

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez
Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
James A. Martinez, City Attorney (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:09 p.m.*)
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Rosio Marin, HR Director
Omar Guevara, IT
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Lt. Eddie Smith
Victor Reta, Community Centers Supervisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Victor Reta

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Caldera spoke during Public Comment.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez sat in as Mayor Pro Tem.

Ralph Duran and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Comment.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz stepped back into the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move up items sixteen (16) and twenty-two (22) to be next*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OF HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE MOU (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR PARTNERSHIP REGARDING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND REPURPOSING OF THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER AND LIBRARY.
VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number sixteen (16)*.

Victor Reta made presentation along with Sehila Mota Casper thru conference call (See Exhibit "A"). Ms. Mota Casper is a Houston Field Officer from the National Trust for Historic Preservation Collaboration.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A WORK ORDER WITH DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING IN ORDER TO CREATE A SIDEWALK PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-two (22) and authorize the city attorney to negotiate the work order.* Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PRESENTATION

5. *PRESENTATION FROM FBI AGENT IN REGARDS TO WORKING WITH THE FBI AND THE BENEFITS TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.*

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

Presentation made by Rudy Ortega, FBI Supervisor.

6. *PRESENTATION FROM LIEUTENANT SMITH IN REFERENCE TO TRAINING HE RECEIVED FROM THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY.*

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

Presentation made by Lt. Smith.

7. *PRESENTATION FROM OFFICER JAMES URQUIDI IN REFERENCE TO TRAINING HE RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL FORENSIC ACADEMY.*

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

Presentation made by Officer James Urquidi.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time to address item number twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:53 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:03 P.M.

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BERNARDO SALINAS AND MARIO RODRIGUEZ, PLAINTIFF V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, DEFENDANT; UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, EL PASO DIVISION; NO. EP:15-CV-243-KC.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *authorize the settlement of Bernardo Salinas and Mario Rodriguez v. City of Socorro, subject to final review and approval of the settlement documentation and dismissal papers, and the timing thereof, by the city's attorney.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2016.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 4-C-1-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT (946 HORIZON BLVD.) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).

SAM LEONY

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DIVISION

11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JESUS RUIZ TO APPOINT HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR ROSIO MARIN AS CIVIL RIGHTS OFFICER UNDER CDBG CONTRACT #7215479.

ANIIBAL OLAGUE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JESUS RUIZ TO APPOINT HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR ROSIO MARIN AS LABOR STANDARDS OFFICER UNDER CDBG CONTRACT #7215479.

ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

13. *RESOLUTION 498* DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S RESOLUTION 499 EXCESSIVE FORCE POLICY, SECTION 3 POLICY, AND 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES UNDER CDBG CONTRACT 7215479.
ANIBAL OLAGUE

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

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

RECREATIONAL CENTERS

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR PYROTECHNICS FOR THE JULY 2ND INDEPENDENCE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA TO BIG DOG PYRO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,650.00.
VICTOR RETA

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

Victor Reta and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

PLANNING AND ZONING

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT APPROVAL OF VILLAS DEL VALLE SUBDIVISION UNIT III.
SAM LEONY

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

Sam Leony and Sal Masoud, from Del Rio Engineering spoke on this item.

Mayor Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez sat in as Mayor ProTem

Mayor Ruiz stepped back into the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez and Anthony Gandara

Nays: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Victor Perez

Mayor Ruiz broke the tie by voting aye.

CITY MANAGER

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BORDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR CDBG SPARK ARROYO ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak on this item but declined

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION INTO REQUESTS FOR STREET PAVING/IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED BY REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO COX. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain: Sergio Cox

Absent: Victor Perez

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH SYLVIA CT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *make it a dead end street until the city acquire the street*.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez sat in as Mayor Pro Tem

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *leave the street open and direct the city attorney to check for implied dedication and then place 3 speed humps*. Motion passed.

Mayor Ruiz returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM ARISING FROM PROPERTY LOCATED ON THUNDER ROAD OWNED BY MARIA UGARTE AND RICHARD HERNANDEZ, CONFLICT WITH OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE AREA, DUMPING, DEBRIS AND DRAINAGE IN THE AREA AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES ON AND FOR THESE PROPERTIES, INCLUDING ORDINANCES REGARDING DRAINAGE AND ORDINANCES REQUIRING FENCES OR WALL TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON AND BETWEEN CERTAIN PROPERTIES. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to approve*.

Lorenza Fraire was signed up to speak but declined.

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ENFORCE ALL CITY ORDINANCES. RENE RODRIGUEZ

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *move into Executive Session to discuss items twenty-one (21) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION AT 8:28 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:37 P.M.

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO ENFORCE ALL CITY ORDINANCES. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow speakers to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

Maria Ugarte spoke on this item.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM ARISING FROM PROPERTY LOCATED ON THUNDER ROAD OWNED BY MARIA UGARTE AND RICHARD HERNANDEZ, CONFLICT WITH OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE AREA, DUMPING, DEBRIS AND DRAINAGE IN THE AREA AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES ON AND FOR THESE PROPERTIES, INCLUDING ORDINANCES REGARDING DRAINAGE AND ORDINANCES REQUIRING FENCES OR WALL TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON AND BETWEEN CERTAIN PROPERTIES. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL STEPS TO BE TAKEN INVOLVING REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO COX IN LIGHT OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION INTO HIS REQUESTS FOR STREET PAVING/IMPROVEMENTS. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items twenty-one (21) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain: Sergio Cox

Absent Victor Perez


12. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 8:42 p.m.* Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

May 19, 2016

Date minutes were approved



May 5, 2016

Exhibit "A"

CITY OF SOCORRO
&
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COLLABORATION

WHO IS THE NATIONAL TRUST?

- PRIVATELY FUNDED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
- GOAL IS TO PRESERVE AMERICA'S HISTORIC PLACES
- HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON D.C.
- 800,000 MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS
- 13 FIELD OFFICES
- 120 STATEWIDE PARTNERS

OBJECTIVE:

- Develop a preservation-focused plan to guide the reuse of the bracero-related structures in the Rio Vista Farm Historic District, through a collaboration with the City of Socorro.
- Use Rio Vista to raise public awareness about significant and underrepresented Latino cultural and historical assets.

HOW:

- Support the advocacy of historic preservation for all of Rio Vista
- Work with the City to evaluate & recommend preservation treatment for the entire complex
- Explore options with City and community

- Heritage tourism interpretive assessment
- Hire a consultant to amend the current National Register nomination to designate the bracero related complex preferably at the level of a National Historic Landmark

COMMITMENT:

- Estimated 1.5 to 2 year National Trust commitment
- Assembled National Trust Project Team:
 - Project Manager (Sehila)
 - Heritage Tourism
 - Preservation Resources
 - Community Outreach
 - Public Affairs

CITY'S FINANCIAL IMPACT

- The Trust will be the lead on fundraising to cover internal salaries and travel expenses to Socorro
- If necessary, the Trust will be the lead on seeking funding for Existing Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Study
- The City of Socorro will be the lead local partner, and with guidance from the Trust will be the lead on fundraising for the reuse development

WHERE ARE WE?

1. National Trust Executive Staff Project Approval **DONE**
2. City of Socorro Collaboration Approval **PENDING COUNCIL**

APPROVAL

3. National Trust Project Manager Visit (Month 2) **OPENED**