

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 19, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. García (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:10 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 James Martinez

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Castañeda, Suky Ramos, Ralph Duran, Laura Rizo, Albert Ortiz, Sergio Jaime, Tommy Faulkner, and Rick Avalos spoke during Public Comment, R. Salas signed up to speak but was not present.

Mary B. García arrived to the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

PRESENTATION

- 5. RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT EDMUNDO MONTOYA AND SERGEANT ANDREW DEANGELO, BY ESGR OMBUDSMAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Lieutenant Edmundo Montoya received a plaque from ESGR, and Sergeant Andrew DeAngelo was not present to receive his plaque.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2013. SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
- 7. APPROVAL OF HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS OF EXTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR RIO VISTA SUBSTATION BUILDING (860 RIO VISTA) TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY COVERING SIDING REMOVAL OF A/C UNIT, REPLACE AN A/C UNIT WITH A MINI SPLIT A/C UNIT, REPLACE ROOF, PAINT TO MATCH PRESENT COLOR, STUCK SOUTH SIDE OF BUILDING WITH NO STRUCTURAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE BUILDING UNTIL APPROVAL FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION. THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY**
- 8. APPROVAL OF HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ON NEW COMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTER AT LOT 15, BLOCK 1, WILLARD MEEK SUBDIVISION (11801 SOCORRO RD.) HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY**
- 9. APPROVAL OF HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ON EXTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR SUBWAY RESTAURANT (11400 SOCORRO RD.) HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY**
- 10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *table items eight (8) and nine (9)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item numbers six (6), seven (7), with a correction to read Texas Historical Commission and eight (8)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HIRING INTERIM POLICE CHIEF.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *delete item number eleven (11)*. 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.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE A HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *accept the City Manager's recommendation to hire Adriana Rodarte, as the Human Resource Director*. Motion carried with Mary B. Garcia, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

13. 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 Maria Reyes seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH *WHITE, SAMANIEGO, AND CAMPBELL, LLP* FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AUDIT.

KARINA HAGELSIEB

Brad Vogue, of White, Samaniego, and Campbell, LLP made a brief presentation.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED JULY 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR POSTING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO WEB-PAGE.

KARINA HAGELSIEB

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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,500.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION TO UPGRADE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERROGATION ROOM VIDEO AND AUDIO EQUIPMENT.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA FOR
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO**

The following is added to the City Council Agenda for Thursday September 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**1a. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 465 FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.
ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve 1a*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**1b. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number sixteen (1b)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

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.

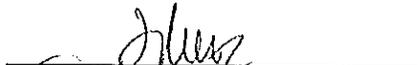
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

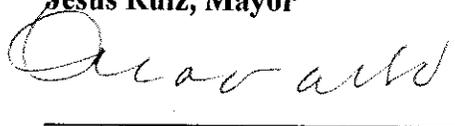
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete items nineteen (19), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

22. ADJOURN

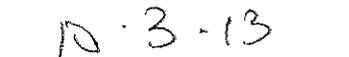
A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:11 p.m.* Motion carried with unanimously. Motion passed.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Minutes prepared by
Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved