



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
AUGUST 6, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:07*)

STAFF PRESENT

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

Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Police Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO
Elia Garcia, Municipal Court Judge

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Pledge allegiance was led by Karina Hagelsieb

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosalyn Nelson, Miriam Cruz, Juan Castañeda, Suky Ramos, Juan Prado, Ralph Duran and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY MARY KOZAK FROM 911 DISTRICT REGARDING THE 911 BUDGET. ADRIANA RODARTE

Scott Calderwood, Deputy Director of the 911 District made the presentation.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

20. 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 Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty*.

Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *have the Interim City Manager negotiate with the engineering firm to do a proposal described by city council*. Motion passed.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, AND JULY 16, 2015. OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *deny item number seven (7)*.

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone item number seven for the next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

8. ***PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 346 AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY2015 BUDGET.***

ADRIANA RODARTE

***Public Hearing Opened at 7:25 p.m.
No speakers for Public Comment
Public Hearing Closed at 7:25 p.m.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING

9. ***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 Victor Perez to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of August 20, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

10. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR THE ADOBE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON TRACT 2A, BLOCK 21, SOCORRO GRANT AT 10226 SOCORRO RD WHICH IS OWNED BY SISD.***

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number ten (10)*.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at this time to discuss item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:41 P.M.

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST TO REINSTATE THE DEMOLITION PERMIT FOR THE ADOBE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON TRACT 2A, BLOCK 21, SOCORRO GRANT AT 10226 SOCORRO RD WHICH IS OWNED BY SISD. SAM LEONY**

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

Ralph Padilla spoke on this item.

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

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WAIVING THE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR THE TWO (2) HOME RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED BY TDHCA AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO AT 331 VALLE DEL MAR DR. AND 11631 CHISOLM TRAIL DR. SAM LEONY**

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

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

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND METAL CULVERT PIPE AT HOLGUIN RD. AND SOCORRO LATERAL TO BE DONE BY THE EPCWID#1 AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twelve (12)*.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 and the City of Socorro for item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND METAL CULVERT PIPE AT RIO VISTA RD. AND SOCORRO LATERAL TO BE DONE BY THE EPCWID#1 AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and execute an Interlocal Agreement between the El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 and the City of Socorro for item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

MUNICIPAL COURTS

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AMNESTY WEEK FROM SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 AND WAIVING THE FAILURE TO APPEAR FEE (FTA).

JUDGE ELIA GARCIA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

Rene Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

RECREATION CENTERS

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RECREATION COORDINATOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH TROPICALISIMO APACHE FOR THE 2015 CHILI WAR FESTIVAL.

VICTOR RETA

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

Ralph Duran was signed up to speak but is not present.

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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE AND AND/OR AMEND PURCHASING POLICY TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT TO ENTERTAINERS AND EVENT VENDORS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THEIR PERFORMANCES/SERVICES FOR ALL EVENTS. VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*.

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete*. Motion dies no second.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *amend the purchasing policy to include net (5) five business days to pay vendors of special events*. Motion passed.

Karina Hagelsieb, Victor Reta and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RENTAL CHARGES FOR FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT AND OTHER VENDORS AT CITY SPONSORED EVENTS AND TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SAME. VICTOR RETA

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

RECREATION PARKS

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID NO. 15-004, PARKS MASTER PLAN, TO PARKHILL, SMITH, AND COOPER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,917.00. DOUGLAS LOBDELL

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) FOR 2015 AND 2016.
CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

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

Chief Carlos Maldonado spoke on this item.

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

CITY MANAGER

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting of August 20, 2015*. Motion passed.

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

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the rollback tax rate of 0.727555 for 2016*. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Ruiz broke the tie by voting yes.

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 20, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS AS THE PROCUREMENT METHOD FOR THE NEW DESIGN FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK TO INCLUDE THE BASE BID ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE COST.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ENGAGING ONE OR MORE ENGINEERING FIRMS AND THE TERMS FOR DOING SO OR HIRING ONE OR MORE IN HOUSE ENGINEERS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve to engage in contracting with an external engineering firm*. Motion passed.

Adriana Rodarte spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Abstain

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Adriana Rodarte and Karina Hagelsieb spoke on this item.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Mr. Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-six and do a feasibility study with a possibility of opting out next year.* Motion passed.

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENT TO THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27).*

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item number twenty-seven (27) to do a study of the fees provided by the Planning and Zoning Department.*

Sam Leony and Ralph Duran and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENEWING CONTRACT WITH LIVABILITY MAGAZINE FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,390.00.
MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *deny item number twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez 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 9:21 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENES BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:27 P.M.

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 seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items number twenty-nine, thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

32. 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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the acquisition of land and easements to Parcels 1, 3 and 8 in the amount of \$133,730.00 and authorize the city attorney to negotiate and finalize the contract and authorize the mayor or his designee to sign said agreement.* Motion passed.

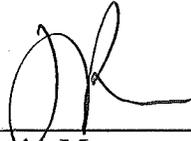
Ayes: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez
Nays: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox
Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Mayor Ruiz broke tie by voting aye.

33. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:29 p.m.* Motion passed.

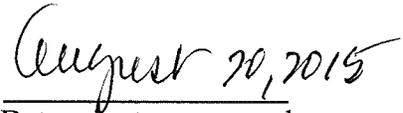
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Abstain



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved