

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2/ Mayor-Pro Tem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR OUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:24 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Lt. Eddie Smith
Carlos Maldonado, Chief of Police
Rosio Marin, HR Assistant
Doug Lobdell, Parks and Public Works Director

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 the Girls Scouts of Socorro

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PROCLAMATION

4. *PROCLAMATION ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, ON OCTOBER 3, 2015 AT BULLDOG PARK.* *OFFICER LINDA CUSTIC OLVERA*

Proclamation read by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Heriberto Reyes, Harry Etter, Sergio Jaime, Lorenza Fraire and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

7. *PRESENTATION BY ANIBAL OLAGUE ON THE STATUS OF PROJECTS AND GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.* *ANIBAL OLAGUE*

Presentation made by Anibal Olague.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

8. *PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE REGARDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR A ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY.* *CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO*

Presentation made by Chief Carlos Maldonado.

Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number eighteen (18) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF DENYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 6, SPANISH TRAIL SUBDIVISION AT 10250 CONQUISTADOR DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).**

SAM LEONY

Presentation made by Sam Leony.

Esteban Maldonado, son of owner Gloria Maldonado spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara to *approve staff's recommendation*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve with a stipulation that only a duplex be built*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the zoning with a special condition*. Motion not approved.

Ismael Salas, Heriberto Reyes, Sergio Jaime and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Sergio Cox

Nays: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITIZENS REQUEST FOR A (1) ONE HOUR TO (1 ½) HOUR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND PRIOR TO THE START OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS. THIS HOUR WOULD BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION TIME BETWEEN CONSTITUENTS, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION.**

SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*.

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

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CONSENT AGENDA

9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2015.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

ORDINANCES

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN 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 eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 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 Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve (12)*.

Jim Martinez, City Attorney recommend the approval of this item with a special condition to limit the use to restaurant.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct staff to bring back this item with suggested recommendation.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number thirteen (13).*

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *direct staff to bring back this item with appropriate reclassification.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

HUMAN RESOURCES

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING LEAVE POLICY FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. *ROSIO MARIN*

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

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE KABOOM! LET'S PLAY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANTEE LETTER OF AGREEMENT. THE CITY WILL CONTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 AS A MATCH TO THE PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.** *ANIBAL OLAGUE*

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

Anibal Olague and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY2015.** *CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO*

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

Lorenza Fraire and Sergio Jaime were signed up to speak on this item but were not present.

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

CITY MANAGER

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO FLOOD PLAN.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

Lorenza Fraire and Sergio Jaime were signed up to speak on this item but were not present.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANUAL. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

22. 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

23. 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

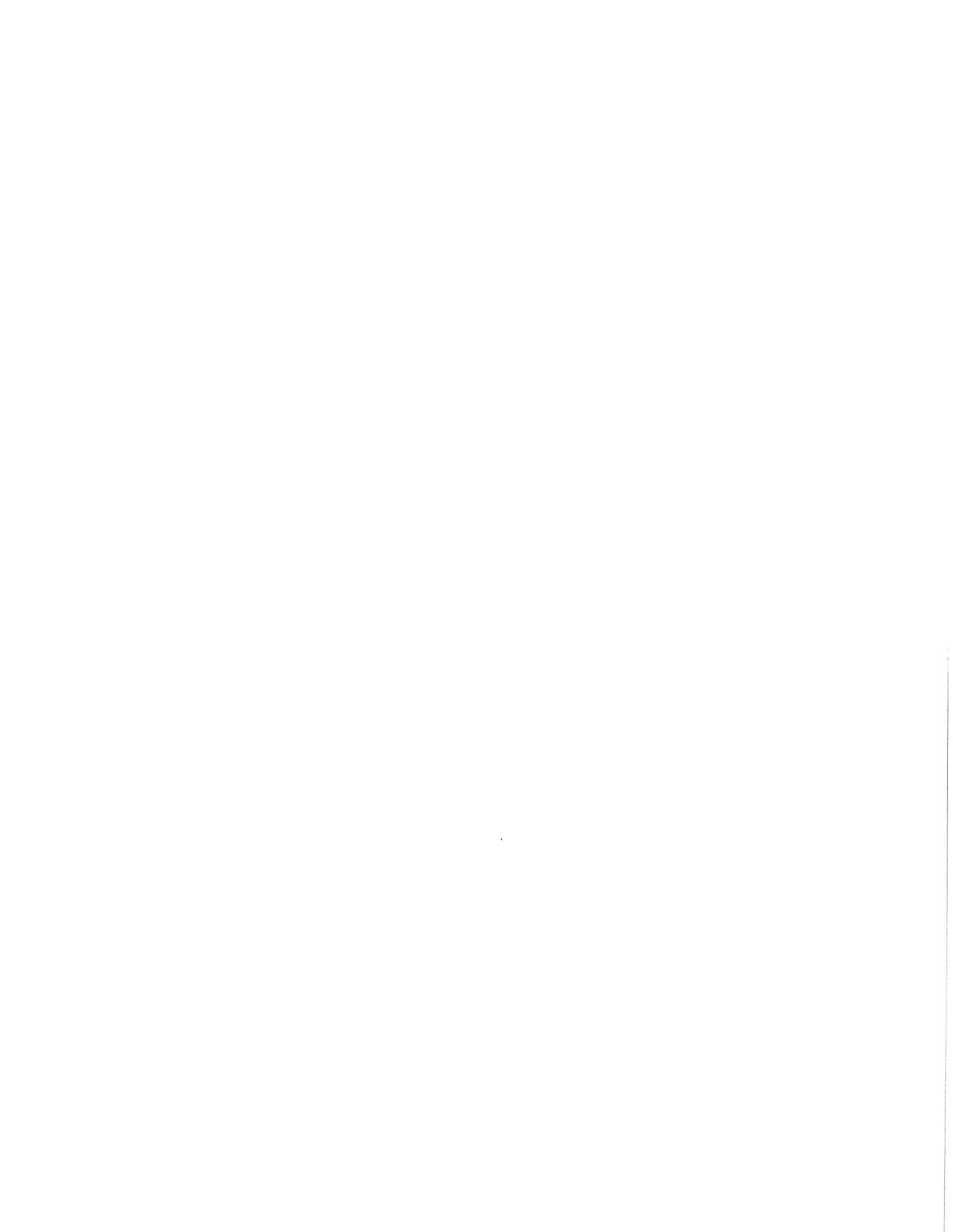
24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items number twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

25. ADJOURN

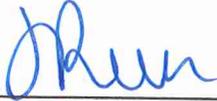
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 8:29 p.m.* Motion passed.



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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



October 15, 2015
Date minutes were approved