

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Anthony Gandara**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Perez  
Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Recreation Parks Director  
Jesse Scott, Interim CFO  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jesse Scott, Interim CFO

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with four members present.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

**PRESENTATION**

**5. PRESENTATION AND STATUS REPORT OF THE BAUMAN BRIDGE  
EXPANSION PROJECT. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Presentation made by Sam Leony.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ORDINANCES**

**7. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 374 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
INCREASE FY-2016 BUDGET. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**Public Hearing Opened at 6:14 p.m.**

**No Speakers**

**Public Hearing Closed at 6:14 p.m.**

**8. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 374 AMENDMENT  
NO. 1 TO INCREASE FY-2016 BUDGET. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**GRANTS**

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00 TO PURCHASE NEW COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,000.00 TO PURCHASE P25 RADIOS.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE AREAS ENCOMPASSED IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO ANNEXATION PROJECT.** **SAM LEONY**

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

Sam Leony made presentation.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF 911 MEMORIAL PARK TO SOCORRO VETERANS PARK.** **GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Doug Lobdell, Jr., spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:24  
P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:08 P.M.**

**13. 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**

**14. 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**

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

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO INITIATE LITIGATION AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, THE STATE OF TEXAS, THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND HORIZON CITY, TEXAS AND OTHER PARTIES FOR DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO ARISING FROM UNCONTROLLED STORM WATER ENTERING CITY STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES FROM AREAS UPSTREAM FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO. [551.071].**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ/JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

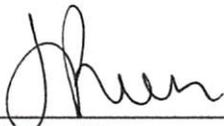
A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *authorize the city attorney to proceed as recommended and solicit proposals from attorneys or law firms to represent the City of Socorro for possible litigation for item number sixteen (16).* Motion passed.

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

**17. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:10 p.m.*

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



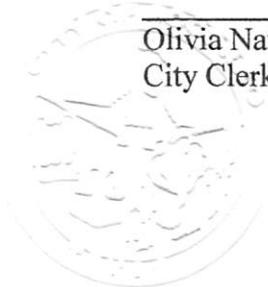
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**



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**Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk**



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Date minutes were approved



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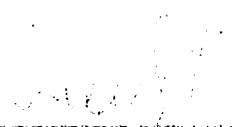
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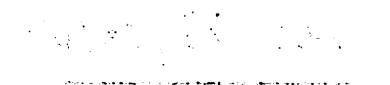
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17. [Text]

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