

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (*Arrived at 6:24 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
James Martinez, City Attorney (*Arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Recreation Parks Director
Victor Reta, Community Centers Supervisor
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Anibal Olague, Grant Writer

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 Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items five (5) thru eight (8) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PRESENTATION

5. **PRESENTATION OF KEYS TO BENEFICIARY FAMILIES OF THE HOME HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

Presentation made by Anibal Olague. Mayor Jesus Ruiz presented Maria Gonzalez and Leticia Pasillas with plaques.

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

7. **RESOLUTION 491 TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A RECERTIFICATION APPLICATION TO CONTINUE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 2015 HOME SINGLE FAMILY RESERVATION SYSTEM PROGRAM (HOME RSP) AND A MATCH COMMITMENT OF 15% OF DIRECT PROJECT COSTS. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE BAZAAR EVENT AT SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH TO BE HELD ON MAY 27, 28 AND 29, 2016. SAM LEONY**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gerardo Hernandez, of Restaurant Gorditas Las Sabrosas, Josefina Candia, of the Kahlua's Bar, Jose De Luna of Luna Boots, Robert Heyman, Gabriela Castañeda, not present, Juana Romo, Maya Saldivar, Alma Acosta, of Novedades Mimis, Hector Kaluakini of Water Fountains Factory, Rafael Salcedo, Sergio Jaime, Alejandro Renova, of El Indio, Jose R. Gonzalez of Michelle's Thrift Store, Martha Gonzalez not present and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED LIST OF DEMANDS FROM THE BUSINESS OWNERS ALONG NORTH LOOP DR. DUE TO CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to suspend the rule and allow speakers.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Sergio Jaime, Jose De Luna of Luna Boots, Rafael Salcedo and Alma Acosta of Novedaded Mimis spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to invite TxDot to a Community Meeting to meet Bob Bielek, District Engineer for options.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT INC., (BORDERCDC). *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to approve to increase to \$90,000.00.*

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the increase of \$10,000.00 and modify contract to include 60 (sixty) day notice for cancellation from either party. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO HIRE A TITLE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BURT RD AND DELILAH.
SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number eleven (11). Motion passed.

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

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SPEED HUMP ON RIO VISTA RD.
SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to deny item number twelve (12). Motion passed.

Rafael Salcedo and Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to move into Executive Session at this time. Motion passed.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items thirteen (13), fourteen (14) and fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS; PRESENTATION AND INTERVIEWS OF CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES [551.074]. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *open the city manager position and close it on January 21, 2016*. Motion passed.

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

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

MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *deny the El Paso Electric Company application and adopt Resolution 492*. Motion passed.

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

18. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:05 p.m.*

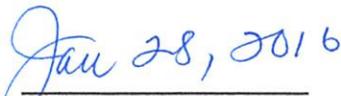
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk



Date minutes were approved