

Vacant
Mayor
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
At Large
Maria Reyes
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2
Mary B. García
District 3/Mayor Pro-Tem
Jesús Gandara Jr.
District 4
Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Gloria M. Rodriguez
Mary B. Garcia
Jesús Gandara Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by Anibal Olague.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move Presentation item before executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2012.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
7. **APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR A PARADE NEAR SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATED AT 401 PASSMORE ON DECEMBER 12, 2012.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
8. **APPROVE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE TRACT 9, 9A, AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*
9. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr., to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; ESTABLISHING COMPREHENSIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR RABIES CONTROL; PROVIDING FOR HUMANS BITTEN OR SCRATCHED BY ANIMALS SUSCEPTIBLE TO RABIES; PROVIDING FOR QUARANTINE PROCEDURE FOR BITING/SCRATCHING ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DOG, CAT AND FERRET REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR ANIMAL NUISANCES; PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR DANGEROUS ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE WHERE DANGEROUS ANIMALS RESIDE, PROVIDING IMPOUNDMENT FEES; PROVIDING ANIMAL OWNERSHIP LIMITATION; PROVIDING FOR REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN FOWL; PROVIDING FOR TREATMENT OF ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR SANITARY CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRAPS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF CITY OFFICIALS FROM LIABILITY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, REPEALING AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION FOR THE CAPTION THEREOF.**

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 10 with the exemption of property zoned Agricultural Ranchland*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *reconsider Consent Agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve Consent Agenda with the exception of items 8 and 9*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *move item 8 back to Planning and Zoning Commission*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item 9*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ZONE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE FOR THE ZONE; NAMING THE ZONE "TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS"; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT FUND FOR THE ZONE; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 11*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO USE STREETS, ALLEYS, THOROUGHFARES AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SYSTEM BY THE GRANTEE, AND REPEALING THE PRESENT FRANCHISE ORDINANCE. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 12*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CREATE A NO BULLYING ORDINANCE.
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item 13*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CREATE A NO LOITERING ORDINANCE.
GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item 14*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND CITY OF SOCORRO'S
OVERTIME POLICIES. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 15*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO
SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT
AUSTIN LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
UNDER ITS ENERGY-EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE GRANTS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$60,000 TO ADOPT ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES IN
THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER COMPLEX. THE CITY WILL
COMMIT A MATCH OF \$30,000. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item 16*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT
APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO THE TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TEXAS TRANSPORTATION
ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item 17 in the amount of \$50,000*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY SPECIAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Anibal Olague gave a brief presentation of grants.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 6:51 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:51 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:28 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

OPEN SESSION:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve contract for purchase of Morales property for \$42,500 according to terms discussed in closed session.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

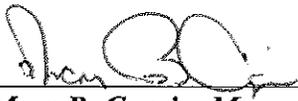
**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND
RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items 21 and 22*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

23. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *adjourn at 8:30 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.



Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

1.3.2013

Date when minutes were approved