

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodríguez**  
Representative At-Large

**Maria Reyes**  
Representative District 1/  
Mayor Pro-Tem



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
Representative District 2

**Mary B. García**  
Representative District 3

**Joseph E. Bowling**  
Representative District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 15, 2013

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. Garcia *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:17 p.m.)*

### STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Rodolfo Mata, City Attorney

### STAFF ABSENT:

Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ralph Duran.

### 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Salvador Vasquez, Luis Sigala, Manuel Molina, Maria Olivas, Ralph Duran, Sergio Jaime and Maria Vazquez spoke during Public Comment*

Mary B. Garcia arrived to the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

**5. PRESENTATION BY MARY KOZAK FROM 911 DISTRICT REGARDING 911 DISTRICT BUDGET. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Presentation made by Mary Kozak.

**6. RECOGNITION TO JOSE GARCIA OF EL PASO STAR READY MIX CO. SAM LEONY**

Recognition made by Willie Norfleet, Jr.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2012-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

*Public Hearing opened at 6:35 p.m.  
Suky Ramos and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.*

**8. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 320 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 304 AS AMENDED AND ORDINANCE 280 AS AMENDED. RENE RODRIGUEZ**

*Public Hearing opened at 6:44 p.m.  
Suky Ramos and Marcela Mars spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:47 p.m.*

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 321, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, HEREBY ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE AND PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, PUBLIC FINANCE AND INVESTMENT BOARD AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 303, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS**

REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 252, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 147, AS AMENDED; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 144, AS AMENDED; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 287, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF A HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR SAID COMMISSION AND THE MEANS AND METHODS FOR HISTORICAL LANDMARK PRESERVATION WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 250, AMENDMENT 1, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A STRATEGY AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 186, AMENDMENT 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 186 AS REVISED 5 OCTOBER 2010, AMENDMENT NO. 3 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE AND FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 214; PROVIDING FOR REPEALING, SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE CAPTION HEREOF.

*RENE RODRIGUEZ*

*Public Hearing opened at 6:49 p.m.  
Ralph Duran and Suky Ramos  
Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2013.**  
*SANDRA HERNANDEZ*
  
10. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER/MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE EL PASO COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE ELECTION SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 ELECTION.**  
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

11. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR LINDA OLVERA, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ATTEND THE BASIC CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING, IN IRVING, TEXAS FROM AUGUST 9 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2013.**

**CHIEF JEFFREY WENDLING**

12. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR JOHNNY HARRELSON, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ATTEND THE BASIC CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM AUGUST 26, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 2013.**

**CHIEF JEFFREY WENDLING**

13. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF PORTION OF TRACT 13-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT (NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE), FROM R-@ (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING STORAGE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**

**SAM LEONY**

15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 2A1 AND 2A3, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT (NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE), FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

**SAM LEONY**

16. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED DEDICATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2.2424 ACRES OF LAND FROM TRACTS 5-J-1 AND 5-N, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 (NANCY ROAD) TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO. THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT RECORDS APPROVAL.**

**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the consent agenda and the addendum to the consent agenda with the exception of item number fifteen (15). Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF PORTION OF TRACT 13-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT (NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE), FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO M-2 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING STORAGE. THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**

**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *Suspend the Rule and allow speakers to speak for three (3) minutes.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

Manuel Molina, Emilia Diaz, Mr. Morgan, Laura Covarrubias, Manuel Molina, Jose Sariñana and Suky Ramos spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the denial of item number fifteen (15).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2012-2013 ADOPTED BUDGET. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 320 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AS AMENDED AND ORDINANCE 280 AS AMENDED. RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty (20).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**21. Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 295, Amendment No. 4, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting an amended organizational chart *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 321, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, HEREBY ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE AND PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, SOCORRO MUSEUM COMMISSION, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, PUBLIC FINANCE AND INVESTMENT BOARD AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; REPEALING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 303, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL***

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**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-one (21) with a deletion to the Civil Service Commission Functions, Duties, Procedures and Rules L. (excluding members of the City Council)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DISCRETIONARY FUNDS.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve \$1,000.00 discretionary funds starting October 1, 2013*. Motion carried unanimously

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DE BERRY GROUP CONTRACT.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was de by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *cancel the DeBerry Group Contract*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TRACT 3-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT. (FRAY OLGUIN RD)**  
**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

Mrs. Arrieta spoke on this item

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *suspend the rule and allow three (3) minutes per speaker*. Motion carried unanimously.

Cayetano Hernandez, Phillip Zuniga, and Rodolfo Mata spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *accept the meeting with the owner and if not proceed with eminent domain*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERIM POLICE CHIEF.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez, to *fill the position (see Exhibit "A")*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON COMMUNITIES OF DISTINCTION.**

**MARIA REYES**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MASTER PLAN BY SITES SOUTHWEST.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table for September 5, 2013 to allow new city council members to review*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow three (3) minutes per speaker*. Motion carried unanimously.

Suky Ramos spoke on this item.

**28 DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PLACING A PLAQUE AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK TO RECOGNIZE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS.**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez to *amend and place signs next to the Baseball signs at each entrance to the City of Socorro*. Motion died no second.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table item number twenty-eight (28) for September 5, 2013*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes, to *approve item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 27, 2013 AND SEPTEMBER 5, 2013, 2013 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *reconsider item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion carried unanimously.

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2013 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve the recommended rollback tax rate of .577847*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE VACATION BENEFITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE OVERTIME BENEFITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, POLICY.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE SICK LEAVE BENEFITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Rees to *approve Item number thirty-three (33) effective October 1, 2013.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty four (34).* Motion carried unanimously.

**35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDDING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AUDIT SERVICES.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the recommendation of White, Samaniego & Campbell and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate an engagement letter.* Motion carried unanimously.

**36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDDING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR FORENSIC AUDIT SERVICES.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve the recommendation of Weaver LLP and authorize the Chief Financial Officer to negotiate an engagement letter.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

**37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK, WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY, AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH EXERPLAY INC. UNDER REGION 19 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (ZRF#13-6902)**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *suspend the rule and allow three (3) minutes per speaker.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

Suky Ramos and Martha Trujillo spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number thirty-seven (37).* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, voting nay. Motion passed.

**38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A RE-CERTIFICATION APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME RESERVATION SYSTEM PROGRAM. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-eight (38)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AMENDED PURCHASING POLICY. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty nine to include changes*.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *table item number thirty nine (39)*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

**40. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2013 THRU JUNE 30, 2013. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number forty (40)*. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed.

**41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 463 AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORIES. KARINA HAGELSIEB**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number forty-one (41)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**42. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION REGARDING JESUS GANDARA, JR., FOR MONIES OWED TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO. RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number forty-two (42)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

**43. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FIRE CHIEF POSITION.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *unfund the position for the next fiscal year, and issue a letter of recommendation to the Fire Chief and \$7,500.00 for moving expenses.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:36 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 10:24 PM**

***Open Session:***

- 47. 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.***

- 48. 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 forty seven (47) and forty-eight (48).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 49. 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 *delete item number forty-nine (49).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 50. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING CITY ATTORNEY.**

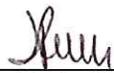
***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Law Firm of Blanco Ordonez Mata and Wallace Law Firm.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting nay, and Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *appoint James Martinez, as the City Attorney*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia voting aye. Motion passed.

**51. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. bowing to *adjourn at 10:44 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

  
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**

  
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**Minutes prepared by  
Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk**

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**Date minutes approved**