

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trini López
Jesús S. Hernández (arrived at 6:02)
Tommy A. Faulkner
José Hernández (arrived at 6:02)
Jesús Gandara Jr.
Sergio Cox (arrived at 6:02)

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Blanco
Lorenza Fraire
Johanna Gonzalez
Gina Rodriquez
Sam Leony

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jesus Hernandez.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. OPEN FORUM

Sandra Beckford (thanking the council for funding the lower valley fair), Suky Ramos (spoke about Historic Landmark Commission hiring recommendations and amendments regarding), Abraham Gomez (owns construction company, asked about proposed park on Buford), and Guillermo Madrid (the same issue as the previous speaker, Mr. Gomez) spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK D, VINEDO ACRES, TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

SERGIO COX

A motion was made remove it from the consent agenda by Sergio Cox and seconded by Tommy Faulkner to *move it to the regular agenda*. Motion carried with Sergio Cox, Jose

Hernandez, and Tommy Faulkner voted aye. Jesus Hernandez and Jesus Gandara voted nay. Motion denied.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 3/15/10 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 03/18/10.

GINA RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Sergio Cox and seconded by Jose Hernandez to *approve the minutes from 03/15/10 and tabling the minutes from 03/18/10*. Motion carried with Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, and Jesse Gandara voting aye. Jesus Hernandez voted nay. Motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 3, NORTH LOOP COMMERCIAL PARK, REPLAT "A", TO C-2 WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

SAM LEONY

Sam Leony spoke first. A motion was made by Jesus Hernandez and seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number (7) seven*. The motion is carried Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesus Hernandez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye. Motion passed. (Tabled meeting 04/01/10)

8. Excuse absent council members.

Gina Rodriguez

A motion was made by Sergio Cox and seconded by Jose Hernandez to *delete item number (8) eight*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesus Hernandez, and Jesse Gandara voting aye.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF HOTEL EXPENDITURE TO COMPLETE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUDGE ERNESTO GOMEZ TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL COURT EDUCATION CENTER TO BE HELD ON MAY 11-13, 2010, IN SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS.

IRMA WEIST-TORRES

Jesse Gandara spoke about a conference in El Paso two months later covering the same information. A motion was made by Sergio Cox and seconded by Tommy Faulkner to *approve the hotel expenditure*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, and Tommy Faulkner voting aye. Jesus Hernandez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting nay. Motion passed. (Council approved on 02/18/10)

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF OTHER EXPENDITURE TO COMPLETE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IRMA WEIST-TORRES AND LUCY QUINTANA TO ATTEND THE CARDINAL PUBLIC

**SAFETY USERS CONFERENCE 2010 TO BE HELD MAY 2-4, 2010, IN
ADDISON, TEXAS.**

IRMA WEIST-TORRES

A motion was made by Tommy Faulkner and seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve the expenditure*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, and Jesse Gandara voting aye. Jesus Hernandez voted nay. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO AMEND THE CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TDRA GRANT CONTRACT #729761 DONNA MARIE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS BY AMENDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICES CONTAINED IN THE CONTRACT. THE CONTRACT WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED AT THE MARCH 4, 201 COUNCIL MEETING.

Lorenza Fraire spoke about the changes. The amount is not changing, the scope of services are. The amendment was not provided in writing so some council members expressed reservations. A motion was made by Tommy Faulkner and seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number (11) eleven*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, and Tommy Faulkner. Jesse Gandara and Jesus Hernandez voted nay. Motion passed. A request was made for the police officer on duty to enforce the rules of court decorum.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXCUSING/UNEXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS' ABSENCES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS.

SERGIO COX

Sergio Cox explains why he put item number (12) twelve on the agenda. Jesse Gandara rebuts. A motion was made by Jesse Gandara and seconded by Jose Hernandez to *delete item number (12)*. Jesse Gandara and Jesus Hernandez voted aye. Sergio Cox, Jose Hernandez, and Tommy Faulkner voted nay. A motion is made by Sergio Cox and seconded by Tommy Faulkner *not to excuse Jesse Gandara* for his absence. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jesus Hernandez, and Tommy Faulkner. Jesse Gandara and Jose Hernandez voted nay. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE STATUS OF THE SIGNS AND THE COST FACTOR OF SUCH THAT ARE TO BE PUT UP ON ALL ENTRANCES TO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

TOMMY A. FAULKNER

There is a discussion regarding Exhibit A, in particular a date discrepancy. Sergio Leony is answering questions regarding said Exhibit. A discussion ensues regarding the design, price, modifications, and specifications of the city pride signs. Trini Lopez brings up the issue of putting up signs on I-10. Sergio Leony assures him the matter will be looked into.

A motion is made by Tommy Faulkner and seconded by Jesse Gandara *to delete item number (13) thirteen*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jesus Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesse Gandara, and Jose Hernandez voting aye. Motion is passed.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE.

LORENZA FRAIRE

Lorenza Fraire is recommending the removal of Jesse Gandara and Trini Lopez. Jesse Gandara mentions that he and Trini Lopez are the only people certified by the state of Texas in Public Funds Investment. A discussion ensues. Trini Lopez states that he would like Lorenza Fraire to provide documentation showing that she has made an attempt to contact him. A motion is made by Jesus Hernandez *to appoint two new members to the committee, Sergio Cox and Tommy Faulkner*. A motion is made by Jesse Gandara and seconded by Jesus Hernandez *to delete item number (14) fourteen*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jesus Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesse Gandara, and Jose Hernandez voting aye. Motion is passed.

15. DISCUSSION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.

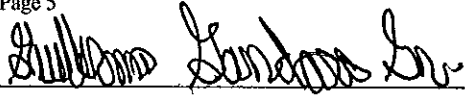
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A motion is made by Jesus Hernandez and seconded by Jesse Gandara *to delete item number (15) fifteen*. The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jesus Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesse Gandara, and Jose Hernandez voting aye. Motion is passed.

16. ADJOURN

A motion is made by Tommy Faulkner and seconded by Sergio Cox *to adjourn 7:35 p.m.* The motion is carried with Sergio Cox, Jesus Hernandez, Tommy Faulkner, Jesse Gandara, and Jose Hernandez voting aye. Motion is passed.

Trini Lopez, Mayor



Guillermo Gandara, Sr. Mayor

Gina Rodriguez, City Clerk



Prepared by Manuel Rubio

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Date when minutes were approved