

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Miguel Rosas, Interim Public Works Director  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Lt. Eddie Smith  
Sgt. Moore  
Rosio Marin, HR Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miguel Rosas.

### **3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with five members present.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Amelda Hermosillo, Ralph Duran, Luis Sigala and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow a speaker to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Daniel Hernandez spoke during Public Comment

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES OF MARCH 3, AND MARCH 17, 2016.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES**

7. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 7, SECTION 2-266 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION TO ASSUME THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MUSEUM COMMISSION, ELIMINATING THE MUSEUM COMMISSION, AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 5, (SECTIONS 2-233 TO 2-256) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

## REGULAR AGENDA

### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO JOB TITLE AND JOB DESCRIPTION FROM ASSISTANT CITY CLERK TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WITH A SALARY RANGING FROM \$30,000.00 TO 40,000.00**  
**ROSIO MARIN**

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

Rosio Marin spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

### GRANTS

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO 2017 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,930.60 FOR POLICE OVERTIME.**  
**ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PURCHASE OF THREE POLICE VEHICLES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$131,967.70. TWO CHEVROLET TAHOES AND ONE FORD EXPLORER. PURCHASING COOPERATIVE: FLOOD PREPAREDNESS CAPITAL PLAN.**

**CHIEF MALDONADO/VICTOR RETA**

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

Victor Reta spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CHURCH BAZAAR FROM JUNE 24 TO JUNE 26, 2016.**  
**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**CITY MANAGER**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY2016-2017 BUDGET CALENDAR.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION FOR PAVING, LIGHTING AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN DISTRICT 1.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct staff to check for additional streets in District 1 rated 4 or 5 and additional lights thru El Paso Electric.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF VEHICLE DONATED TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO BY THE TRAVELERS INDEMNITY COMPANY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A VEHICLE TRANSFER AGREEMENT.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING TO PREPARE A DESIGN FOR PASSMORE EXPANSION.**

**ANTHONY GANDARA**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:56 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:11 P.M.**

**16. 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**

**17. 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**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete item sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

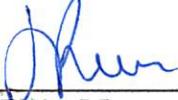
**19. THE APPLICATION BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., TO CHANGE RATES [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

No action on this item.

**20. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:12 p.m.*

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

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk

April 21, 2016  
Date minutes were approved

Mayor Victor Ferra, Kent Rodriguez, Anthony Gonzalez, Sergio Cox and Gloria M.  
Rodriguez  
Mayor  
Mayor

June 15, 2015  
Two minutes were approved

