

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Joseph E. Bowling
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Douglas Lobdell

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:29 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move item number eight from Executive Session to the Regular Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

REGULAR AGENDA

8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE RATE ADJUSTMENT SOUGHT BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., IN its EPARR FILING OF MARCH 31, 2015. [551.071].***

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:32 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:43P.M.

5. ***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

6. ***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

7. 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 five (5), six (6) and seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION AND STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES. {551.071}.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct counsel to intervene as appropriate and necessary in El Paso County and such companies in the intent to change the rate and grant the city attorney the request in Executive Session*.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items five (5), six (6) and seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox

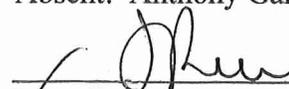
10. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:44 p.m.* Motion passed.

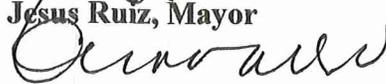
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes were approved