

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), nineteen (19), twenty, (20), fifteen (15), Consent Agenda, Addendum to the Consent Agenda, and Presentations in this order.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), and twenty-five (25).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION
MADE BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Sandra Hernandez, as City Clerk.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and, Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION
MADE BY THE CITY MANAGER FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION
PARK TECHNICIAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Jessica Diaz, as Recreation Park Technician*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and, Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE EL PASO COUNTY
911 DISTRICT BUDGET FY 2012-2013. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO TERRA
DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO INCLUDE
SKATE/SPLASH PARK ON MOON RD. AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY
MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN THE CONTRACT TO
EFFECTUATE THE CHANGE. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING CITY
LAND FOR SKATE/SPLASH PARK ON MOON RD. PURSUANT TO MAP
PROVIDED BY DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE.
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 9. APPROVAL ON NEW ASSIGNED OFFICE AND SPACES AT THE
PLANNING AND ZONING BUILDING AS SUBMITTED BY AT-LARGE
MEMBER AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EFFECTUATE
CHANGES IMMEDIATELY. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**
- 10. APPROVAL OF NEW ASSIGNED OFFICE AND SPACES AT THE CITY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AS SUBMITTED BY AT-LARGE MEMBER
AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EFFECTUATE CHANGES
IMMEDIATELY. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**
- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR A
CHURCH BAZAAR AT LA PURISIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATED AT
328 S. NEVAREZ ON SEPTEMBER 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH, 2012.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

12. APPROVAL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY A LOCATION FOR A FUTURE POLICE SUBSTATION ALONG THE MISSION TRAIL CORRIDOR. *GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum to the Consent Agenda*. 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.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delay the presentation*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Guillermo Madrid, voting nay. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Suky Ramos, Joe De Turo, Ralph Duran and Sergio Jaime, spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number four (4) to be next on the agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS:

4. PRESENTATION ON TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE PROJECTS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Arturo Bujanda of the Texas Transportation Institute made the presentation.

Raymond Telles, Executive Director of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority spoke about projects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *allow the allotted thirty (30) minutes for all speakers*. 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.

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:48 .m.
Ralph Duran, Suky Ramos and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed at 7:04 p.m.*

REGULAR AGENDA:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPOINTING APPRAISER AND REVIEW APPRAISER, AS REQUIRED BY AND APPROVED BY TXDOT FOR HUECO TANKS EXTENSION RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

Mayor Lopez acknowledged the presence of Steve Ortega, City Representative for the City of El Paso.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ISSUE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO THE CITY OF EL PASO IN SUPPORT OF HAVING CITY COUNCIL DIRECT THE MONIES ALLOCATED TO THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (IPED) AT UTEP IN A RESOLUTION APPROVED ON JANUARY 24, 2012, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FOR USE IN MISSION TRAIL PLANNING.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *direct the City Manager to issue a letter from the City Manager to the City of El Paso showing support to the City of El Paso for this project*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez, absent. Motion passed.

16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 295, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Gloria M. Rodriguez, absent, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATES' TEXAS MAIN STREET PROJECT. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Gloria M. Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

18. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number eighteen*. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

Suky Ramos and Ralph Duran spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time*. 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.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *exclude District Representative 1 from Executive Session*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, voting aye. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:49 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:23 P.M.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1. *MARY B. GARCIA*

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., *that the Socorro City Council makes the following findings: 1) That expenditure of City discretionary funds by Maria Reyes were illegal expenditures of public funds for private gifts for heaters, blankets, and fans. 2.) that individual heaters, blankets and fans to constituents by Maria Reyes that were purchased with City of Socorro, District 1 discretionary funds were illegal gifts. Therefore, the City Manager is requested to submit a written request to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to investigate the expenditure by Maria Reyes from the City of Socorro Discretionary funds for distribution of blankets, heaters and fans to private individuals in the amount of \$1,500 and to include in said request all city records and correspondence available regarding these purchases.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, voting aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia., *that should Maria Reyes choose to refund public money spent for private gifts of heaters, blankets, and fans, that the City of Socorro will require reimbursements of the amount of funds expended and will not accept merchandise or used heaters, blankets, and fans as reimbursement.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, voting aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:26 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:51 P.M.

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVISE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number twenty-nine (29).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PURSUE THE RETURN OF CITY PROPERTY AND PUBLIC RECORDS REMOVED FROM THE SOCORRO CITY OFFICES BY DEPUTIES OF THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF AND BELIEVED TO BE HELD BY THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO SEARCH WARRANT(S) AUTHORIZED BY THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S MAGISTRATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY OR OTHER SPECIAL COUNSEL, WHICH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND/OR CITY MANAGER IS AUTHORIZED TO RETAIN, TO PURSUE LEGAL ACTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE WRONGFUL REMOVAL AND POSSESSION OF SOCORRO PROPERTY OR OTHER WRONGFUL ACTIONS BY EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND TO SEEK APPROPRIATE LEGAL ACTION REGARDING SAME.
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item number thirty (30)*. 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.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *reconsider the motion for item number twenty-two (22) which was that should Maria Reyes choose to refund public money spent for private gifts of heaters, blankets, and fans, that the City of Socorro will require reimbursements of the amount of funds expended and will not accept merchandise or used heaters, blankets, and fans as reimbursement*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, voting aye. Motion passed.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1.
MARY B. GARCIA

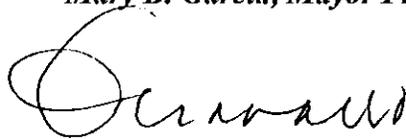
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *reread that should Maria Reyes choose to refund public money spent for private gifts of heaters, blankets, and fans, that the City of Socorro will require reimbursement of the amount of funds expended and will not accept merchandise or used heaters, blankets, and fans as reimbursements. The City of Socorro will grant fourteen (14) calendar days for full reimbursement of the heaters, blankets, and fans beginning from July 20, 2012 and ending fourteen (14) calendar days later for Maria Reyes. Failure to meet the fourteen (14) days full payment will declare Maria Reyes as being in arrearage for the City of Socorro for a liability*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

31. ADJOURN

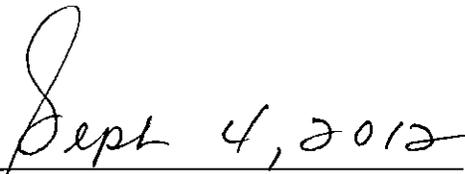
A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:56 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.



Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved