

*Jesus Ruiz*  
Mayor

*Rene Rodriguez*  
At Large

*Sergio Cox*  
District 1



*Gloria M. Rodriguez*  
District 2

*Victor Perez*  
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

*Anthony Gandara*  
District 4

*Adriana Rodarte*  
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Omar Guevara, IT  
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Lt. Eddie Smith  
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief  
Karina Hagelsieb, Chief Financial Officer

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with five members present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Juan Prado, Rafael Salcedo, Jesus Yamaguchi, Margie Perez, Ruth M. Rascon, Luisa Yamaguchi, Sergio Jaime, Marina Yamaguchi and Luis Sigala spoke during Public Comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5. PRESENTATION ON OPENGOV APPLICATION. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number five (5)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *suspend the rule and allow one more speaker for Public Comment*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

Jasmin and Alex Miranda spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**7. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.727555 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

Hilario Silva, Al Gutierrez, Maria Rivas, Rafael Salcedo, Irene Villalobos, Sergio Jaime and Jesus Yamaguchi spoke during Public Comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve September 10, 2015 for final action on the tax rate and the municipal budget.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

**8. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, JULY 16, AUGUST 6, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2015. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**11. APPROVAL OF CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2015. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

**12. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2015. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

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

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent:

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**13. 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 Victor Perez to *postpone item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OF DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CO. FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT. SAM LEONY**

Sam Leony and Jesus Reyes, Engineer for Dannenbaum Engineering Co., spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND METAL CULVERT PIPE AND BRIDGE EXPANSION AT BAUMAN RD., AND YSLA LATERAL, TO BE DONE EPCWID#1 AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara, seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and include SISD*. Motion passed.

Sam Leony and Rafael Salcedo spoke on this item.

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

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHILD CARE HOME ON LOT 8, BLOCK 16, VALLE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION UNIT 3 AT 10381 VALLE FERTIL DR. SAM LEONY**

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

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

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR A CHRISTMAS TOY FUNDRAISER/CAR SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 AT 669 HORIZON BLVD. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF THE PROPOSED CONNECTIVITY AND TRAFFIC MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR. *SAM LEONY***

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

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Rene stepped back into the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

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

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED PURCHASING POLICY. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

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

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

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

A motion was made by Gloria M. 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:

Absent:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED TRAVEL POLICY AMENDMENT NO. 5. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

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

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

Nays:

Absent

**CITY MANAGER**

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2016 BUDGET PLAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent

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

Item postponed.

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER CITY STAFF TO TML ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2015 IN SAN ANTONIO TEXAS. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

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

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

Nays:

Absent

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING SUKY RAMOS TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION. *RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez 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 8:40 P.M.**

**32. Discussion and action** regarding claim submitted by Refugio Orta [551.071].

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone item number thirty-two (32) for the next Regular Meeting of September 3, 2015.*

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

**29. 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*

**30. 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*

**31. Discussion and action** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. *Adriana Rodarte*

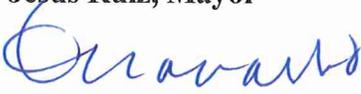
A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-nine, thirty (30) and thirty-one (31).* Motion passed.

**33. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:41 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

  
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

*Sept 17, 2015*  
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Date minutes were approved