

*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  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 31, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mary B. Garcia

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jerry Wallace, City Attorney  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Willie Norfleet, Jr. City Manager  
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 recited by Joe Deturo.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4. APPROVAL OF 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE / EVENT ON JULY 6, 2013, WAIVING EVENT PERMIT, BEVERAGE PERMIT, WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000 WITH THE CITY MANAGER BEING THE LIAISON AND ACCOUNTABLE TO CITY COUNCIL.**

***RENE RODRIGUEZ***

5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORIES AS MAYOR AND MAYOR-PRO TEM.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

6. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR MAYOR JESUS RUIZ, AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RENE RODRIGUEZ, AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH E. BOWLING TO ATTEND THE 2013 NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIAL'S ORIENTATION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FROM JULY 26 AND 27, 2013.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

7. **APPROVAL OF NEW ASSIGNED OFFICE SPACE AND SPACES AT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THESE CHANGES IMMEDIATELY.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve consent agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 304, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN PROCEDURAL RULES AND OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 9*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

10. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE FY 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item 10 after executive session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDED ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH STRICKLER AND PRIETO, LLP.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 11*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM PAYING LEGAL FEES IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECT WRITTEN NOTICE BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TO ATTORNEYS FOR ALEJANDRO VIDALES, ISRAEL DELGADO AND JAVIER VARELA.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 12*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *move into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:34 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION:***

***Open Session:***

***10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO INCREASE FY 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.***

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez, to *approve Ordinance 306, Amendment No. 1 with exception of funding for battalion commanders which are removed from the budget; add funding for assistant city clerk position, terminate Manny Soto's contract by giving 30 day notice, and remove funding for Public Information Officer position.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-1.

***15. 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.***

***16. 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.***

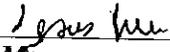
***17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.***

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *delete items 15-17*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

**18. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.

  
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*Jesus Ruiz, Mayor*

  
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*Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk*

  
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*Date when minutes were approved*