

Gloria M. Rodriguez
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Reyes
District 1



Alejandro García
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Miguel Rosas, Parks and Public Works Director
Charles Casiano, CFO
Omar Guevara, IT
Adriana Rodriguez, Executive Assistant
Rosio Marin, HR Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up items five (5), six (6), seven (7) and eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

PRESENTATION

1. **RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE, MARIA REYES FOR THE COURAGE AND PERSISTENCE TO OVERCOME THE BEHAVIOR SHE HAD TO ENDURE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.**

RENE RODRIGUEZ

Plaque presented by Rene Rodriguez.

Maria Reyes spoke on this item.

2. **RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1, GEORGINA C. PEREZ FOR THE BOOK DONATION TO MAKE OUR RIO VISTA LIBRARY A SUCCESS.**

RENE RODRIGUEZ

Plaque presented by Mayor Gloria M. Rodriguez.

Georgina C. Perez spoke on this item.

3. **PRESENTATION SISD TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, CAMPESTRE, ESCONTRIAS, HUECO ELEMENTARY, H.D. HILLEY ELEMENTARY, ERNESTO SERNA, MISSION EARLY COLLEGE, SALVADOR SANCHEZ, SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL AND SOCORRO MIDDLE.**

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

Presented by Mayor Gloria M. Rodriguez.

Alejandro Garcia spoke on this item.

4. **RECOGNITION TO VASSP SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ESCONTRIAS ELEMENTARY, H.D. HILLEY ELEMENTARY AND SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL.**

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

Plaques presented by Mayor Gloria M. Rodriguez.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REMOVING MARY PEREZ FROM THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION AND APPOINTING INA PINALES TO THE VACANT POSITION. ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez *to approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ralph Duran was signed up to speak but declined.

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

Nays:

Abstain

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez *to move up item number sixteen (16) to be next*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE NURSES ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL LOWER VALLEY HEALTH FAIR AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL ON APRIL 8, 2017. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Maria Reyes *to approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Gloria Gutierrez, Nurses Association spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Montelongo, Ralph Duran, Daniel Fresquez and Ernie Gomez and Adriana Rodriguez on behalf of Janette Reyes spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

**10. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2017. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

An amended motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda with a correction to the February 16, 2017 minutes item number twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC WORKS

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH JAIME PIÑA TO INSTALL FENCING AT MAURO ROSAS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,250.00 AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. MIGUEL ROSAS

Mayor Gloria M. Rodriguez disclosed that she knew a person with the name of Jaime Piña, but was uncertain if it is one in the same.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain

PLANNING AND ZONING

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE EL PASO MISSION TRAIL ASSOCIATION EVENT AT THE SOCORRO MISSION. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE VISITING VARIOUS AREAS FROM NEW MEXICO AND/OR LOCAL STUDENTS TO PERFORM/ASSIST AT THE RE-ENACTMENT OF "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING 1598" IN PROMOTING, EDUCATE AND RESTORE THE HISTORY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. SAM LEONY

Maria Reyes disclosed that she is the secretary to the El Paso Mission Trail Association.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain: Maria Reyes

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE EL PASO MISSION TRAIL ASSOCIATION EVENT AT THE COUGAR PARK. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE VISITING FROM VARIOUS AREAS FROM NEW MEXICO AND/OR LOCAL STUDENTS TO PERFORM/ASSIST AT THE RE-ENACTMENT OF "THE FIRST THANKSGIVING 1598" TO PROMOTE CULTURE, DIVERSITY AND EDUCATE. *SAM LEONY*

Maria Reyes disclosed that she is the secretary to the El Paso Mission Trail Association.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain: Maria Reyes

14. APPROVAL TO WAIVE THE EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE ANNUAL BAZAAR SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

Joe Gandara and Yolanda Garcia, from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Maria Reyes to *postpone*

An amended motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the waiver event permit fee and submit a traffic control plan to the Planning and Zoning Director*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Alejandro Garcia

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM FOR LAND USE MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PERMITTING, INSPECTIONS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT, TO THE SIDWELL COMPANY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR SAME.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Adriana Rodarte spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR ANIMAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and give the city attorney authority to negotiate with the City of El Paso*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOCATE \$1,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM FOR SIGNS.
RENE RODRIGUEZ

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

Jesse Montelongo spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO FIND A STORAGE FACILITY TO HOUSE THE BOOKS THAT WERE DONATED BY TEXAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1, GEORGINA C. PEREZ FOR OUR RIO VISTA LIBRARY.
RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the purchase of containers and bring back to council.

An amended motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to direct staff to obtain quotes for storage PODS and bring back to council for the meeting of March 16, 2017. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE ONE OR MORE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TRAVEL TO ROUND ROCK, TEXAS, JUNE 14-16, 2017 TO PARTICIPATE IN A TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE AND ORIENTATION TO GET BETTER PREPARED TO SERVE AS EFFECTIVE ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND TO ACQUIRE GREATER KNOWLEDGE REGARDING MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to approve the travel for District 1, District 4 and At Large Representative to attend the June 14-16 course 1 Leadership Academy. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE MARKETING APPAREL FOR COUNCIL TO BETTER REPRESENT THE CITY OF SOCORRO IN LOCAL, CITY, COUNTY AND STATE EVENTS.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to approve 1 polo shirt and 1 button up shirt for each council member with the logo and name. Motion passed.

Ralph Duran was signed up to speak but left the meeting.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR BANKS/CREDIT UNIONS. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *direct staff to request RFQ to bank depository unless there are penalties with current contract with Wells Fargo*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *take a five (5) minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 8:19 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:40 PM

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:10 PM

24. 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

25. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES FILED ON ABOUT FEBRUARY 13, 2017 [551.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the increase requested by El Paso Electric for 90 days beyond the proposed effective date.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

28. DISCUSSION AND REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT A VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SOLAR POWER PILOT PROGRAM IN TEXAS [551.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item twenty-eight (28) and have the city attorney prepare a resolution, have the city clerk issue a number and have the mayor execute it.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS COUGAR PARK [551.071].
JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Maria Reyes to *postpone for next council meeting for counsel to do the appropriate research for the potential acquisition of property.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:



30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *adjourn at 9:12 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor


Olivia Navarro
City Clerk





Date minutes were approved