

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
JANUARY 7, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:13 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Recreation Parks Director
Lt. Eddie Smith
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Jesse Scott, Interim CFO

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 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

Miriam Cruz and Juan Rivas spoke during Public Comment.

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PRESENTATION

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

Presentation by Adriana Rodarte.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

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. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT

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

An amended motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve items six (6), eight (8), and nine (9) and postpone item number seven (7).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

10. 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 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 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

11. 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 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 eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BIDS RECEIVED FOR BASKETBALL COURTS AT DEL VALLE AND MONTREAL PARKS. *DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *reject all Bids and open a new Bid*.

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *reject bids and accept the recommended Option 4 and 5 (See Exhibit "A")*. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number seventeen (17) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD DANNEBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR CITY OF SOCORRO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE
SELECTED FIRM TO PERFORM THE SURVEYING SERVICES FOR THE
ANNEXATION PROJECT. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number
thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent Victor Perez

CITY MANAGER

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDED CONTRACT FOR GRANT
WRITER SERVICES. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent Victor Perez

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON WAIVING PURCHASING POLICY FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND APPROVING ENGAGING WITH WHITE,
SAMANIEGO, AND CAMPBELL LLP (RPC CPAS+CONSULTANTS, LLP), FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent Victor Perez

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POLICY FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN CITY BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RESCHEDULE JANUARY 21ST REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO JANUARY 28TH 2016 OR ANOTHER DATE DUE TO ANTICIPATED LACK OF QUORUM. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve January 28, 2016 for the next meeting*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAVING OF FRAY OLGUIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMPLETES SEWER INSTALLATION. *ANTHONY GANDARA*

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

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

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER ADDING PASSMORE AND DINDINGER 2016 PAVING LIST. *ANTHONY GANDARA*

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone Passmore and add only the portion needed of Dindinger to the 2016 Paving List*. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara 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 7:05 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:37 P.M.

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 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

25. 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

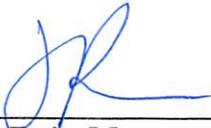
A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *give the City Attorney authority described in Executive Session for the acquisition of the property described in executive session and to authorize the Mayor or his designee to sin the necessary documents.*

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

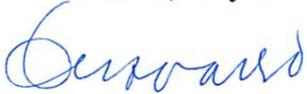
26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:39 p.m.*

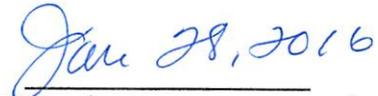
Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent Victor Perez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

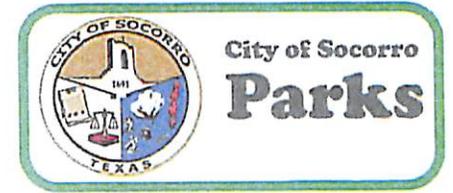


Date minutes were approved

Exhibit "A"



Recommendation



- Options 4&5
 - Use \$50,000 now for additional parks improvements
 - 301 Place
 - 9/11 Memorial
 - Seek bids for a skate park
 - Seek grant monies to fund 2 basketball courts