

**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.

**4. *Public Comment***

*Suky Ramos, Sergio Jaime, Joe DeTuro, and Juan Castañeda*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 5. *SECOND 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.***

***Public Hearing Opened at 6:10 p.m.  
Lorenza Fraire and Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing Closed at 6:17 p.m.***

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT NO. 2, ORDINANCE 295, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

*Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.  
Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2012.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
8. **APPROVAL TO RECORD ALL CLOSED SESSION MEETING USING A CERTIFIED AGENDA AND TO ONLY DESIGNATE THE MAYOR PRO-TEM AND AS A SECONDARY SIGNATURE THE DISTRICT 2 COUNCILMEMBER, TO SIGN ALL OFFICIAL CITY OF SOCORRO DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 (A) OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
9. **APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE POTENTIAL FOR AN EXPRESS ROUTE BUS SERVICE FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO U.T.E.P. AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT 4 COUNCILMAN TO ACT AS LIAISON FOR THE CITY COUNCIL IN THIS RESEARCH.** *JESUS GANDARA, JR.*
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO SELL BEER AND WINE FOR LOT 1, BLOCK 4, RIO VISTA MARKETPLACE REPLAT "A" PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON AUGUST 30, 2012.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

12. **APPROVAL OF NAMING NEW BRIDGE CONNECTING MARGARITAS SUBDIVISION AND ALAMEDA (VIA CONNORS WAY) "LEADERSHIP BRIDGE".**  
*JESUS GANDARA, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum to the Consent Agenda with the exception of items eleven (11), twelve (12), and thirteen (13).* 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.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 8, SAN YSIDRO SUBDIVISION FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *deny the rezoning for the following reasons 1.) unreasonable congestion of traffic; 2.) incompatible with surrounding R-1 land uses; 3.) no evidence of change in nature and character of land uses in the area; and 4.) the requested zoning change would constitute spot zoning.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 21, BLOCK 14, COUNTRY GREEN ADDITION FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. PLANNING AND COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Maria Reyes to *deny item number twelve (12) based on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 76 AMENDMENT 1A SECTION 8, RELATED TO THE MINIMUM SETBACKS AND MAXIMUM AREA OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirteen to include the Socorro Building Codes and Regulation; the material used, to address Mr. Madrid's concerns; and under Section 2. Item No. 1 of the Ordinance Shade Structure Amendment to include after Existing structures "if located on setback or utility and irrigation easements."* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 16. CONSIDER ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AN ORDINANCE 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 *approve item number sixteen (16)*. 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.

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN AMENDMENT NO. 2, ORDINANCE 295, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve*.

Guillermo Madrid, Jr., rescinds his motion.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *table until second reading of budget amendment comes back to council*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *move up items twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REAPPOINT GILBERT LUJAN, JR., TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION. *MARY B. GARCIA***

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT ARTURO MORALES TO THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD. MARY B. GARCIA**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT RAFAEL MEDINA TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MANUEL TISCAREÑO TO THE MUSEUM COMMISSION. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MANUEL TISCAREÑO TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

**28. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

*Mayor Lopez swore in Manuel Tiscareño to the Museum and the Historical Landmark Commission.*

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**20. DISCUSSION AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR SENIOR ACCOUNTANT, ACCOUNTING TECH I, ACCOUNTING TECH II AND ADMINISTRATION RECEPTIONIST.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR AND NEW TITLE TO RECREATION CENTER DIRECTOR.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE RECREATION CENTER ASSISTANT AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER TECHNICIAN AND NEW TITLES TO RECREATION COORDINATOR AND RECREATION LEADER.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move the Addendum to the Regular Agenda after Executive Session and to move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move up item number thirty-four (34)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CONSULT WITH CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INVESTIGATIONS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with City Council member Guillermo Madrid, Jr. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2. These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Guillermo Madrid, Jr., abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Police Lieutenant Joe Alvarez. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while the official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Police City Council member Gloria M. Rodriguez. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay, Motion passed.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with City Council member Mary B. Garcia. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Mary B. Garcia, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay, Motion passed.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Police Sergeant Refugio Orta. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such accountants, financial and administrative consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for the City Council members and City Employees related to official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official travel and other matters involving actions in the course of official duties for the City of Socorro, as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with City Council member Jesus Gandara, Jr.. Said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of reimbursement of travel expenses and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, Jesus Gandara, Jr., abstained, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Lopez left the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:26 P.M.***

***ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:***

***30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PERSONAL INTEREST OF MAYOR OF SOCORRO IN DEALING WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO.***

***GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.***

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *authorize and direct City Manager to conduct investigation and report to City Council, with all documentation regarding Mayor Lopez's contract with the City of Socorro to purchase city property.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., 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 Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *authorize and direct City Manager and city staff to investigate and pursue enforcement of City of Socorro Ordinances and Regulations related to Mayor Lopez property located at 945 Socorro, Rd.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

***33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION.***

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve limited waiver of attorney client privilege for the City Attorney to give testimony related actions before the City Council as discussed in closed session and to approve written limited waiver of said privilege.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez, to *move back to item number thirty-four (34).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

***34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CONSULT WITH CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INVESTIGATIONS.***

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *authorize the City Attorney to employ special counsel to consult and advise Judge Alejandro Vidales, Jr., regarding official conduct of his capacity as Socorro Municipal Judge and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein is in the City's best interest; and 2.) These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

**35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF LOCAL AND STATE LAW IN REFERENCE TO INFORMATION REPORTING AND AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OR SPECIAL COUNSEL IN RELATION TO SUCH ACTIONS. JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *authorize employment of special counsel by City Attorney to consult with City Council Members with written permission from Mayor Pro-Tem regarding information reporting that it is determined to be false and detrimental to the interest and reputation of the City of Socorro and City Officials.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

**36. DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL TO CONSULT WITH CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INVESTIGATIONS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

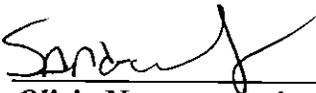
**37. DISCUSSION AND RECEIVE ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY ON POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF LOCAL AND STATE LAW IN REFERENCE TO INFORMATION REPORTING AND AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OR SPECIAL COUNSEL IN RELATION TO SUCH ACTIONS. JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items thirty-six (36) and thirty-seven (37).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed.

**38. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 9:33 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay, and Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Mayor Pro Tem breaks ties and votes aye. Motion passed.

  
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**Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem**

  
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**Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk**  
Sandra Hernandez

10-4-2012  
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**Date when minutes were approved**