

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
JULY 2, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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 Ralph Duran.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Duran, Tommy Faulkner, Suky Ramos, and Maya Sanchez addressed city council.

PRESENTATION

**5. PRESENTATION BY ANIBAL OLAGUE REGARDING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
PROJECT UPDATE. ANIBAL OLAGUE**

Anibal Olague gave a brief update of the Safe Routes to Schools Project.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2013
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2013.**
SANDRA HERNANDEZ
7. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING RICHARD LARA TO PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION.**
JOSEPH E. BOWLING
8. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING IRMA TRUJILLO TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.**
JOSEPH E. BOWLING
9. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTING SUKY RAMOS TO THE MUSEUM COMMISSION.**
JOSEPH E. BOWLING
10. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve consent agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. **SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS.**
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT.**
JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item 12 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AT THE END OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CITIZENS A MORE TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT AS PER CITY OF SOCORRO CHARTER, SECTION 3.12 (G), AND TO RECOMMEND THE REPORT TO BE POSTED ON CITY OF SOCORRO'S WEBSITE AFTER PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

MARIA REYES

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item 13*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF SHADED CANOPIES FOR RIO VISTA PARK, MOON CITY PARK, CIELO AZUL PONDING/PARK AND PARADISE PARK AND TO WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY.**

MARIA REYES

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item 14 with the addition of Valle Del Sol Park and Montreal Park, and the deletion of Rio Vista Park*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FOLLOW UP ON THE DEBT OWED TO CITY OF SOCORRO FROM FORMER CITY REPRESENTATIVE JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

MARIA REYES

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item 15*. Motion failed with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting nay and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye. Motion failed 2-3.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *table item 15*. Motion passed with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 70, MOON ADDITION FROM LEGAL NON-CONFORMING C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MECHANIC SHOP.**

MARIA REYES

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *reconsider item 16*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 16*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER ON HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A CAR LOT LOCATED AT LOT 1, BLOCK 1, CASTROSEGAL SUBDIVISION (11520 SOCORRO ROAD).**

MARY B. GARCIA

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *reconsider item 17*. Motion failed. 3-2

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HIRING A CITY ENGINEER. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item 18*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONTRACTING A PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 19*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS POSITION. JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move item 20 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIVE VEHICLES FOR THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY, ADHERE TO THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 271.102 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CASA FORD UNDER REGION 19 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (RFP#12-6846). JESSICA DIAZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 21*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

22. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 295, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. JEFFREY L. WENDLING

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item 22*. 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 3-2.

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR POLICE LIEUTENANT. JEFFREY L. WENDLING

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 23*. 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 3-2.

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AMEND THE PURCHASING POLICY SECTION III A TO ALLOW THE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PURCHASE REQUISITION REQUESTS BY THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TO ALLOW THE ELECTRONIC APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE REQUISITION BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND/OR CITY CLERK. KARINA HAGELSIEB

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 24*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE PURCHASING POLICY SECTION IV A.3 TO ALLOW UNENCUMBERED PAYMENTS FOR PURCHASES NOT TO EXCEED \$500 PER TRANSACTIONS PER VENDOR AND NOT TO EXCEED AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$3000 UNENCUMBERED PAYMENTS PER VENDOR IN ONE FISCAL YEAR.**
KARINA HAGELSIEB

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 25*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:34 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:24 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Open Session:

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT.**

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *terminate and issue notice of termination effective today for the city attorney*. 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 3-2.

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS POSITION.**

JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item 20*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 28. 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.

- 29. 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.***

**30. *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 items 28-30.*
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

31. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:27*
p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved