

Gloria M. Rodriguez
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Reyes
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Gloria M. Rodriguez
Rene Rodriguez
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Maria Reyes
Alejandro Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez *(Arrived to the meeting at 7:26 p.m.)*

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith
Sgt. Linda Custic
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Anibal Olague, Grant Writer

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 Alejandro Garcia

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
- 7. APPROVAL OF CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016.**
CHARLES CASIANO
- 8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2016.**
CHARLES CASIANO

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 399 AMENDMENT NO. 1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

- 10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 399 AMENDMENT NO. 1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

11. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PORTION OF TRACT 10-F-1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS IN EXCHANGE FOR A CONVEYANCE OF TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

12. **SECOND HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PORTION OF TRACT 10-F-1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS IN EXCHANGE FOR A CONVEYANCE OF TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2016.** **CHARLES CASIANO**

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

Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO ANNEXATION PROJECT.* *SAM LEONY*

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

Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime were signed up to speak, but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

CITY MANAGER

15. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENEWAL OF BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC., CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item number sixteen into Executive Session to consult the city attorney and discuss personnel matter*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPTION OF THE 2016 COUNTY PREVAILING WAGE RATES AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *postpone item seventeen (17) for the Regular Meeting of January 5, 2017.* Motion passed.

Daniel Hernandez spoke on this item.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak on this item, but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PRICING FOR SIDEWALKS FOR MOON STREET.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number eighteen.* Motion passed.

Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime were signed up speak, but declined.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

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

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:38 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting during Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:41 P.M.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL JUDGE APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *authorize the city manager to extend, negotiate and finalize contract with Monique Velarde.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SAMUEL CAMPOS ET AL V. CITY OF SOCORRO, CAUSE NO. 2013DCV4546, IN THE 120TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *authorize Rene Rodriguez on behalf of the city to negotiate settlement agreement suggested by Mayor Rodriguez.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia
Nays:
Absent:

19. 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

20. 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

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to delete items *nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent:

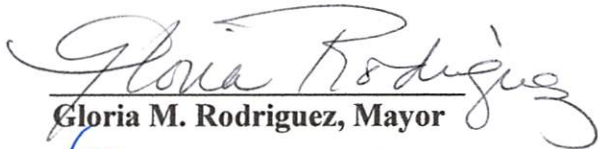
23. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:44 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez Rene Rodriguez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

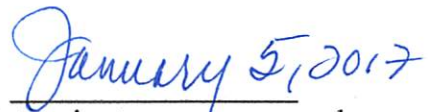
Absent:


Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk




Date minutes were approved

A motion was made by Victor Torres seconded by Rene Rodriguez to delete items
number 12A, 12B, 12C and 12D. Motion passed.

Agree Victor Torres Rene Rodriguez Yvonne Colon-Villalobos Maria Reyes and
Alejandro Garcia
Nancy
Alfonso

22. 12B-12D

A motion was made by Victor Torres seconded by Rene Rodriguez to add item 12A
to the agenda. Motion passed.

Agree Victor Torres Rene Rodriguez Yvonne Colon-Villalobos Maria Reyes and
Alejandro Garcia
Nancy
Alfonso

Victor Torres Mayor

12/15/2017

City Clerk
City of Brownsville

12/15/2017
Date minutes were approved

