

Vacant
Mayor

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
At Large

Maria Reyes
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Mary B. Garcia
District 3/Mayor Pro-Tem

Jesús Gandara Jr.
District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Hernandez.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC HEARING. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to authorize the maximum of five minutes and only one opportunity to speak per person. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Public hearing opened at 5:36 p.m.

Approximately 23 people expressed their concerns regarding the annexation.

1. Joe Del Turo – 1001 Rio Vista Road
2. Walter Miller – 14999 Darrington Road
3. Socorro Ramos – 11755 Socorro Road
4. Paul Johnson Jr. – 11868 Socorro Road
5. Antonio Araujo – 12301 Torrenueva
6. David Ballard – 12350 Montwood Suite 100
7. Ricardo Valadez – 8136 Califa Court, San Diego, CA (owns property in San Elizario)
8. Juan Castaneda – 637 Milo Drive, Socorro, TX
9. Daniel Frescas – 501 Bovee Road
10. Benjamin Sanchez – 12337/12339 Socorro Road
11. Dolores Valadez - 8136 Califa Court, San Diego, CA (owns property in San Elizario)
12. Tina Delgado – 12786 Lara Road
13. Maya Sanchez – 12337 Socorro Road
14. Alfonso Borrego – 1501 Main Street
15. Gaspar Enriquez - 12748 Socorro Road
16. Richard Garcia – 221 Silverwood, El Paso, TX (Representing father who owns land in San Elizario)
17. Roberto Saucedo - 612 Encino Drive, El Paso, TX
18. Romeo Molina – 10919 Lydia, Socorro, TX
19. Federico Macias – 9153 Jalapa, El Paso, TX
20. Sergio Jaime – 654 Milo Drive, Socorro, TX
21. Pilo Gonzalez – Lara Road, San Elizario, TX
22. Augustina Morales – 12031 Salcido Road
23. Guillermo Baladad – Socorro Road

Public hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

Jerry Wallace, City Attorney, addressed the public and city council in regards to the annexation.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFIRM PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE AND CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete item 6*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:36 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:48 P.M.

OPEN SESSION:

- 9. *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.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to authorize the City Attorney and City Manager to engage Walker Crowson to confirm to handle the Jaime Avalos termination matter pending before the Socorro Civil Service Commission. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

- 10. *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.

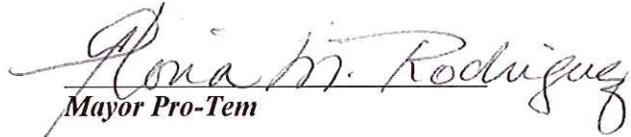
- 11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items 10-11.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

12. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *adjourn at 6:49 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.



Mayor Pro-Tem



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved