

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2 / Mayor-Pro Tem

**Victor Perez**  
District 3

**Vacant**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Victor Perez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
Doug Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Adriana Rodarte, Human Resources Director  
Victor Reta, Recreation Supervisor

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Doug Lobdell.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5. RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS.**

**DOUGLAS LOBDELL, JR.**

Mayor and Council recognized the volunteers who assisted with the sandbags throughout the summer.

**6. PRESENTATION BY WILLIE NORFLEET, JR., CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MONTHLY REPORT.**

**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Willie Norfleet, Jr. presented his monthly report.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**SANDRA HERNANDEZ**

**8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2014 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2014.**

**SANDRA HERNANDEZ**

**9. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF ETHEL TELLEZ TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 5 AND TO REPLACE CURRENT PLACE 5 COMMISSIONER.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

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: None

Absent: None

(Ms. Ethel Tellez will be sworn in at a later time).

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A motion was made by Victor Perez, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move item number 28 to the front of the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item number 28 into executive session pursuant to [551.071 and 551.072]*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

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A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Sergio Cox to *move item number 15 into executive session pursuant to [551.071 and 551.072]*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

#### **15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR LER & ASSOCIATES, INC. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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A motion was made by Victor Perez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:17 P.M.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:07 P.M.**

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#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **ORDINANCES**

#### **10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AMENDMENT #5 TO ORDINANCE 186 RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. BRUCE A. KOEHLER**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number 10*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

- 11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 358, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, REGULATING AND DECLARING A NUISANCE THE COLLECTION OF WATER IN A MANNER IN WHICH MOSQUITOES BREED OR ARE LIKELY TO BREED AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.**  
**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number 11*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

- 12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 359, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 3-D-1-A, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**  
**SAM LEONY**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 357, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 20, BLOCK 3, HILLCREST MANOR SUBDIVISION (10852 ARLENE CIRCLE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**  
**SAM LEONY**

*Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.*

Laura Rizzo, Sandy Saucedo, David Saucedo, Patricia Gardea, Gloria Lucero, Joe Flores, Samuel Campos, Efraime Silva and Maribel Ortiz spoke during the public hearing.

*Public Hearing closed at 7:56 p.m.*

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 357, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 20, BLOCK 3, HILLCREST MANOR SUBDIVISION (10852 ARLENE CIRCLE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**  
**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *accept Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR LER & ASSOCIATES, INC. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE OPTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO CITY EMPLOYEES AND EXERCISE CITY'S OPTION TO RENEW HEALTH COVERAGE WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS RM02, RM43 AND RMH1 WITH HSA BANKING FOR A (12) MONTH PERIOD PURSUANT TO EXISTING CONTRACT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF BID PROPOSALS FOR VOLUNTARY DENTAL, VISION, LIFE AND VOLUNTARY ACCIDENT, CRITICAL ILLNESS HOSPITAL INDEMNITY, GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE, SECTION 125 PRE TAX SERVICES FOR FY 2014-2015 FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve the following: Motion passed.*

*Medical - Blue Cross Blue Shield RMH1, RM43 and RM02*

*Dental - Met Life*

*Base Life and Voluntary – Met Life*

*Vision – MES Vision*

*Voluntary Benefits - AFLAC*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Sergio Cox

Nays: None

Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez (Ms. Rodriguez stepped out at 8:05 p.m. and returned at 8:07 p.m.)

Absent: None

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO SELL BEER AND WINE FOR LOT 6A, BLOCK 1, HORIZON SHOPPING CENTER REPLAT "A" AT 10750 NORTH LOOP DRIVE STE. A-1. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number 17*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**CITY MANAGER**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED GENERAL FUND BUDGET VS REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2014.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR CITY MANAGER.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

No action.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF APPOINTING MAYOR PRO-TEM EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 21, 2014 PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 (B) & (D) OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Victor Perez to *nominate Gloria M. Rodriguez as Mayor Pro-Tem. Ms. Rodriguez accepted the nomination*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Sergio Cox

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HAVING CITY ATTORNEY OR HIS DESIGNEE PRESENT AT ALL THE MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to have city attorney or his designee present at all Civil Service Commission meetings and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. Motion passed.

Mr. Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REASSIGNING OFFICE SPACES AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

No action.

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTING AN ACTING CITY MANAGER AND ESTABLISHING A CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR WHEN CITY MANAGER IS NOT IN SOCORRO.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez, seconded by Sergio Cox to have city manager appoint acting city manager in his absence and to notify city council. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE DONATION FROM THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to accept donation from El Paso Electric Company and to have the donation applied to the Winter Fest. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STREET SELECTION PROCESS.**  
**MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

No action.

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOCATE 1.2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FUTURE GRANT PROJECTS TO BE UTILIZED FOR MATCHING FUNDS.**  
**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

No action.

**CITY ATTORNEY**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR ESTABLISHING LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF RE VARIABLES AND STANDARDS TO INCLUDE IN ORDINANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE AND TIMELINE FOR INVITING INPUT FROM PUBLIC AND PROPERTY OWNERS RE SAME.**  
**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

No action.

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE ANNEXATION OF ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**  
**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

No action.

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:08 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:43 P.M.**

**29. 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.***

**30. 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.***

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD ROADWAY PROJECT, FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR SAME AND PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY, THE STATE OF TEXAS, EL PASO COUNTY, EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT [551.071 AND 551.072].**

***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31), and thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain



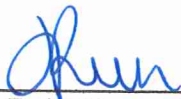
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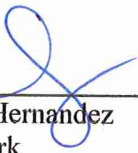
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:43 p.m.*  
Motion passed.

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

Nays

Abstain:

  
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**

  
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Sandra Hernandez  
City Clerk

12-18-14  
Date minutes approved