

*Vacant*  
*Mayor*  
  
**Guillermo Madrid, Jr.**  
*At Large*  
  
**Maria Reyes**  
*District 1*



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
*District 2*  
  
**Mary B. Garcia**  
*District 3/Mayor Pro-Tem*  
  
**Jesús Gandara Jr.**  
*District 4*  
  
**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
*City Manager*

**CITY OF SOCORRO  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 3, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.  
Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Mary Garcia  
Jesús Gandara Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Maria Reyes

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney  
Misty Montoya, Human Resources Assistant  
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

**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 Ms. Ramirez.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fernando Molinar, Jaime Hernandez, and Pearl Thompson addressed city council.

**PRESENTATION**

5. **PRESENTATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AS MAYOR PRO-TEM TO DISTRICT 3 COUNCILWOMAN, MARY BARRIOS GARCIA.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

Jesus Gandara, Jr gave a brief presentation recognizing Mary B. Garcia for her service and leadership as Mayor-Pro Tem.

6. **PRESENTATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AS A 911 DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGER TO POLICE SERGEANT, REFUGIO ORTA III.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

Jesus Gandara, Jr. recognized Refugio Orta III for his service and leadership as a 911 District Board of Manager.

7. **PRESENTATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AS A SOCORRO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER, PLACE 2, TO JOSE ALEX MIRANDA.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

Jesus Gandara, Jr. recognized Jose Alex Miranda for his service and leadership as a Civil Service Commissioner.

8. **PRESENTATION BY JIM CAMPBELL IN REGARDS TO LEGISLATIVE ISSUES.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Jim Campbell from the DeBerry Group gave a brief presentation of upcoming legislative issues.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2012.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

10. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING DISTRICT 2 COUNCILWOMAN, GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ, AS MAYOR PRO-TEM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2013 PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 (D) OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

11. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING DISTRICT 2 COUNCILWOMAN, GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ, . AT-LARGE COUNCILMAN, GUILLERMO MADRID JR., AND DISTRICT 3 COUNCILWOMAN, MARY B. GARCIA AS CO-SIGNATURES TO SIGN ALL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 19, 2013 PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 (A) OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

12. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING SOCORRO FIRE CHIEF, JIM LANGBORG, AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO ON THE 911 DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 04, 2013.**

*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

13. **APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER, HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT, AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATION TXPELRA ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND CIVIL SERVICE WORKSHOP IN AUSTIN, TX ON FEBRUARY 27- MARCH 1, 2013.**

*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

14. **APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY MANAGER TO TERMINATE PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENTS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY EXCEPT FOR RIO VISTA COMPLEX AGREEMENTS.**

*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

15. **APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE SOCORRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEVELOPMENT AND ALL PROGRAMS IN RELATIONSHIP TO PROJECT AND WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY.**

*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

16. **APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE AS LIAISON FOR CITY OF SOCORRO FOR YOUTH INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SOCORRO RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM AND SOCORRO NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP COMMISSION.**

*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

17. **APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH DHILLON MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE EVENT THAT AGREED UPON TERMS CANNOT BE REACHED WITH MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP FOR THE AWARDDING OF THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.**

*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

18. **APPROVAL OF SENDING JUDGE ALEJANDRO VIDALES JR. AND JUVENILE CASE MANAGER CYNTHIA CHAPARRO TO THE MANDATORY MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS APRIL 2, 2013 THROUGH APRIL 4, 2013.**

*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

**19. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve Consent Agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS ON HOW TO IDENTIFY AND INTERACT WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 20*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE AS LIAISON FOR SOCORRO VETERANS CELEBRATION PARK PROJECT.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 21*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FORMING A COMMITTEE TO GATHER AND REVIEW INFORMATION PERTAINING TO VETERANS OF SOCORRO.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 22*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING CREATION OF SOCORRO NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP COMMISSION AND BY-LAWS OF NEW COMMISSION.**

**JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 23*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A LIBRARY IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

**JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve Mr. Madrid to work with Mr. Miranda to find property in the City of Socorro that will host our future library for the city, and when it is acquired naming it the Nicole Chaparro Library*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REJECTING HOT MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE (HMAC) BID. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *table item 25*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDING HEAVY EQUIPMENT BID. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 26*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SELECTING A TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR RIO VISTA COURTHOUSE. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve Presidio Unified Communications*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS TO DEMOLISH DILAPIDATED BUILDING STRUCTURES ON LOT 9 & 10, BLOCK 3, ALGODON SUBDIVISION, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 28*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ON COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE ON LOT 29-D, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANT SUBDIVISION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 29*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY/STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO ON FEBRUARY 2, 2013. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 30*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO NIGHT AT UT EL PASO.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 31*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY IN OFFICE.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adopt an election order scheduling special election in City of Socorro to fill the vacancy of office of mayor on May 11, 2013 and to authorize City Clerk to post and publish notices as required of said election*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTION ON FUNDING AND TAXATION FOR SOCORRO FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move item 33 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

No action taken on item 33.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:21 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:56 P.M.***

***OPEN SESSION:***

**38. 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.**

*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

**39. 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.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**40. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items 38-40*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve evaluation of city manager and authorize city manager to process budget amendment to grant city manager annual salary increase of \$5,000.00*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**42. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PREVIOUS MAYOR TRINI LOPEZ'S FINANCIAL INTEREST IN CONTRACT WITH CITY OF SOCORRO AND POSSIBLE RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO ISSUE.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve resolution pertaining to Trini Lopez*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**43. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING COLLECTION OF MONIES OWED TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO BY PREVIOUS MAYOR TRINI LOPEZ.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *commission investigation to go back to previous years to monies owed by Mayor Trini Lopez*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *reconsider consent agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve consent agenda with exclusion of item 19 and move item 19 to regular agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item 19*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**44. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *adjourn at 10:00 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.



*Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem*



*Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk*

1-17-13

*Date when minutes were approved*