

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Joseph E. Bowling
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 30, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Douglas Lobdell

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 Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING THE RATE ADJUSTMENT SOUGHT BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., IN THE EPARR FILING OF MARCH 31, 2015. [551.071].

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *deny*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *agree to accept the 10 day extension*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. 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 6:07 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:21 P.M.

6. *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

7. *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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items six (6) through eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *request a copy of file*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Victor Perez

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to combine items ten (10), eleven (11), and twelve (12). Motion passed.

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

Nays: Anthony Gandara

Absent: Victor Perez

10. EDMUNDO MONTOYA, PLAINTIFF V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, DEFENDANT: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, EL PASO DIVISION; NO. 3:14-CV-412-KC.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

11. EDMUNDO MONTOYA, PETITIONER V. SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, RESPONDENT; BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS: SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-15-2614.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

12. EDMUNDO MONTOYA, PETITIONER V. SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, RESPONDENT; BEFORE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

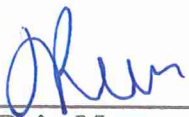
A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *authorize the settlement of the three proceedings brought by Edmundo Montoya, on the terms stated in the Mediated Settlement Agreement, subject to final review and approval of the settlement documentation and dismissal papers, and the timing thereof, by the city's attorney*.

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


13. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to adjourn at 6:24 p.m. Motion passed.

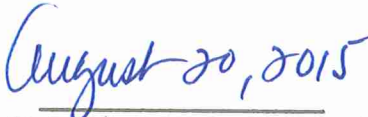
Ayes: Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Victor Perez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes were approved