

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

**Joseph E. Bowling**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 17, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Joseph E. Bowling  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Victor Perez (Arrived to the meeting at 6:27 p.m.)

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief  
Adriana Rodarte, HR Director  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Jessica Diaz, Parks Supervisor  
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO

### **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 Jim Martinez

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

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 5. RECOGNITION OF VETERANS THAT PARTICIPATED FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE.** **GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Mayor Ruiz spoke on this item.

- 6. PRESENTATION BY LIVABILITY.COM REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING WEBSITE AND MAGAZINE PROMOTIONS.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Stephanie Roselly of Livability.com spoke on this item, see Exhibit "A."

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
- 8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2014 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2014.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
- 9. APPROVAL OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2014.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

**ORDINANCES**

- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 342, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve Item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Absent: Victor Perez

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM WHITE, SAMANIEGO, & CAMPBELL TO CONDUCT AGREED UPON PROCEDURES FOR CAPITAL ASSETS. *KARINA HAGELSIEB***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *deny item number eleven (11)*.

Victor Perez arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Abstain

### **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHIEF OF POLICE OUTSTANDING BALANCE ON THE NECESSARY EXPENSES OF MOVING TO SOCORRO. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Abstain: Sergio Cox

### **PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE USE OF LAS LUNAS PARK/POND FOR A WEDDING ON OCTOBER 25, 2014. THE MUNICIPAL PARKS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDS APPROVAL WITH PROVISIONS. *JESSICA DIAZ***

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF A JOINT TASK FORCE AND TO HAVE THE CHIEF OF POLICE SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.**

**CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

#### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVOKE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO DEMOLISH THE ADOBE BUILDING LOCATED AT TRACT 2A, BLOCK 21, SOCORRO GRANT (10226 SOCORRO ROAD). THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS TO REVOKE.**

**SAM LEONY**

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

Rafael Padilla, from the Socorro Independent School District spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR NEW BUSINESS RELATED TO STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION OF VEHICLES ON TRACT 7-E AND 7-F, BLOCK 19, SOCORRO GRANT (10369 SOCORRO ROAD). HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the recommendation made by the Historical Landmark Commission to deny the request of Certificate of Appropriateness.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A WALL SIGN FOR METRO PCS ON LOT 1, BLOCK 6, EL CAMPESTRE SUBDIVISION (11500 SOCORRO ROAD). HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. *SAM LEONY***

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**CITY MANAGER**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SOCORRO HEALTH REALTY, LLC. REQUEST FOR GRANT/ASSISTANCE OF \$50,000 FOR A "BRIDGE" OVER THE CANAL BETWEEN ALAMEDA AND CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move item number eighteen to Executive Session.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING EVALUATION PROCEDURES  
FOR CITY MANAGER, WILLIE NORFLEET. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER TO PRESENT  
TO CITY COUNCIL A LIST OF EVENTS COORDINATED BY PARKS AND  
RECREATION DEPARTMENTS FOR FY 2015. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone for the next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

Jessica Diaz spoke on this item, see Exhibit "B."

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING THE FUNDING FOR THE CHILI  
WAR FESTIVAL. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow speakers to speak on this item*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

George Cordova and Cathe Apodaca spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *allocate \$20,000.00 for Chili War Festival*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 186, AMENDMENT, NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF CIVIL SERVICES RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE AND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STARTING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS LIVING IN THE SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *direct the City Manager to create a foundation*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO INCLUDE A PROCESS FOR RECORDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS.** **RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the amendment of Ordinance 320 to include the deletion of the cassette recording and approve the use of certified agendas*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A PROPOSAL TO HAVE MR. WILLIE NORFLEET, CITY MANAGER, ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY OF EL PASO ON OBTAINING OWNERSHIP OF RANGE WAR STREET LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1. CURRENTLY TWO THIRDS OF THE STREET IS OWNED BY THE COUNTY AND ONE THIRD IS OWNED BY THE CITY. THIS STREET HAS NEVER BEEN PAVED AND IS IN NEED OF ATTENTION.** **SERGIO COX**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct the city manager to set up a meeting with the county and request that they deed the property to the City of Socorro.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE AND TO CREATE AN OFFENSE.** **GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**



**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:10  
P.M.**

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SOCORRO HEALTH REALTY, LLC. REQUEST FOR GRANT/ASSISTANCE OF \$50,000 FOR A "BRIDGE" OVER THE CANAL BETWEEN ALAMEDA AND CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY.**  
***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *follow the city attorney's recommendation and convey the proposal described by Mr. Cox.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

- 27. 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.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

- 28. 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.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

- 29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), and twenty-nine (29).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain

**12. ADJOURN**

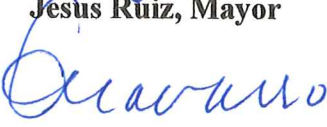
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 9:11 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph B. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays

Abstain:

  
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**

  
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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

  
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Date minutes approved