

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
Representative At-Large

Maria Reyes
Representative District 1/
Mayor Pro-Tem



Gloria M. Rodriguez
Representative District 2

Mary B. Garcia
Representative District 3

Joseph E. Bowling
Representative District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director
Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Daniel Ordonez, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlos Sepulveda, Juan Castañeda, Ralph Duran, Luis Sigala, Sergio Jaime, and Suky Ramos spoke during Public Comment

5. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4-10, 2013
SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL NAVAL JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS
TRAINING CORPS WEEK.** **MARIA REYES**

Proclamation read and plaque presented by Mayor Jesus Ruiz to Chief Reyes of Socorro High School.

Gloria M. Rodriguez recognized the attendance to the meeting of County Commissioner Vince Perez.

PRESENTATION

6. **Presentation** by *Christian A. Nill* regarding economic development. **Rene Rodriguez**

Presentation made by Christian A. Nill and Rafael Arellano, Rural & Small Town Economic Development Specialists of the City of El Paso's Development Department.

7. **Presentation** by *Jim Campbell* regarding legislative report. **Willie Norfleet, Jr.**

Presentation made by Jim Campbell, Senior Vice President of the DeBerry Group of San Antonio, Texas in regards his representation at the legislative level for the City of Socorro.

8. **Presentation** by *Accion Texas* regarding small businesses. **Gloria Rodriguez**

Presentation made by Elvira Valles accompanied by Enrique Aragon and Alex Valles of Accion Texas in reference to small business loans.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **Public Hearing** of Ordinance 295, Amendment No. 4, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting an amended organizational chart for the City of Socorro.

Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling

Public Hearing Opened at 7:10

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 7:10

10. **Public Hearing** of Ordinance 319, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas authorizing the incorporation of San Elizario, Texas within an area included in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Socorro, Texas. **Maria Reyes**

*Public Hearing Opened at 7:10 p.m.
Maya Sanchez and Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.*

CONSENT AGENDA

11. *Approval* of Special City Council Meeting Minutes of July 9, 11, and 24, 2013 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2013. ***Sandra Hernandez***
12. *Approval of Planning and Zoning Commission's* recommendation on proposed conditional use permit for child care home at Lot 2, Block 1, La Junta Subdivision. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
13. *Approval of Planning and Zoning Commission's* recommendation on proposed conditional use permit for mechanic shop at Lot 21, Block 1, Lynn Park Subdivision. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
14. *Approval of Planning and Zoning Commission's* recommendation to waive fees for a church bazaar at *La Purisima Catholic Church* located at 328 S. Nevarez on September 27, 28, and 29, 2013. ***Sam Leony***
15. *Approval* of reappointing *Eugene Trujillo* to *Board of Adjustment*. ***Rene Rodriguez***
16. *Approval* of appointing *Janet Arteaga* *Civil Service Commission* Place 7. ***Rene Rodriguez***
17. *Approval* of travel for *Israel Rodriguez* to attend *Hiring and Background Investigations* training in Rio Rancho, New Mexico from August 4-7, 2013. ***Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling***
18. *Approval* of travel for *Christopher Rey* to attend *Internal Affairs Training* in Kansas City, Missouri from August 26-30, 2013. ***Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling***
19. *Excuse* absent council Members. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria Mr. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Rene Rodriguez, abstained. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

20. *Swearing* in of newly elected officials. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

During this time Mayor Ruiz swore in Janet Arteaga and Eugene Trujillo.

- 21. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 295, Amendment No. 4, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting an amended organizational chart for the City of Socorro. ***Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez, to *approve item number twenty-one (21)* 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.

- 22. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 319, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas authorizing the incorporation of San Elizario, Texas within an area included in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of Socorro, Texas. ***Maria Reyes***

Motion made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item number twenty-two (22) with Exhibit "B" describing the property.* Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Rene Rodriguez, abstained. Motion passed.

- 23. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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 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***

Motion made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number twenty-three (23).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 24. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** for 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 Funding and Investment Board and Civil Service Commission; Repealing certain sections of Ordinance 303, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas regulating Municipal Parks, Establishing Procedures for Special Events and permits within 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 252, an Ordinance establishing the Socorro Museum Commission for the City of Socorro, Texas; repealing Ordinance No. 147, as amended; repealing Ordinance 144, as Amended; repealing certain sections of Ordinance 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 186 Amendment No. 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; providing for repealing, savings and severability clauses; providing for an effective date; and providing for the Publication of the caption thereof. **Rene Rodriguez**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 25. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** 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 Maria Reyes to *approve item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 26. Discussion and action** on discretionary funds. **Rene Rodriguez**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 27. Discussion and action** on amending Municipal Judge's contract. **Rene Rodriguez**

- 28. Discussion and action** on De Berry Group contract. **Rene Rodriguez**

- 29. Discussion and action** on city engineer salary, benefits, and funding. **Rene Rodriguez**

- 30. Discussion and action** to cease and desist from paying legal fees immediately and direct written notice be issued immediately to Brett Duke, P.C. **Rene Rodriguez**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *move items twenty-seven, (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), and thirty (30) into Executive Session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 31. Discussion and action** to approve the purchase and installation of doors, video/camera system, sound system, and access control system for 124 S. Horizon (City Administration) and 860 Rio Vista (City Council Chambers) and to waive the City of Socorro Purchasing Policy. **Maria Reyes**

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** to approve purchase of twenty park tables for *Moon City Park, Paradize Park, Cielo Azul Park, Valle Del Sol Park, and Montreal Park*, and to waive the City of Socorro Purchasing Policy. **Jessica Diaz**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve with four park tables for each park*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting nay. Motion failed.

Motion made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number thirty-two (32), as recommended by the Park Director*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 33. Discussion and action** to sign an *Interlocal Agreement* with El Paso County and El Paso County Sheriff's Office to participate in and receive funding for Operation Stonegarden. **Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirty-three (33) with City Manager as main contact for the city to receive and the Mayor the authorized signatory*. Motion passed with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

- 34. Discussion and action** on amending job description for police lieutenant. **Chief Jeffrey L. Wendling**

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

- 35. Discussion and action** on *Communities of Distinction*. **Maria Reyes**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number thirty-five (35)* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:09 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 27. Discussion and action** on amending Municipal Judge's contract. **Rene Rodriguez**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *authorize the mayor to execute any agreement that may be reached with the City of Socorro as discussed in Executive Session*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

28. Discussion and action on De Berry Group contract. *Rene Rodriguez*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

29. Discussion and action on city engineer salary, benefits, and funding. *Rene Rodriguez*

30. Discussion and action to cease and desist from paying legal fees immediately and direct written notice be issued immediately to Brett Duke, P.C. *Rene Rodriguez*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

41. 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.*

42. 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.*

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

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *delete items forty-one (41), forty-two (42), and forty-three (43)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

44. Discussion and action on the City Manager's recommendation regarding termination of the Socorro Municipal Court Coordinator. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

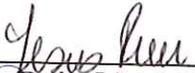
45. Discussion and action on the City Manager's recommendation regarding termination of the Socorro Human Resources Director. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

46. Discussion and action on the City Manager's recommendation regarding termination of the Socorro Public Works Director. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve items forty-four (44), forty-five (45), and forty-six (46)*. Motion carried with Rene Rdriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

47. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:28 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



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



Date minutes approved