIVISION AT 9930 FLORALIA ST., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

6. PRESENTATION ON CITY OF SOCORRO FLOOD PLAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

30. DISCUSSION ON A BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.
ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
8. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2015.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2015.** **KARINA HAGELSIEB**
10. **APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2015.** **KARINA HAGELSIEB**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda items seven (7) thru ten (10) and move item number eleven into the Regular Agenda.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL TO ATTEND THE TML IV MEETING IN ODESSA, TEXAS AUGUST 14, 2015.** **RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number eleven (11) with the exception of the Interim City Manager to include At-Large Representative, the Mayor and one more council member.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

ORDINANCES

**12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 346 AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY2015 BUDGET
ADRIANA RODARTE**

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:

Abstain:

**14. 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 at 7:31 p.m.

Rafael Salcedo and Juan Manuel Ruiz spoke during Public Hearing

Mayor Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez sat in as Mayor Pro Tem,

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve the recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission.*

Mayor Ruiz stepped back into the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Motion dies due to lack of second.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve and allow 3 dwellings for item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez

Abstain:

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

*Public Hearing opened at 7:44 p.m.
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:44 p.m.*

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

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

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

*Public Hearing opened at 7:48 p.m.
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:48 p.m.*

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

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

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *recess for ten (10) minute break*. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A TEN MINUTE RECESS AT 7:52 P.M.

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:06 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

18. 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item number eighteen for the next Regular Meeting of August 6, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WAIVING PERMIT FEES FOR THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE THAT WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2015 ON ALAMEDA FROM HORIZON BLVD. TO SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL. *SAM LEONY*

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

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR BEER AND WINE SALES FOR LOT 6, BLOCK 2, BAGGE ESTATES SUBDIVISION AT 10113 NORTH LOOP DR. *SAM LEONY*

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

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

PUBLIC WORKS

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DISPOSAL OF INOPERABLE
EQUIPMENT.**

DOUGLAS LOBDELL

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

Karina Hagelsieb spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO
REPAVE RIO VISTA NEAR THE INTERSECTION WITH SPARKS AND TO
PAVE A PORTION OF SPARKS ONCE THE FINAL RIGHT-OF-WAY
ISSUE IS RESOLVED.**

DOUGLAS LOBDELL

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

RECREATION CENTERS:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE PARK ORDINANCE TO ALLOW
SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT COUGAR PARK FOR THE
CHILI WAR FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2015.**

VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-three and have the city issue a permit for the consumption of alcohol*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

HUMAN RESOURCES

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CITY CLERK. *LORENA RUIZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *add Political Science or related field and in lieu of degree progressive experience in city clerk operations.* Motion passed.

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AN UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COMMUNICATION DISPATCH SUPERVISOR. *LORENA RUIZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve with a related field bachelor's degree and in lieu of a degree progressive experience.* Motion passed.

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHANGING BENEFITS ANNIVERSARY COVERAGE DATE TO ALIGN WITH FISCAL YEAR OF OCTOBER. *LORENA RUIZ*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

GRANTS

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2015 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT (CE) FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$325,000 TO IMPROVE A TOTAL OF 5 BUILDINGS IN THE RIO VISTA COMPLEX. THE CITY WILL CONTRIBUTE A 10% MATCH OF THE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,500. *ANIBAL OLAGUE*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*.
Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

**28. 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 Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for the
Regular Meeting of August 6, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JUNE 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve
item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

**31. RECONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE LEADERSHIP
BRIDGE PROJECT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item
thirty-one (31) for the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING STAFF TO HIRE AN IN HOUSE ENGINEER OR AN ENGINEERING FIRM FOR A CITY DESIGN.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion,

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *conduct a feasibility study to compare cost of in-house vs. A firm for engineering design for the city*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT AS STATUS ON ANNEXATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

Anthony Gandara stepped out of the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING STAFF TO AMEND POLICY NO. 37, AMENDMENT NO. 5, TRAVEL, MILEAGE AND RELATED EXPENSES.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete item number thirty-four (34)*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *amend and offer defensive driving thru TML, if possible for the use of personal cars and no mileage reimbursement*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *amend the motion to include defensive driving training for employees thru TML and not allow mileage reimbursement.*

Ayes: Victor Perez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Abstain:

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve mileage reimbursement for council members to conduct city business and no defensive driving.* Motion passed.

Ayes; Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays: Victor Perez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:20 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENES BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:44 P.M.

- 35. 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

- 36. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36), and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Sergio Cox

Absent:

38. 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 Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *grant the city attorney authority to finalize the settlement as agreed*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez and Anthony Gandara

Nays: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

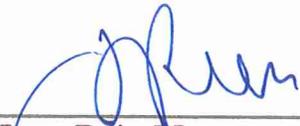
39. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:45 p.m.* Motion passed.

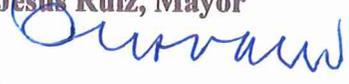
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

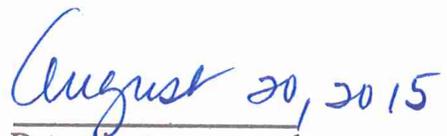
Absent:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved