

Jesus 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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 27, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesus Ruiz
Rene Rodriguez
Joseph E. Bowling
Gloria Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary B. Garcia
Maria Reyes

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 6:07p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

2. PLEGE 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

Juan Castañeda spoke during Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. **FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE AND PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING THE TAX RATE CALCULATIONS AND REVENUE.**
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:10

City Manager, Willie Norfleet made a presentation of the proposed Property Tax Rate Increase.

Public Hearing closed at 6:17

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR MAYOR, COUNCILMAN AT LARGE, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4, CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND SOCORRO POLICE LIEUTENANT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS FROM OCTOBER 8, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2013.**
MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *delete the Police Lieutenant and approve the travel of all others.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number seven (7).* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SALARY SCHEDULES.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
COMMUNITY MEETINGS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling *to notify the City Manager seven (7) days in advance of community meeting and of the Department Heads that will attend and City Manager to notify council.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION A 7:43 P.M.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to delete items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

47. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Minutes prepared by
Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk



Date minutes approved