

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 4:11 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by *Planning and Zoning Director, Sam Leony*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe DeTuro spoke during Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 5. 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 MAINTAINING THE CURRENT EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY RATES IN EFFECT.**

A. VIDALES, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 5:33 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 5:33

PRESENTATIONS:

6. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO LUJAN TRUCKING.** **GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Gloria M. Rodriguez presented Mr. Gilbert Lujan with a certificate.

7. **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS BY VFW 10354. PRESENTERS: COMMANDER RUBEN ENRIQUEZ, POW-MIA, CHAIRMAN – MANNY NAVARRETE, AND HISTORIAN HUMBERTO NEVAREZ.** **GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

Presentation made by Humberto Nevarez and Manny Sifuentes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2012.** **A. VIDALES, JR.**

9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ON NEW COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER AT LOT 1, BLOCK 2, LAS LOMAS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOCORRO RD. AND FRAY VARGAS RD. HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.** **A. VIDALES, JR.**

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO CITY MANAGER COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AS NEGOTIATED AND RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM AND CITY ATTORNEY.** **A. VIDALES, JR.**

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE POLICY PROVIDING THAT; IN ORDER TO EXERCISE BUDGETARY CONTROL AND PROMOTE EFFICIENCY THE CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHES A POLICY THAT ALL REQUESTS FOR SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL WITH CITY ATTORNEY BE EITHER THROUGH MAYOR PRO TEM, OR AUTHORIZED BY MAYOR PRO TEM IN WRITING, PRIOR TO ANY MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING ANY SERVICES FROM CITY ATTORNEY.** **A. VIDALES, JR.**

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE POLICY GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS' REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION AND RESEARCH BY CITY STAFF IN ORDER TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY AND TO LIMIT IMPACT ON CITY STAFF MEMBER'S TIME EXPENDED FOR DOCUMENT PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH.** **A. VIDALES, JR.**

- 13. APPROVAL OF CITY OF SOCORRO 2ND ANNUAL EASTER CELEBRATION FOR MARCH 31ST, 2012 AT COUGAR PARK, AND PREVENT ORGANIZED EVENTS FROM MARCH 23RD, 2012 THROUGH APRIL 9TH, 2012 FOR PREPARATION AND CLEANUP OF EASTER CELEBRATION, AND DESIGNATE MAYOR PRO-TEM MARY GARCIA AS LIAISON FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF EVENT.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 MAINTAINING THE CURRENT EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY RATES IN EFFECT.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

Mary Beth Stevens from El Paso Electric Company spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING THE NEW CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING A PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT.**
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fifteen*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH THE COST/BENEFIT OF IMPLEMENTING THE HOME AND BUSINESS ADDRESSING SYSTEM PRESENTED BY RIGHT ADDRESS.**
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve*. No second. Motion fails.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve with a time frame of one year or six months after*. No second. Motion fails.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete and bring back at the next meeting with a different wording*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL TO SEND DANIA DIAZ, ANIBAL OLAGUE AND SAM LEONY FOR SPECIAL HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION AND CODE COMPLIANCE TRAINING TO GEORGETOWN, TEXAS ON MARCH 26 AND 27, 2012.

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve and include Sergeant Refugio Orta and Officer Johnny Harrelson, Code Enforcers, to attend the training.* Motion carried unanimously.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RESEARCH THE FEASIBILITY IN PROCURING THE PROPERTY ON BUFORD RD., DESCRIBED AS TRACT 16, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, FOR THE NEW CITY HALL-ADMIN. COMPLEX.

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

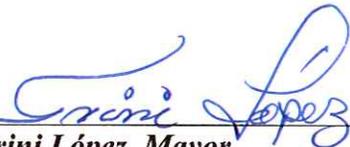
A motion was made by Maria Reyes to *delete.* No second. Motion fails

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *direct the city manager to research the feasibility in procuring this property.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 6:13 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.



Trini López, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved