



Vacant
Mayor

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
At Large

Maria Reyes
District 1

Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Mary B. García
District 3/Mayor Pro-Tem

Jesús Gandara Jr.
District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Mary B. García
Jesús Gandara Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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 led by Manny Soto.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Castaneda and Joe De Turo addressed the council.

PRESENTATIONS

5. **PRESENTATION BY CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT (TIRE CLEAN UP).** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Lt. Alvarez gave a brief presentation of the success of the tire clean up on September 22, 2012 and September 29, 2012.

6. **PRESENTATION BY PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director, gave a brief presentation of the duties, goals, and upcoming projects of the department.

7. **PRESENTATION BY CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY AND TEXAS A&M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE TO PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE PROPOSED ZONE.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Teresa Quezada, representative from the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, gave a brief presentation on the Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) and how it would impact the City of Socorro.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A NEW RETAIL ELECTRIC RATE PROPOSED BY EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR LARGE POWER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED NEW RATE SCHEDULE NO. 25A.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Public hearing opened at 6:41 p.m.

Marybeth G. Stevens, representative of El Paso Electric Company, provided council a brief synopsis of the new retail electric rate.

Public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH A TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE TO PROMOTE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS WITHIN THE PROPOSED ZONE.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

Public hearing opened and closed at 6:53 p.m. There were no speakers.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2012 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2012.** ***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

- 11. APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING NEWLY PURCHASED LAND ON HORIZON BOULEVARD AS THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATION COMPLEX AND DESIGNATING COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE AS CITY COUNCIL LIAISON FOR THE PROJECT.** ***GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.***

ADDENDUM TO CONSENT AGENDA

- 12. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TEXAS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST SAFETY IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** ***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

- 13. APPROVAL FOR OCTOBER FIESTA AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK ON OCTOBER 27, 2012 AND DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3 AS LIAISON FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF EVENT.** ***MARY B. GARCIA***

- 14. APPROVAL FOR WALK FOR CANCER AWARENESS SPONSORED BY SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK ON OCTOBER 27, 2012.** ***MARY B. GARCIA***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve items 10 through 12 with exclusion of items 13 and 14 of the Consent Agenda.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *delete items 13 and 14 of the Consent Agenda.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT PAUL GUERRA TO THE PARK COMMISSION.** ***GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ***
- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT GEORGE RIOS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** ***GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ***

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT ARNULFO SALAZAR TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT MARY PEREZ TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RE-APPOINT CHARLIE DOMINGUEZ TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

20. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve items 15, 16, 18, 19 with the exclusion of item 17 and to delete item 20.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve Arnulfo Salazar to the Civil Service Commission in place four.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONSIDERING AND TAKING ACTION ON LETTER OF RESIGNATION BY MAYOR TRINI LOPEZ AND SCHEDULING ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *accept resignation letter from Mayor Trini Lopez.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *reconsider item 21.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *acknowledge resignation letter of Mayor Trini Lopez.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO A NEW RETAIL ELECTRIC RATE PROPOSED BY EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR LARGE POWER CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND APPROVING THE PROPOSED NEW RATE SCHEDULE NO. 25A. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. to *approve item 22 effective immediately.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AWARDING THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES, AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve* recommendation of the City Manager of Matrix Consulting Group to include authorization of City Manager to sign contracts and amend contracts and to effectuate agreements with Matrix Consulting Group. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT AMENDMENT #1 TO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL CONTRACT NUMBERS CSJ# 0924-06-389, CSJ# 0924-06-390, CSJ# 0924-06-391, CSJ# 0924-06-392, CSJ# 0924-06-393, CSJ# 0924-06-394, CSJ# 0924-06-395, AND CSJ# 0924-06-396.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve* item 24. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR JUDGE ALEJANDRO VIDALES JR. AND JUVENILE CASE MANAGER CYNTHIA CHAPARRO FOR NOVEMBER 27, 2012 – NOVEMBER 29, 2012.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve* item 25. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE TREE PROJECT ALONG THE SOCORRO HISTORICAL CORRIDOR.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve* item 26. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS ON NEW PORCH AT LOT 5-C & 7, BLOCK, 23, SOCORRO GRANT SUBDIVISION.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve* item 27. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

28. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *delete* 28. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO MODIFY THE CITY OF SOCORRO OFFICIAL CITY SEAL. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 29*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE TOWN OF CLINT PERTAINING TO SUBDIVISION REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF EACH ENTITY. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *terminate certain inter-local agreement between the City of Socorro Texas and Town of Clint executed by the Mayor of the City of Socorro on September 6, 2007 and executed by Mayor of Town of Clint on October 30, 2007 and further to authorize the city attorney to deliver correspondence to the Town of Clint indicating City of Socorro has terminated Interlocal Agreement effective immediately; that any and all responsibilities for subdivision development and regulation, including without limitation inspections, receipt of applications and collection of fees and costs required under such regulation, as previously provided in such terminated Interlocal Agreement, shall be directed to the appropriate representative or agent for the City of Socorro accordingly and that such representative or agent for the City of Socorro has been authorized and directed to undertake such responsibilities effective immediately; and to approve Resolution Terminating Interlocal Agreement with Town of Clint, Texas*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING GUILLERMO MADRID, JR. TO ATTEND AND VOTE ON ALL ISSUES RELATING TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item 31*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:06 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.

Open Session:

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING MATTERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *authorize purchase of property owned by Serpain.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

36. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *adjourn at 8:11 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.



Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved