

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trini López
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
María Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. García
Jesús Gandara Jr. *Arrived to the meeting at 5:13 p.m.*

STAFF PRESENT:

Alejandro Vidales, Jr., Acting City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Misty Montoya, HR Assistant
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

STAFF ABSENT:

Manuel Rubio, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:01 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by *Maria Reyes*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PRESENTATIONS:

4. RECOGNITION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, MUSEUM COMMISSION AND THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION. *

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

During this time Mayor Lopez presented *Gilbert Lujan and Jose Alex Miranda* with certificates of recognition for their time and commitment to the city.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 12/12/11. ***
A. VIDALES, JR.

6. **APPROVAL OF SOCORRO ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE ELECTED OFFICIALS' CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH FEBRUARY 19-2012. ***
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

7. **APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATION TXPERLA AND CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING FEBRUARY 29 THROUGH MARCH 2, 2012. ***
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

8. **APPROVAL OF CITY OF SOCORRO PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT TRAINING SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION, APRIL 12 AND 13, 2012. ***
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, and Maria Reyes voting nay and Mary B. Garcia and Jesus Gandara, Jr., absent and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye. Motion failed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO HAVE THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT SEND OUT A LETTER TO EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1. THE LETTER SHOULD ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HAVING THE CANALS, DRAINS AND SPURS THAT RUN THROUGH THE CITY OF SOCORRO CLEANED OF BRUSH, TRASH AND DEAD ANIMALS FOR THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY. ***
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

Jesus Gandara, Jr., arrived to the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nine with the exception that the City Attorney submit the letter*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR TRINI LOPEZ, MAYOR PRO-TEM GLORIA RODRIGUEZ AND CITY MANAGER ALEJANDRO VIDALES, JR. TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO TDHCA HOME PROGRAM CONTRACTS OCC#1001065, HRA RESERVATION #1001478, HBA RESERVATION #1001479, CFD RESERVATION #1001480, AND TBRA RESERVATION #1001481.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

14. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. * A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Mary B. Garcia, absent and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Mary B. Garcia absent. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:33 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:06 P.M.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the City Manager and City Attorney to move forward with offer and contract to purchase real property along Socorro Rd as discussed in closed session*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Mary B. Garcia, absent and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *reconsider the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Maria Reyes voting nay and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

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16. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 7:08 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.



Trini Lopez, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved