

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor
Rene Rodriguez
At Large
Maria Reyes
District 1 / Mayor Pro-Tem



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2
Mary B. Garcia
District 3
Joseph E. Bowling
District 4
Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Gloria M. Rodriguez
Maria Reyes
Joseph E. Bowling

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. Garcia

STAFF PRESENT:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was recited by Joe Deturo.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Porras, Ralph Duran, Bill Hagan, Suky Ramos, Tommy Faulkner, Trini Lopez and Joe De Turo addressed city council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 316, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING STREET AND HOUSE NUMBERS SIGNS FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Public hearing opened at 6:25 p.m.

Ralph Duran, Trini Lopez and Joe De Turo spoke in regards to Ordinance 316.

Public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2013 AND MAY 23, 2013 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2013.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

7. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 14-B AND 14-C, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT (312 BUFORD ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ASSISTED LIVING CENTER. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

8. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 16, COUNTRY GREEN SUBDIVISION (10912 LYDIA DRIVE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL WITH THE CONTINGENCY THAT NO COMMERCIAL INGRESS AND EGRESS IS ALLOWED ON LYDIA ROAD.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

9. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHILDCARE HOME AT LOT 5, BLOCK 4, POOLE SUBDIVISION (10841 STACI LANE). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

10. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE #4 (2615 DARRINGTON ROAD) FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) BUT RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING).**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

11. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING JOE DETURO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 1.** **MARIA REYES**

12. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING ELIA GARCIA TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 3.**

JESUS RUIZ

13. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING TOMMY FAULKNER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 5.**

JESUS RUIZ

14. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING TOMMY FAULKNER TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

JESUS RUIZ

15. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING JOE DETURO TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

MARIA REYES

16. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING SUKI RAMOS TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION.**

MARIA REYES

17. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING RALPH DURAN TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

MARIA REYES

18. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING JANET ARTEAGA TO HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION.**

JESUS RUIZ

19. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

ADDENDUM TO CONSENT

20. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING MARTHA TRUJILLO TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR PLACE 2.**

RENE RODRIGUEZ

21. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 458 TO VOID AND ABOLISH RESOLUTION 451.**

MARIA REYES

22. **APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF .2777 ACRES OF LAND FROM THE COUNTY OF EL PASO TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

23. **CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 5, SAN YSIDRO SUBDIVISION (11270 SAN YSIDRO ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

24. **CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 1 AND 2, NORTH LOOP ACRES SUBDIVISION (605 STEDHAM CIRCLE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

25. **CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1,**

VILLA MORENA SUBDIVISION (180 S. HORIZON) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

26. CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 9, 9A AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT (LAS MARGARITAS SUBDIVISION) FROM R-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

27. CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, EL CAMPESTRE SUBDIVISION (11510 LA FOGATA ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez, to *approve items 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 10, 23, and 26; to table items 21, 22, 24, 25, and 27, and to deny items 7 and 8.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

REGULAR AGENDA

28. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

During this time, board members were sworn in to their respective boards/commissions.

29. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 316, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING STREET AND HOUSE NUMBERS SIGNS FOR THE USE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item 29.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 280, SECTION V, TO INCLUDE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 30.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND OBLIGATING FUNDING FOR SOCORRO'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR PHASE I OF OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD EXTENSION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item after executive session.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION ON AN OFFER OF EL PASO COUNTY TO PURCHASE DELINQUENT TAX LAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 34.05 (I) OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item 32*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

After discussion on this item, Gloria Rodriguez commented she would change her vote to aye.

- 33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, U.S. BORDER PATROL, EL PASO SECTOR AND THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN REGARDS TO COMMUNICATION SHARING.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 33*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

- 34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item 34*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

- 35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SIGNALIZATION PROJECT FOR SPEED HUMPS AND STOP SIGNS IN DISTRICT 2.**

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve item 35. Motion died due to no second motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *table item 35*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

ADDENDUM TO REGULAR

- 36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER IN HIS DISCRETION TO ADD ITEMS TO THE AGENDA AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE POSTING OF THE NOTICE OF THE MEETING IF IT IS DETERMINED BY THE CITY MANAGER THAT THE MATTER IS TIME SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITHOUT DELAY.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve discussion and action* to authorize the City Manager with consent of Mayor in his discretion to add items to the agenda at any time prior to the posting of the notice of the meeting if it is determined by the City Manager and Mayor that the matter is time sensitive and should be acted upon by the city council without delay. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

- 37. RECONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORIES.**

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *reconsider item 37*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 37*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION.

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item 38 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION CONSULTANT POSITION.

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move item 39 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *move into Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:57 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Open Session:

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND OBLIGATING FUNDING FOR SOCORRO'S SHARE OF COSTS FOR PHASE I OF OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD EXTENSION.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table item 31*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER POSITION.

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct City Manager to prepare and present proposed amendment removing funding for public information officer position*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION CONSULTANT POSITION.

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *direct City Manager to terminate and issue notice of termination effective today for the municipal administration*

consultant position. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

42. **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.**

43. **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.**

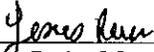
A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items 42-43.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

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

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve requested authority in connection with litigation mediation as discussed in closed session and as recommended by TML Risk Pool.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

45. **ADJOURN**

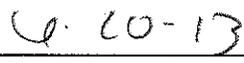
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:14 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved