

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
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

STAFF ABSENT:

Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning 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 Mr. Ray Mancera

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to move item 4, Public Comment, to the end of the agenda. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. 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 allow for five minute rule, one opportunity to speak per person, to have people who did not speak at the last public hearing speak first, and to have the speaker address their name, address, and if they live within the portion of the annex area and what portion of the annex area. 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

6. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Public hearing opened at 6:04 p.m.

Jerry Wallace, City Attorney, gave a brief presentation of the proposed annexation.

The following people expressed their concerns. concerns regarding the annexation.

1. James Franklin – owns property in Panorama Village
2. Maria Coravia – 12500 Socorro Road (lives in annex area)
3. David Almonte – Deputy City Manager for City of El Paso -# 2 Civic Center Plaza (Greater El Paso Landfill)
4. Jesus Landeros – representing El Paso County Commissioner Vince Perez - 500 E. San Antonio Avenue
5. West Navidomskis - Represent landowners parcels 4, 5, 6 and 7.
6. Ramon Holguin – 12152 Socorro Road – does not live in affected area
7. Mike Dipp Jr. – 11090 Gateway East – Parcel 7
8. Yolanda Quezada – 8950 Ortega Court El Paso, TX – owns property in affected area
9. Leticia Hurtado Miranda – 869 Borrego Road – does not live in affected area
10. Raul Rodriguez – 11876 Socorro Road
11. Christina Morales – 13437 Palo Pinto – does not live in affected area
12. Kishaor Kolabla – FM 1110 Road 1560, 1570, 1580 and 1590 - does not live in affected area
13. Daniel Frescas – 501 Bovee Road – does not live in affected area
14. Felipa Caracoza – 501 Catalonia Drive – lives in affected area
15. Juan Guerra – 12217 Glorietta
16. James Lowenberg – 7775 Horizon Blvd.
17. Ray Sanchez – 13721 Paseo Rico
18. Socorro Ramos – does not live in affected area
19. Maya Sanchez – 12237 Socorro Road – does not live in affected area
20. Joe De Turo – does not live in affected area
21. Mr. Sanchez
22. Paul Johnson - 11868 Socorro Road

Public hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2013.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
8. **APPROVAL OF MAURO ROSAS PARK CONSTRUCTION KICKOFF CELEBRATION FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2012 TO INCLUDE ANY RELATED EXPENDITURES AND DESIGNATING DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN AS LIAISON FOR EVENT.** *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
9. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING IGOR ALBERTO FLORES TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
10. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. **APPROVAL OF SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL RIBBON CUTTING / CONSTRUCTION KICKOFF TO INCLUDE ANY RELATED EXPENDITURES, FOR THE BEGINNING OF SIDEWALKS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN OUR COMMUNITY.** *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
12. **APPROVAL OF 2013, 2014, 2015, AND 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
13. **APPROVAL OF SENDING OFFICER ELENA KEENE FOR DEATH AND HOMICIDE TRAINING (1/28/2013 - 2/1/2013) IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE SPONSORED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL.** *WILLIE NORFLEET JR.*
14. **APPROVAL OF SENDING DAVID GARCIA TO THE INTERNATIONAL 2013 CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (JANUARY 10-11, 2013).** *WILLIE NORFLEET JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

REGULAR AGENDA

15. **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

During this time, Igor Alberto Flores and Danny Gomez were sworn in to their respective boards/commissions by Mary B. Garcia.

16. 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez to acknowledge and confirm publication and posting of notice of conduct of hearings and the resolution pertaining to the annexation. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SYSTEM BY THE GRANTEE, AND REPEALING THE PRESENT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes *to table item 17*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REJECTING HOT MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE (HMAC) BID.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr, *to approve item 18*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR BUS SERVICES.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to approve pursuant to City Manager being able to work out conditions expressed and to have regular data update usage of this project*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes abstaining. Motion passed 3-0.

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ELECTING NOT TO REQUIRE THE REMITTANCE OF A PEG FEE BY HOLDERS OF A STATE ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF FRANCHISE AUTHORITY.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr, *to delete item 20*. 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 7:57 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENEED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:21 P.M.

OPEN SESSION:

- 23. 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.

- 24. 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.

- 25. 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 23-25. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

ADDENDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

OPEN SESSION:

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SLANDER, LIBEL AND DEFAMATION WITH POTENTIALLY AUTHORIZING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.**

JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid to authorize city attorney to engage legal counsel at a reasonable fee to consult with and assist the City of Socorro and Socorro City Council to investigate claims for slander, libel and defamation on behalf of the city and city council and to pursue claims in connection therewith. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Suky Ramos addressed city council.

28. ADJOURN

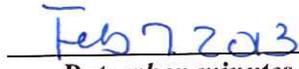
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.



Mayor Pro-Tem



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved