

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2 /Mayor ProTem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT

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

Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief
Lt. Eddie Smith
Victor Reta
Anibal Olague

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM.

Quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Manuel and Eva Garcia, and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move up item number eighteen (18) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR WATERS & COMPANY EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT (CHUCK ROHRE) TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON CITY MANAGER POSITION PROFILE, CURRENT ISSUES AND CHALLENGES, MANAGEMENT STYLE/PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS, QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE AND COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Chuck Rohre.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move items sixteen (16) and twenty (20) after the presentations.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

5. RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ AND AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RENE RODRIGUEZ FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Mayor Jesus Ruiz presented Gloria M. Rodriguez and Rene Rodriguez with certificates

6. PRESENTATION BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER, REGARDING MONTHLY REPORT.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Interim City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

7. PRESENTATION BY BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS (BORDER CDC) ON ACTIVITY UPDATE IN THE AREAS OF GRANT WRITING AND GRANT MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT.
ANIBAL OLAGUE

Presentation made by Anibal Olague.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SIGNALIZATION PROJECT FOR PHASE II FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.* *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve with recommended and future changes*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

Report presented by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. *APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND SWEARING IN OF LUIS TINAJERO TO THE PARKS COMMISSION PLACE 7.* *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

9. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. *APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2015 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2015.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

11. *APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR APRIL, 2015.* *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

12. *APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR APRIL 2015.* *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT R-D, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT AT 11550 NORTH LOOP DR., FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO SU-1 (SPECIAL USE ZONE) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number thirteen (13)*.

Rene Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone item number thirteen (13) for the next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DIVISION

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR RUIZ TO SIGN A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE CITY OF EL PASO UNDER GRANT 5310 GRANT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE ADA ACCESSIBLE BUS.

ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) GRANT TO PURCHASE 13 BULLETPROOF VESTS FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE TEXAS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT. THIS IS A NATIONAL PRIORITY SAFETY PROGRAM FROM THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (STEP PROGRAM-CRASH IT OR TICKET). THE ENFORCEMENT PERIODS WILL END MAY 30, 2015 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RECEIVING UP TO \$4,072.30 OF OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT FOR SEAT BELT AND CHILD RESTRAINT CITATIONS ISSUED DURING THE ENFORCEMENT PERIOD.**

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

CITY MANAGER

- 19. DISCUSSION ON FEMA, NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM COURSES WORKSHOP MAY 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH, 2015 FOR ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND REQUIRED STAFF AT CHAYO APODACA CENTER FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR APRIL 2015.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Sergio Cox

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move into Executive at this time*.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Sergio Cox

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:23 P.M.

- 22. 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

- 23. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 25. ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD PROJECT, THE CONSIDERATION TO BE CONVEYED FOR IT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAME AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT [551.071 AND 551.072].**

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *authorize the city attorney to pursue finalization of the acquisition as recommended and authorize the city attorney to prepare the agreement to consummate and authorize the mayor or his designee to sign said agreement.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:25p.m.* Motion passed.

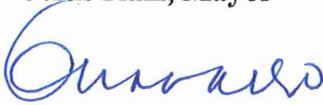
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

June 4, 2015
Date minutes approved