

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trini López
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Mary B. García
Gloria M. Rodríguez
María Reyes
Jesus Gandara Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by *Councilman, Jesus Gandara, Jr.*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Castaneda spoke during Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2012 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2012. (THIS ITEM WAS TABLED DURING THE MEETING OF 02/02/12)

A. VIDALES, JR.

6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2012.

A. VIDALES, JR.

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT.
A. VIDALES, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move item seven (7) after Executive Session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SOCORRO COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN.
A. VIDALES, JR.**

Phyllis Taylor of Sites Southwest spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number eight (8)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE 30TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR TO BE HELD APRIL 21, 2012, AT SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL. A. VIDALES, JR.

Sandra Beckford spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve and donate \$1,500.00 for the Annual Health Fair*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RECONSIDERATION OF THE DENIAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 16-A, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL. PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.
GLORIA RODRIGUEZ**

Arturo Sanchez spoke on this item.

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

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session*. Motion carried unanimously.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:37 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:56 P.M.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS GRANT.

A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *proceed with Safe Routes to Schools Grant as discussed in closed session and to authorize the City Manager and Attorney and Consultant to proceed with property right of way acquisition at city expense to maximize the sidewalk construction to be completed by the grant.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE RETAIL ELECTRIC RATES OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS DENYING RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND MAINTINING THE CURRENT EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY RATES IN EFFECT.

A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirteen (13).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

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 and Consultant to move forward with purchase of real property along Socorro Rd. as discussed in closed session.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye 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 unanimously. Motion passed.

16. ADJOURN

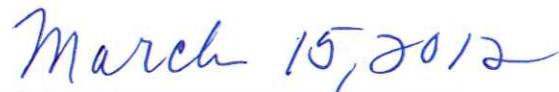
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 8:01 p.m.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye and Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting nay. Motion passed.



Trini López, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved