

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Maria Reyes
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2 / Mayor Pro-Tem

Mary B. Garcia
District 3

Joseph E. Bowling
District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PRESENTATION

4. PRESENTATION BY DAVID GARCIA REGARDING THE NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

No presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5. ***PUBLIC HEARING 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.***

Public hearing opened and closed at 7:02 p.m. There were no speakers.

6. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 314, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF RECORDS RETENTION, RETRIEVAL, DESTRUCTION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 121.*** ***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Public hearing opened and closed at 7:03 p.m. There were no speakers.

7. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 315, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 312, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER; CALLING AN ELECTION ON SAID ISSUE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER MATTERS GERMANE THERETO.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR

Public hearing opened and closed at 7:03 p.m. There were no speakers.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. ***APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2013 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2013.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

9. ***APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR FIRE CHIEF LANGBORG TO ATTEND THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION MEETING MAY 29-31, 2013.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

10. ***APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR OFFICER MUNOZ AND SERGEANT MONTOYA TO ATTEND THE FBI COMMAND COLLEGE IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS FROM JUNE 3, 2013 TO JUNE 7, 2013.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

11. ***APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR KARINA HAGELSIEB TO ATTEND THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA FROM JUNE 2, 2013 TO JUNE 5, 2013.***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

12. ***APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 5, SAN YSIDRO SUBDIVISION (11270 SAN YSIDRO ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).***

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

- 13. APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 1 AND 1, NORTH LOOP ACRES SUBDIVISION (605 STEDHAM CIRCLE) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**
- 14. APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VILLA MORENA SUBDIVISION (180 S. HORIZON) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**
- 15. APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 9, 9A AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT (LAS MARGARITAS SUBDIVISION) FROM R-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-3 (HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**
- 16. APPROVAL OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, EL CAMPESTRE SUBDIVISION (11510 LA FOGATA ROAD) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**
- 17. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *approve consent agenda*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 18. 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 Joseph E. Bowling to *table item 18*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 314, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SYSTEM OF RECORDS RETENTION, RETRIEVAL, DESTRUCTION, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 121. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes, to *approve item 19*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 315, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 312, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROPOSING AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER; CALLING AN ELECTION ON SAID ISSUE; PROVIDING FOR**

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND OTHER MATTERS
GERMANE THERETO. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *approve item 20*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL PARKS COMMISSION'S
RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT A DEPOSIT FEE AND CHARGE FOR
PARK USAGE. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item 21*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**22. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR PROPOSED ROAD RECLASSIFICATION
UNDER FHWA GUIDELINES CONDUCTED BY THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT). *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item 22*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**23. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDED ENGAGEMENT LETTER
WITH STRICKLER AND PRIETO, LLP. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *table item 23*. 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 3-2.

**24. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIVE VEHICLES FOR
THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT, WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO
PURCHASING POLICY, AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL
COUNTRY UNDER REGION 19 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
(RFP#12-6846). *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes, to *approve item 24*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**25. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK, WAIVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO
PURCHASING POLICY, AND SIGN A CONTRACT WITH EXERPLAY INC.
UNDER REGION 19 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (RFP#13-6902).
*WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *deny item 25*. 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 3-2.

**26. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BOARD AND COMMISSION
RECRUITMENT. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.****

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item 26*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000 TO COVER 75% OF THE APPROVED ENTRY LEVEL SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFIT FOR A SWORN CAREER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. THE CITY WILL COMMIT A 25% MATCH.**
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes, to *approve item 27*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:29 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:31 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

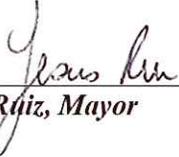
Open Session:

- 30. 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.
- 31. 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.
- 32. 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 30-32*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

33. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling *to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.*
Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor



Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

5-16-13

Date when minutes were approved