

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

**Vacant**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Anthony Gandara**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 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 6:36 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Chief Carlos Maldonado  
Lt. Eddie Smith  
Rosio Marin, Human Resources Director  
Anibal Olague, Grants  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Lizbeth Castro, Recreation Coordinator  
Rocio Hinojosa, Recreation Leader  
Geraldine Salazar, Recreation Aide  
Brian Fernandez, Recreation Aide  
Karen Barrientos, Recreation Aide

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:11 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A quorum was established with four members present.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miriam Cruz, Juan Castañeda, Chief Carlos Maldonado, Juan Rivas and Saul Garcia spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move up item number fifteen (15) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

#### 15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRAILS FOR TOYS ST MEMORIES CAR SHOW TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2016.** *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

### PRESENTATION

#### 5. **PRESENTATION ON RECOGNIZING CITY OF SOCORRO EMPLOYEES FOR MAKING THE 2016 FOURTH OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZA A COMPLETE SUCCESS.** *ROSIO MARIN*

Rosio Marin read the names of employees who participated in this event, Antonio Ortiz, Armando Mapula, Ricardo Ordoñez, Ruben Espinoza, Guadalupe Almanzar, Carlos Morales, Rogelio Soto and Moises Rosales but were not present. Mayor Ruiz and council presented employees who were present with a certificate, Karen Barrientos, Geraldine Salazar, Brian Fernandez, Rocio Hinojosa and Lizbeth Castro.

#### 6. **PRESENTATION GRANTS UPDATE BY BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC.** *ANIBAL OLAGUE*

Presentation made by Anibal Olague, see Exhibit "A."

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up items eighteen (18) and twenty (20).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REMOVE CONDITION FOR 450 BAUMAN RD., LOT 4, BLOCK 2, ROSEVILLE SUBDIVISION AND ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) DWELLINGS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE \$350.00 FOR LOWER VALLEY WATER CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR 5 CONNECTIONS ON MESA DRAIN. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *reconsider item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE \$350.00 FOR LOWER VALLEY WATER CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FOR 5 CONNECTIONS ON MESA DRAIN. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone item number twenty for the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2016*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *reconsider item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:  
Absent:

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRAILS FOR TOYS ST MEMORIES CAR SHOW TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2016. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2016*. Motion passed.

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

**7. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER REGARDING JUNE'S MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

Mayor Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2016. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

**9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 4-F, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT AT 1000 BERRY RD., FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO SELL BEER AND WINE. *SAM LEONY***

Mayor Ruiz stepped back into the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *deny item number nine (9)*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *amend the proposed ordinance to include staff recommendations. The use of the property shall be limited to Liens (Rodeo) activities; a ponding area needs to be built to capture rain water (not arroyo water) inside the property; the property needs to be cleaned from weeds and construction material; in order to protect the residential district, a 60' open buffer needs to be established from the residential district to horse activities and access to the property shall be through the public ROW on Berry Rd.* Motion passed.

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

Nays: Rene Rodriguez

Absent:

### **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARMENT**

#### **10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO FLEET MECHANIC JOB DESCRIPTION. ROSIO MARIN**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

### **GRANTS**

#### **11. RESOLUTION 502 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) PROGRAM. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded Anthony Gandara to *approve item number eleven (11).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

#### **12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE SPARKS ARROYO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT TXCDBG PROJECT NO. 7215479 TO DEL MAR CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$308,183.44.**

**ANIBAL OLAGUE**

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 and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:  
Absent:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSIGNING ONE OF OUR OFFICERS TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE DEA TASK FORCES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017. THE OFFICER WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUT WILL ALSO WORK WITH DEA TASK FORCE. BY ASSIGNING THE OFFICER TO DEA THE SOCORRO POLICE WILL RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT COSTS FOR OVERTIME AND ENHANCED NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

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

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

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL PARADE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016. STARTING POINT WILL BEGIN AT ESCONTRIAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ENDING POINT WILL BE AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD.**

**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2016*. Motion passed.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CITY MANAGER**

16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the preceding year's tax rate of 0.727555 for year 2016*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Anthony Gandara

Nays: Victor Perez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent:

Mayor Ruiz broke the tie by voting aye.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 18, 2016 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 501 BY WHICH THE CITY OF SOCORRO PLEDGES TO SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE AND WILL PLAY A MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO PRESERVE, ENHANCE AND PROMOTE THE EL PASO MISSION TRAIL.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Victor Perez stepped out of the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENAME VETERAN'S PARK LOCATED AT 11500 FLOR MARGARITA BLVD.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *name it Las Flores Park*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Victor Perez stepped back into the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH A DRY WELL SYSTEM ON DATSUN WITH STREET PAVING INCLUDING SIDEWALKS. ANTHONY GANDARA**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded Rene Rodriguez to *direct the City Manager to contact Dannenbaum Engineering to have them research the possibility and come up with a design and have our department assist them.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

**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 Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara 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

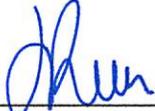
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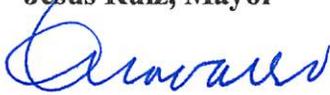
**26. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:47 p.m.* Motion passed.

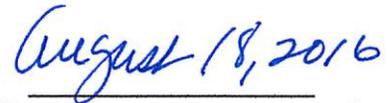
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Absent:



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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**



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Olivia Navarro  
City Clerk



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Date minutes were approved

