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
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 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

STAFF ABSENT:
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was led by David Garcia.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECOMMENDATION OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE OF RECORD INSURANCE SERVICES FOR CITY OF SOCORRO'S HEALTH/LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT COVERAGE. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve Hub International Insurance Services.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR AUDITING FIRM. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 5.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND CITY OF EL PASO'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Council members briefly discussed services and costs.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *postpone item 6 and have Manny Soto involved since he has institutional knowledge in regards to the contact.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYMENT OF FIRE CHIEF. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *accept City Manager's recommendation of Jim Langborg.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez, to *move into Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:48 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:51 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

OPEN SESSION:

***11.* 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.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *find that Socorro Police Officer Bobby Correa acted in good faith in the course and scope of his employment with the City of Socorro in connection with charges or investigations brought by the El Paso County Sheriff and that it is in the best interest of the City of Socorro and the administration of the City of Socorro Policy Department to authorize representation of said officer in the event that representation of said officer does not continue to be extended by CLEAT, and further in this event to authorize the City Attorney to engage competent defense counsel to represent said officer.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *accept the City Attorney's recommendation to appoint a hearing officer to hear Whistleblower claims receive by the Human Resources Department and to authorize the City Attorney to engage a competent and experienced hearing officer at a reasonable rate of compensation to conduct these hearings. Motion carried unanimously.* Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve a Resolution of the City of Socorro, Texas authorizing legal action against the El Paso County Sheriff and El Paso County Sheriff Deputies on behalf of the City of Socorro, its officials and employees including police officers for harassment, official oppression, abuse of process, unlawful search and seizure, violation of civil rights, to recover original financial records and property of the City of Socorro; and recover expenses incurred by the City of Socorro in connection therewith.* Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. *approve a Resolution of the City of Socorro, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a complaint to the American Civil Liberties Union and the Texas Attorney General regarding harassment, violation of, civil rights, unlawful search and seizure, official oppression and abusive process by the El Paso County Sheriff's Department directed for the City of Socorro officials, employees, and City of Socorro police officers.* Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *authorize City Manager to appoint interim commanding officer for police department and any salary that comes with it.* Motion passed 3-0.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

No action

13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *postpone item until next meeting.* Motion passed 3-0.

14. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *adjourn at 7:57 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