

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

**NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE
PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION
FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO
THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915)
858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY THE 5th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY
HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH
TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. Public Comment

PRESENTATION

5. *Recognition* of Police Officers *Elijah Silas* and *John Paul Hernandez*.

Maria Reyes

PUBLIC HEARING

6. *Second Public Hearing* on City of Socorro's Property Tax Rate and presentation by
City Manager/Chief Financial Officer regarding the tax rate calculations and revenue.

Willie Norfleet, Jr.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA. REMOVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION OF A REQUESTED ZONE CHANGE FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. ***Approval*** of Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 15 and August 27, 2013 and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2013. ***Sandra Hernandez***
8. ***Approval*** of Resolution of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas, authorizing the City's participation in the Texas Department of housing and Community Affairs Home Investment Partnerships Reservation System; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Home Program Reservation System. ***Anibal Olague***
9. ***Approval*** to waive fees for a church bazaar at San Felipe De Jesus Catholic Church located at 401 Passmore on October 4, 5, and 6, 2013. Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
10. ***Approval*** to waive the even permit fee for the Socorro High School Annual Parade to be held on September 5, 2013. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
11. ***Approval*** of travel for police dispatchers, Anabel Davila and Trinity Jara, to attend Communications Training Officer Seminar in Houston, Texas from October 8 and 9, 2013. ***Lt. Montoya***

REGULAR AGENDA

12. ***Discussion and action*** to announce the date on which City Council will take final action on the Tax Rate and on the Municipal Budget. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
13. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** on Ordinance 295, Amendment No. 5, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting an amended organizational chart for the City of Socorro. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
14. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 322, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014 for the City of Socorro, Texas. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
15. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 323, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, 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 on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
16. ***Discussion and action*** on appointing Socorro Police Sergeant Bernie Salinas as Representative for the City of Socorro on the 911 District Board of Managers effective September 6, 2013. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
17. ***Discussion and action*** on amending the vacation benefits of the City of Socorro Employee Handbook. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
18. ***Discussion and action*** to approve purchase of playground equipment for Mauro Rosas Par, waive the City of Socorro Purchasing Policy, and sign a contract with ExerPlay Inc. under Region 19 Cooperative Purchasing Program (ZRFP#13-6902). ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
19. ***Discussion and action*** to direct the City Manager to issue a Request for Bid for the Construction of Socorro Bridge. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
20. ***Discussion and action*** on hiring Interim Police Chief. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
21. ***Discussion and action*** of proposed increment of service fees for the Planning and Zoning Department. ***Sam Leony***
22. ***Discussion and action*** on hearing officer's decision and recommendation on former senior accountant's whistleblower claim. ***Jerry Wallace***
23. ***Discussion and action*** on hearing officer's decision and recommendation on assistant city clerk's whistleblower claim. ***Jerry Wallace***

- 24. Discussion and action** on approving amended Purchasing Policy. *Karina Hagelsieb*
- 25. Discussion and action** to conduct investigation regarding Jesus Gandara, Jr., for monies owed to the City of Socorro. *Rene Rodriguez*
- 26. Discussion and action** on the Buford / Horizon Road Project regarding relocation of utilities and costs. *Jesus Ruiz*
- 27. Discussion and action** on prohibiting salvage yards in Socorro. *Gloria M. Rodriguez*
- 28. Discussion and action** on Master Plan by Sites Southwest. *Gloria M. Rodriguez*
- 29. 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*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 – 551.076 to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but Council may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076 DELIBERATION

Discussion on the following:

- 30. Discussion** 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. *Blanco, Ordonez, Mata & Wallace, P.C.*
- 31. Discussion** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. *Blanco, Ordonez, Mata & Wallace, P.C.*

Open Session:

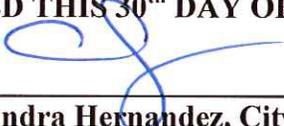
- 32. Discussion and action** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
- 33. 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.*

34. Discussion and action regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

35. Adjourn

DATED THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST 2013.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

DATED THIS 30th DAY OF AUGUST.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 8:30-13 @ 10:30 am
Removed: _____ Time: _____ By: _____