

*Jesus Ruiz*  
Mayor

*Rene Rodriguez*  
At Large

*Sergio Cox*  
District 1



*Gloria M. Rodríguez*  
District 2

*Victor Perez*  
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

*Anthony Gandara*  
District 4

*Adriana Rodarte*  
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Victor Perez  
Anthony Gandara  
Sergio Cox

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Rene Rodriguez  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jessie Scott, Interim CFO  
Rosio Marin, HR Assistant  
Doug Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director  
Julio Valdez, Parks Supervisor  
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief

**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**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell.

**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

**PRESENTATION**

**5. PRESENTATION ON LAS VENTANAS DE SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation by Tom Floren and Bill Clifton from Las Ventanas made the presentation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2015. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

**8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2015. JESSIE SCOTT**

**9. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2015. JESSIE SCOTT**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move up items twenty-seven (27) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT. SAM LEONY**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING STAFF TO ACQUIRE  
ORMSBY STREET FOR IMMEDIATE PAVING. ANTHONY GANDARA**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

**ORDINANCES**

**10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 378, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, CREATING A BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO SERVE IN THE BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, AMENDING CHAPTERS 6, ARTICLE IV, AND CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO APPOINT THE NEW BUILDINGS AND STANDARDS COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS RELATING TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE NUISANCE HEARINGS. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

**11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 379, AMENDING CHAPTER 42, OF THE CITY CODE OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, REGARDING TRAFFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES AND SCHOOL BUS STOP SIGNS/ARMS; CREATING A CIVIL PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR A CIVIL FINE AND PENALTY. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

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

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

**12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 5-A AND 6-B-1A, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 11661 SOCORRO, RD., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).**

**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve*.

Sergio Cox withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, LYNN PARK REPLAT AT 301 TANIA DR., FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).**

**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 15, COUNTRY GREEN, AT 10905 NORTH LOOP DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).**

**SAM LEONY**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**15. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 376, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

*Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.*

No Speakers

*Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.*

**16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 376, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**17. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 377 REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. SAM LEONY**

*Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.*

No speakers for

*Public Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.*

**18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 377 REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. SAM LEONY**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A PART TIME CLERK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT. ROSIO MARIN**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

### **GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 488 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,956.90 TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION UNDER THE OPERATION BORDER STAR 2016 GRANT CYCLE. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEED CONTROL. DOUGLAS LOBDELL**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *delete item number twenty-on (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT DESIGN, INCLUDING AN OPTION FOR PREFABRICATED RESTROOM, FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK IMPROVEMENTS. DOUGLAS LOBDELL**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-two with the recommendation made by Mr. Lobdell to direct city manager to instruct Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to include an option for the Mauro Rosas Park plan with a prefabricated restroom*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MURAL WALL ON  
HORIZON BLVD. *DOUGLAS LOBDELL***

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *approve with the recommendation made by Mr. Lobdell to coordinate with Socorro High School for the art students to create the mural.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL  
FOR DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION REPLAT "R", BEING A REPLAT OF  
LOTS 5, 10, & 11, BLOCK 1, DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION, EL PASO  
COUNTY, TEXAS. *SAM LEONY***

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL  
FOR DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION REPLAT "S", BEING A REPLAT OF  
LOTS 3, 9, 10, 11 & 12, BLOCK 3, DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION, EL PASO  
COUNTY, TEXAS. *SAM LEONY***

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL  
FOR VILLA VALENCIA ESTATES UNIT ONE, BEING ALL OF TRACT 1B,  
BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-six (26) with a park and another exit point.* Motion passed.

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

**CITY MANAGER**

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2015. JESSIE SCOTT**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE OPENGOV APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

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

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

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CITY SOURCED APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

**32. 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**

**33. 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**

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33), and thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**35. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO JAVIER VARELA V. SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT; SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-13-5925. F5 [551.071].**

**BRUCE KOEHLER**

**36. ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE OLD HUECO TANKS 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 A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

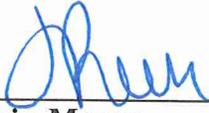
**37. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 7:25 p.m.* Motion passed.

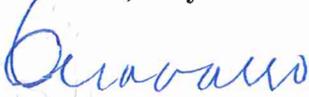
Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes were approved