Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Reyes
District 1

Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Anthony Gandara
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Rene Rodriguez
Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
James A. Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Lt. Eddie Smith
Sgt. C. Rey
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:12 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano, Finance Diretor

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move into Executive Session for item number twenty–two (22) of the Regular Agenda and item number eight (8) of the Addendum to the Agenda.*

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:16 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:47 P.M.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jose Elizalde, Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. *APPROVAL OF* REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2016. ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

7. *EXCUSE* ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 (511 ZEBU) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CHILD CARE HOME. ***SAM LEONY***

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

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

9. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 AT 531 ZEBU FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).** ***SAM LEONY***

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

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

10. ***PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 5, ROSEVILLE SUBDIVISION (330 BAUMAN RD.) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).** ***SAM LEONY***

Public Hearing opened at 6:57 p.m.
Daniel Hernandez spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:58 p.m.

PRESENTATION

5. ***PRESENTATION* BY WELLS FARGO BANK REGARDING WELLSONE AGREEMENT.** ***CHARLES CASIANO***

Presentation made by Giselle Smith and Luther Fischer from Wells Fargo Bank.

11. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 5, ROSEVILLE SUBDIVISION (330 BAUMAN RD.) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).** ***SAM LEONY***

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

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

12. *PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 7, BLOCK 3, MOON ADDITION #3 (368 CONRAD CT) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). ***SAM LEONY***

Public Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

Jose Sanchez, Magdalena Sanchez and Daniel Hernandez spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

13. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 7, BLOCK 3, MOON ADDITION #3 (368 CONRAD CT) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *deny item number thirteen (13).* Motion passed.

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

14. *PUBLIC HEARING* OF ORDINANCE 374 AMENDMENT NO. 3, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY2015-2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF $173,720.00. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:21 p.m.

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

15. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF ORDINANCE 374 AMENDMENT NO. 3, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY2015-2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF $173,720.00. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

16. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 505 DESIGNATING MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER AS AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES UNDER CDBG CONTRACT #7215479.** ***ANIBAL OLAGUE***

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

Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

17. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST A HYDROLOGY STUDY TO CERTIFY THE LEVEES OF THE SECTION OF THE RIO GRANDE ABUTTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** ***SAM LEONY***

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

Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

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

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

18. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO RENEW THE WIRELESS AND CELL PHONE SERVICES WITH VERIZON.** ***OMAR GUEVARA***

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

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

19. ***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***

20. ***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

21. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items number nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

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

ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **REGARDING UTILITY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY [551.071].**
JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *proceed with the city attorney's recommendation.* Motion passed.

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

22. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION*** **REGARDING SAMUEL CAMPOS ET AL V. CITY OF SOCORRO, CAUSE NO. 2013DCV4546, IN THE 120TH DISTRICT COURT OF El Paso COUNTY.** ***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the city attorney's recommendation for item number twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

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

9. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *adjourn at 7:29 p.m.*

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

Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

Oct 20, 2016
Date minutes were approved