

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
NOVEMBER 3, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez
Anthony Gandara
Maria Reyes
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Lt. Eddie Smith
Sgt. C. Rey
Rosa Hernandez, Administrative Assistant
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Miguel Rosas, Parks and Public Works Director
Daniel Hernandez, Parks and Public Works Supervisor
Juan Garcia, Laborer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano, Finance Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sergio Jaime, Daniel Hernandez and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment.

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

Jesse Montelongo spoke during this time.

PRESENTATION

5. RECOGNITION TO HONOR OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE, THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE. ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL. MARIA REYES

Jesse Montelongo, Carlos Sepulveda, Ernesto Gomez, Jesse Lascano, Rick Brown and Sgt. Christopher Rey and Juan Garcia were named and presented with a certificate.

Those named and not present were, Richard Wiest, Chuy Hernandez, Jasiel Muñoz, Li Rosario, Samuel Anchondo, Rudy Aguilar, Joshua McKinney, Javier Esparza, Elias Valera, Gilbert Rey, Trinity Jara, Miguel Rojo, Mario Benavides, Hershell Wagner, and Carlos Najera.

6. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO VICTORIA LOYA FOR HER ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RECEIVING 2ND PLACE FOR THE JUNIOR OLYMPICS FOR THE EL PASO WINGS TRACK CLUB. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Victoria Loya was presented with a certificate from Mayor and council.

Yvette Loya, her mother spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *recess for fifteen (15) to (20) minutes recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A FIFTEEN(15) TO TWENTY (20) MINUTE RECESS AT 6:24 P.M.

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:39 P.M.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number twenty-one (21) to be next on the agenda.*

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

Nays:

Abstain

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO INVESTIGATE REPRESENTATIVE MARIA REYES REGARDING HER ALLEGED MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. *GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete item number twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

Ralph Duran and Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Anthony Gandara

Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain: Maria Reyes

CONSENT AGENDA

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2016. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

9. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2016. *CHARLES CASIANO*

10. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016. *CHARLES CASIANO*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MAINTAIN, ERECT, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND OPERATE ITS BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH GRANT.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

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

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped into the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016.

CHARLES CASIANO

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

HUMAN RECOURCES DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE JOB TITLE, JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY OF POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.

ROSIO MARIN

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

PUBLIC WORKS

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED STREETS TO BE PAVED AND TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON ANY OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR PAVING. *MIGUEL ROSAS*

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

Victor Perez disclosed that Guerra is his family's last name and he is not recommending to add this street to the list.

Gloria M. Rodriguez also disclosed that she resides on Oslo and Steadham.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez

PLANNING AND ZONING

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REQUEST TO WAIVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR TO BE HELD ON MAY 19-21, 2017 LOCATED AT 401 PASSMORE. *SAM LEONY*

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO TAKE ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR PUNTA DEL ESTE SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 5-B, BLOCK 78, TOWNSHIP 4, SECTION 7, TEXAS AND PACIFIC SURVEY. *SAM LEONY*

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAS DEL VALLE UNIT 3 SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 3, 4 AND 5, BLOCK 20, SOCORRO GRANT. SAM LEONY

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

Sergio Cuartas was signed up to speak but declined.

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

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR LEONOR ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL PINECREST ESTATES UNIT 1, REPLAT A. SAM LEONY

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

Daniel Hernandez was signed up to speak on this item but was not present.

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

CITY MANAGER

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING COMMUNICATION OF CITY COUNCIL WITH CITY STAFF. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reye seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone item number nineteen for the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 507, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES THE MAXIMUM TRANSPORT HAUL WEIGHTS OVER ROADWAYS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND STATEWIDE. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

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

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

- 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 Maria Reyes seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

- 25. 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 Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Anthony Gandara

Abstain:

26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:37 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Anthony Gandara

Abstain:

Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

Date minutes were approved