

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Anthony Gandara
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.*)
Sergio Cox

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
David Mirazo, City Attorney (*Left the meeting at 6:42 p.m.*)
James A. Martinez, City Attorney (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:41 p.m.*)
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Recreation Parks Director
Lt. Eddie Smith
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Jesse Scott, Interim CFO
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Anibal Olague, Grants Department

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Juan Castañeda spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty-one (21) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE LOWER VALLEY SCHOOL NURSES ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL LOWER VALLEY HEALTH FAIR FOR SOCORRO RESIDENTS. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

Gloria Gutierrez, School Nurse spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER REGARDING DECEMBER'S MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, DECEMBER 3, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2015 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2016. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT**
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to item number seven (7) the minutes of November 19, 2015 Page 4 item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 374 AMENDMENT NO, 1 TO INCREASE FY-2016 BUDGET. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 384 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #2 AT 2655 DARRINGTON RD., FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). *SAM LEONY*

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 p.m.

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 384 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #2 AT 2655 DARRINGTON RD., FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). *SAM LEONY*

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

Sam Leony spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 385 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CALCUTTA SUBDIVISION AT 10283 CALCUTTA DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). *SAM LEONY*

**Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:174p.m.**

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 385 AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, CALCUTTA SUBDIVISION AT 10283 CALCUTTA DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Sam Leony spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

GRANTS

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACT TO CSA DESIGN GROUP, INC., UNDER CDBG CONTRACT #7215479 TO IMPLEMENT SPARKS ARROYO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

PUBLIC WORKS

16. STATUS UPDATE ON 9/11 MEMORIAL PARK PROJECT; DECISION ON INSTALLING A MEMORIAL. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.

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

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF THE QUARTERLY PARKS COMMISSION REPORT. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

PLANNING AND ZONING

18. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED SOLUTIONS FOR RUNOFF AND FLOODING ISSUES ALONG REID RD., ROBIN AND JAIME RD. SAM LEONY**

No action on this item.

19. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CHANGE NAME OF WILTON CONNERS WAY TO JESUS BARRERA AVE. SAM LEONY**

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

Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Anthony Gandara,

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Sergio Cox

CITY MANAGER

20. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2015. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Jesse Scott spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

22. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *authorize the city attorney to negotiate the agreement*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.

23. 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

24. 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

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items, twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS; PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS OF CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES; ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST(S) FOR CITY MANAGER; SELECTION AND HIRING OF CITY MANAGER [551.074].

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *select Adriana Rodarte as City Manager and authorize the city attorney to negotiate contract and bring back to council for final approval.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Mayor Jesus Ruiz and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Sergio Cox

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES FILED ON AUGUST 10, 2015 [557.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

No action on this item.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:04 p.m.*

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

Nays:

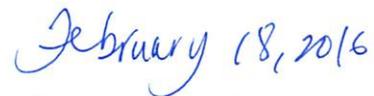
Absent: Sergio Cox



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk



Date minutes were approved