

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

Rosio Marin, HR Director

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 Lt. Eddie Smith

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Duran, Marie Cox read a letter from Rocio F. Chavez (see Exhibit "A") , Arturo and Rachel R. Barraza, Juan Castañeda, Robert Cox, Daniel Hernandez and Sergio Jaime spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number five (5)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Cox read a statement.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO INVESTIGATE REPRESENTATIVE SERGIO COX REGARDING HIS REQUESTS FOR STREET PAVING/IMPROVEMENTS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move forward with the investigation and to direct and authorize the City Manager to engage with a firm for the investigation*.

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

Nays: Victor Perez

Abstain Sergio Cox

7. **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**
8. **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**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items seven (7), eight (8), and nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

10. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:09 p.m.*


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

Nays:

Abstain:



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

April 21, 2016

Date minutes were approved

Exhibit "A"

April 08, 2016

City of Socorro Texas

El Paso County

To whom it may concern:

My name is Rocío Ferreira Chavez, I have resided at 110 Vera Lane, Socorro, Texas 79927 since 1981.

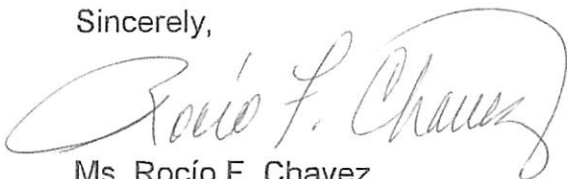
Through the years; I had made several verbal request to have the road paved. Thirty some years is a long time for anyone to have to wait for this request.

Prior to 2014; I pleaded with Mr. Sergio Cox, to help get this road paved. After thirty plus years, it is getting a little ridiculous. As a tax paying citizen, I was pleasantly surprised to see the road finally was paved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the City Council of Socorro and Mr. Cox particularly, for making a difference in our community.

If you would like to contact me for any additional information, I can be reached at (915) 740-2238.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rocío F. Chavez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ms. Rocío F. Chavez

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