

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gamdara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

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
Victor Reta
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Jesse Scott
Daniel Magallanes
Johnny Garcia
Martina Rodas
Amalia Vizcaino
Officer Jasiel Muñoz
Officer Chris Anchondo
Sgt. Bernie Salinas
Officer Javier Esparza
Julio Valdez
Art Galvan

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 all Veterans in attendance

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rafael Salcedo, Sergio Jaime and Jesus Lechuga spoke during Public Comment

5. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS SERGIO COX, VICTOR PEREZ, AND GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ ON ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Mayor Ruiz recognized Sergio Cox, Victor Perez and Gloria M. Rodriguez on their anniversaries of service to the city.

6. PRESENTATION TO AWARD CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS DAY. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Mayor Ruiz recognized veteran employees and commissioners and those in the audience for Veterans Day.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move up items eight (8) and nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez and Anthony Gandara

PRESENTATION

8. RECOGNITION OF A GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS IN THE RESCUE OF A NEWBORN CHILD. ROSIO MARIN

Rosio Marin, HR Assistant recognized Dispatchers John Miranda and Art Galvan and Officers Jasiel Munoz and Chris Anchondo for their quick response and actions to rescue a new born child.

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

9. PRESENTATION TO AWARD CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR FRIGHT FARM PARTICIPANTS. VICTOR RETA

Victor Reta, Community Centers Supervisor recognized and thanked those that participated in the Fright Farm event.

7. PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, REGARDING OCTOBER'S MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 11. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, AND NOVEMBER 4, 2015 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2015. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 12. APPROVAL OF CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT**
- 13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015. JESSE SCOTT**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE 317 VINEYARD AS THEIR TRAINING FACILITY, AND "DROP IN" FOR OFFICERS IN THE FIELD. CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number fourteen (14). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE BAUMAN BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF BAUMAN RD. AND NORTH LOOP DR. SAM LEONY**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A MECHANIC SHOP FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 15, COUNTRY GREEN SUBDIVISION, AT 10900 LYDIA DR. SAM LEONY

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

Rafael Salcedo spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number sixteen (16) and change the address to North Loop*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

CITY MANAGER

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, 2015. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ALLOWING MAYOR JESUS RUIZ AND MAYOR PROTEM TO ATTEND THE 2016 WINTER MEETING FOR THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF MAYORS IN WASHINGTON DC FROM JANUARY 20 THRU JANUARY 22, 2016. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

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

Gloria M. Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move up item number nineteen (19) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 (B) & (D) OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *appoint Rene Rodriguez as Mayor Pro Tem.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez and Sergio Cox

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Anthony Gandara

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CALLING A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve December 3, 2015 as the date for the December meeting.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

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

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

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSIN AT 7:16
P.M.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:16
P.M.**

21. 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

22. 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

23. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty-five (25) to be next on the agenda*.

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

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE
[551.071, 551.072 AND 551.076].** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *authorize the city manager to proceed as recommended in executive session.* Motion passed

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

**24. 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 Robert Eads for the City Manager position and authorize the interim city manager to notify him of decision and proceed with negotiations.*

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

26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:20 p.m.* Motion passed.

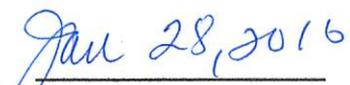
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Anthony Gandara



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk



Date minutes were approved