

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jesús Gandara Jr. *(Arrived to the meeting during Executive Session)*

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Rodolfo Mata, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Planning & Zoning Director Sam Leony*

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

Mary B. Garcia, Council Representative District 3 spoke regarding the 911 anniversary.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Suky Ramos, Sergio Jaime, Raquel Benitez, Ralph Duran, Chito Bowling, Rosa Rodriguez, Dolores Rios, Alicia Payan, Enrique Campaya, Oscar Madrid, Raul Mendoza, Jose Diaz, and Maria Hernandez, spoke during Public Comment. Gloria Hernandez was present but declined to speak, and Maria Escandon and Maria Munoz signed up to speak but were not present.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- 5. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK PROCLAMATION 2012. MARY B. GARCIA**

Judge Vidales read the proclamation.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items nine (9) and ten (10)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Maria Reyes, voting aye, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., absent. Motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MR. JUAN CASTANEDA TO THE MUSEUM COMMISSION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number nine (9)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Maria Reyes, voting aye, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., absent. Motion passed.

**10. SWEARUBG IN OF MR. GILBERT LUJAN AND MR. ARTURO MORALES TO RESPECTIVE BOARDS/COMMISSIONS. MARY B. GARCIA**

During this time Mr. Gilbert Lujan was sworn in on his re-appointment to the Historical Land Mark Commission, by Mayor Lopez.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**6. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public Hearing opened at 5:39 p.m.*

*Ralph Duran, Suky Ramos, Blanca Fuentes, Victoria Guillen, Luis Sigala, Sergio Jaime, Lorenza Fraire, Rosa Rodriguez and Jose Marquez spoke during Public Hearing.*

*Public Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.*

**7. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

***Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.***

***No Speakers***

***Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.***

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

***Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.***

***No Speakers***

***Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.***

- 11. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number eleven (11)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, Maria Reyes, voting nay, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, 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 Maria Reyes, voting aye, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., absent. Motion passed.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:18 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Jesus Gandara, Jr., arrived to the meeting during Executive Session.

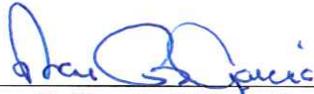
***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:42 P.M.***

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING MATTERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**15. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:43 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed



Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

Sandra Hernandez

10-4-2012

Date when minutes were approved