

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (Arrived to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.)
Anthony Gandara

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Recreation Parks Director
Miguel Rosas, Public Works Supervisor
Julio Valdez, Recreation Parks Supervisor
Jesse Scott, Interim CFO
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Lisbeth Castro, Recreation Coordinator
Anibal Olague, Grants Department
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Lobdell, Jr.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Castañeda and Cristhyan Guzman spoke during Public Comment.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items number five (5) and thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

5. PRESENTATION BY ROBERT FLORES, REGARDING UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO TXDOT PROJECTS. ADRIANA RODARTE

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADD CALLISTO PARK, IN LAS LUNAS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY'S PARK INVENTORY.

DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items seventeen (17), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16) in this order to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

17. CONSIDERATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2016 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Jessie Scott, Interim CFO and Tom Lawrence from Lawrence Financial Consulting, LLC spoke on this item.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

RECREATION CENTERS

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD WRIGHT AND DALBIN ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR THE RIO VISTA LIBRARY HISTORICAL STRUCTURAL REPORT AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE PRICING. *VICTOR RETA***

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

Fred Dalbin spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD WRIGHT AND DALBIN ARCHITECTS, INC., FOR THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER HISTORICAL STRUCTURAL REPORT AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE PRICING. *VICTOR RETA***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

- 6. PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER REGARDING JANUARY'S MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item number nineteen (19), after item seven (7)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

**7. PRESENTATION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONS AND
BOARDS STATUS REPORT. SAM LEONY**

Presentation made by Sam Leony.

Cristhyan Guzman spoke on this item.

**19. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT CITY POLICY REGARDING UTILITY
PROJECT AFFECTING CITY PAVING PROJECTS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

No action on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

**9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY
28 AND FEBRUARY 4, 2016. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CASH RECEIPTS
TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016. JESSE SCOTT**

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2016. JESSE SCOTT**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

REGULAR AGENDA

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RESOLUTION 493 AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RIO
GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00
TO IMPLEMENT TIRE RECYCLING ACTIVITIES. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

RECREATION PARKS

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PLANS FOR 301 PLACE AND SOCORRO VETERANS PARKS. DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.

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

Douglas Lobdell, Jr. made presentation.

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

CITY MANAGER

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2015. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO TO THE 911 DISTRICT BOARD. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara

21. 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

22. 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

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

24. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 7:22 p.m.*

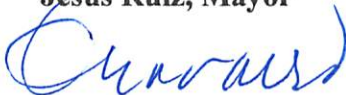
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Anthony Gandara



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

March 3, 2016

Date minutes were approved