

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
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 5:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Council Representative District 1, Maria Reyes*

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 Mary B. Garcia to *move items four (4) and nine (9), after Executive Session.* 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5. APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND MAYOR PRO TEM TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TOWN OF HORIZON, COUNTY OF EL PASO, AND THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS VARIOUS TRANSPORTATION PROJECT IN THE EL PASO AREA.**
- JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

6. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE COST ESTIMATE FOR TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION PERTAINING TO EXTENDING OLD HUECO RD., FROM NORTH LOOP TO POTENTIALLY SOCORRO, RD.**
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

7. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND FINALIZING A TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING AS IT RELATES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO IN A MULTIPLE JURISDICTION COOPERATIVE IN EL PASO COUNTY.**
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

8. **APPROVAL OF RENAMING APPROXIMATELY 9 ACRE PARK/POND AREA IN MARGARITAS SUBDIVISION, "SILVESTRE REYES PARK" IN DISTRICT 4.**
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve 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 Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move up item number eleven (11)*. 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number eleven (11)*. 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 Jesus Gandara, Jr., *convene into a thirty minute recess*. 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.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 5:12 P.M.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 5:42 P.M.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *reconsider item number eleven (11)*. 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.

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve the budget with the change to include four (4%) COLA to all employees with the exception of those who were already approved with pay scales from the Socorro City Council which are Court Department and Police Officers; and in the interest of fiduciary responsibility to unfund the position of Municipal Clerk, in the Municipal Court Department which is at 23,004.80 annual salary and Senior Accountant in the Finance Department because the Chief Financial Officer position (CPA) will be assuming those responsibility in duplication at \$44,304.00 annual salary*. 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. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *approve the property tax rate be increased by adoption of ordinance setting tax rate of .565805 which is effectively 14.66% increase in tax rate for fiscal year starting October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013*. 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 Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:41 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:00P.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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4. *PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 293 AMENDMENT NO. 4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m.

Lorenza Fraire, Suky Ramos, Sergio Jaime, Oscar Madrid, Ernesto Gomez and Arturo Robles spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

- 9. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 293 AMENDMENT NO. 4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes to *deny item number nine (9)*. No second, motion died.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandra, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number nine (9)*. 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.

5. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to adjourn at 7:39 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