

Jesús 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesus Ruiz
Maria Reyes
Joseph E. Bowling
Gloria Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. Garcia
Rene Rodríguez (Arrived to the meeting at 6:12 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
James Martinez, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Leony

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Duran, Salvador Vasquez., Tommy Faulkner, Luis Sigala, Sergio Jaime, Lorenza Fraire, and Laura Rizo spoke during Public Comment.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **PUBLIC HEARING OF 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.

Public Hearing opened at 6:25 p.m.

Suky Ramos, Tommy Faulkner, and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

6. **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.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:33 p.m.

Suky Ramos, Tommy Faulkner, and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing Closed at 6:43 p.m.

7. **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.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:43 p.m.

Suky Ramos, Tommy Faulkner, and Lorenza Fraire spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing Closed at 6:58 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eight (8) to include city engineer*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting nay, and Mary B. Garcia absent. Motion passed.

9. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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.*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

10. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting nay, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX RATE SET FORTH IN THE TAX RATE ORDINANCE NO. 323 AND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 322.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Ralph Duran, Tommy Faulkner, and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve and ratify the rate increase set forth by Ordinance 322 and Budget Ordinance 323 for the City of Socorro, Texas*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph Bowling, voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING JESUS RUIZ AND RENE RODRIGUEZ AS INVESTMENT OFFICERS.** *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PAYMENT APPROVAL FOR CURREY ADKINS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00 WITH AN AFTER THE FACT PURCHASE ORDER. *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PAYMENT APPROVAL FOR FUSION COLLISION CENTER INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,220.00 WITH AN AFTER THE FACT PURCHASE ORDER. *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF FISCAL YEAR 2012 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY STRICKLER & PRIETO, LLP ACCOUNTING FIRM. *KARINA HAGELSIEB*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HIRING INTERIM POLICE CHIEF. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion died no second.

A motion was made by Joseph E. Bowling, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table for the meeting of September 19, 2013 for item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting nay, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:33 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:33 P.M.

- 19. 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.

- 20. 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.**

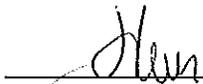
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

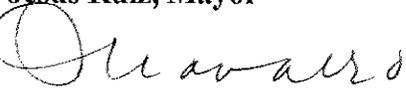
A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items nineteen (19), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 8:34 p.m.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Minutes prepared by
Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

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Date minutes approved