

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



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
*District 2 / Mayor Pro-Tem*

**Mary B. García**  
*District 3*

**Jesús Gandara Jr.**  
*District 4*

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
*City Manager*

**CITY OF SOCORRO  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Maria Reyes

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Ray Mata, City Attorney  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Langborg

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**PRESENTATION**

**4. PRESENTATION BY MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE 2013 MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Judge Vidales gave a brief presentation of the 2013 Municipal Traffic Safety Award.

**5. PRESENTATION BY FIRE CHIEF LANGBORG. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Fire Chief Langborg gave a brief presentation of the status of the fire department.

**6. PRESENTATION BY KARINA HAGELSIEB, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Karina Hagelsieb Fire Chief Lanborg gave a brief presentation of the status of the fire department.

A motion was made by Mary Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., *to move consent agenda before item 5.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2013.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**8. APPROVAL OF TRAINING FOR LAURA P. LUERA AND ROSA ISELA GONZALES FOR REGIONAL CLERKS SEMINAR APRIL 29, 2013 – MAY 1, 2013.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**9. APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 4-C-4, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY SUBDIVISION) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**10. APPROVAL OF CITY OF SOCORRO FESTIVAL IN MAY 2013 TO COMMEMORATE 165 YEARS OF EXISTENCE; TO INCLUDE ANY RELATED EXPENDITURES AND TO DESIGNATE COUNCILMAN AT LARGE AS OFFICIAL LIAISON FOR SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL.**

***GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.***

**11. APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN ALL RELATED CONTRACTS FOR SEARCH FIRM TO CONDUCT A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**12. APPROVAL OF SEARCH AND HIRING GUIDELINES FOR CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**13. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Mary Garcia *to approve consent agenda as a whole.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed with Jesus Gandara, Jr. present not voting.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS OF RESPONSE COVERAGE.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to approve item 14.*  
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS OF RESPONSE COVERAGE.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to approve item 15.*  
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**16. RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER CALLING SPECIAL ELECTION IN MAY 2013.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to move item 16 after executive session.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to reconsider order calling special election.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., *to remove charter election from special election and to set a special election thereafter.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING DIVERSION OF FUNDING FROM SOCORRO AREA OF EL PASO COUNTY TAX REINVESTMENT ZONE TO OTHER PROJECTS OUTSIDE BOUNDARIES OF CITY OF SOCORRO.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to approve item 17.*  
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MERITAIN HEALTH CONTRACT.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. *to approve item 18.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr. and Mary B. Garcia voting aye and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting nay. Motion passed 2-1.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RE-EVALUATION OF HOT MIX ASPHALT CONCRETE (HMAC) BID.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. *to reconsider item.*  
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to approve hot mix asphalt concrete bid as recommended by City Manager.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ELECTION SERVICES FOR CITY OF SOCORRO.  
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to if needed by City of Socorro that we authorize City Manager with consultation of city attorney to contract a company for election services for the city of Socorro and waive purchasing policies to be able to accomplish this.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 313, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to move item 21 into executive session.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to move into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:52 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:06 P.M.***

***OPEN SESSION:***

**21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 313, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to without provision for delay until of effect until after the election move approve and adopt ordinance 313 as presented with the following provisions A Modification of the property described as Parcel 1 to exclude areas within the City of El Paso landfill and landfill buffer zone as agreed with the City of El Paso; (B) modification of property description of Parcel #6 to*

*exclude the area covered by the Horizon Extraterritorial Jurisdiction; and exclude the Clint Extraterritorial Jurisdiction . Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:08 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 10:31 P.M.***

***Open Session:***

- 27. 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 Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. to *authorize City Manager and City Attorney to engage special counsel to assist in litigations and actions filed by the El Paso District Attorney and El Paso County Attorney and further deed to authorize City Attorney to employ conflict consult to represent the City's interest in any pending matters where City Attorney has or may have a conflict in regard to representation of the parties.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

- 28. 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.***

- 29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL COUNSEL TO PROCEED WITH INVESTIGATION AND LITIGATION INVOLVING, DEFAMATION, ABUSE OF PROCESS AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *delete items 28, 29 and 30.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTIONS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *notify immediately the County of El Paso, City of Horizon and Town of Clint that the City of Socorro will not give its consent to any incorporation or annexation or future annexation within its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *have the City Attorney and City Manager to authorize and to prepare it and immediately notify them of Council's decision.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

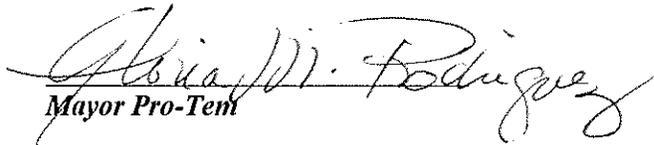
**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING CLAIMS OWED TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., *on approval of resolution regarding claims owed to the City of Socorro owed by Maria Reyes, District 1.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**33. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. *to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

  
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***Gloria M. Rodriguez***  
***Mayor Pro-Tem***

  
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***Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk***

  
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***Date when minutes were approved***