

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodriguez**  
District 2

**Victor Perez**  
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

**Joseph E. Bowling**  
District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz  
Victor Perez  
Rene Rodriguez  
Sergio Cox  
Gloria M. Rodriguez

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
James A. Martinez, City Attorney  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Adriana Rodarte, HR Director  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor  
Doug Lobdell, Public Works Director  
Karina Hagelsieb, CFO

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Ruiz

Mayor Ruiz requested a moment of silence in honor of Joseph E. "Chito" Bowling who passed away September 9, 2014.

### **3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sergio Jaime, Suky Ramos and Jose Gamboa spoke during Public Comment.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 346, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:14 p.m.  
Sergio Jaime and Jose Gamboa  
Public Hearing Closed at 6:24*

6. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 346, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve and adopt Ordinance 346 with the salary increase proposed by City Manager of 1.5%*. No second, motion fails.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve Ordinance 346 as presented*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays: Sergio Cox  
Abstain:

7. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 347, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:33 p.m.  
Suky Ramos  
Public Hearing Closed at 6:37 p.m.*

8. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 347, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eight*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Nays:  
Abstain:

9. **PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 348, AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF TE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public Hearing Opened at 6:38 p.m.*

*No Speakers*

*Public Hearing Closed at 6:38 p.m.*

10. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 348, AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF TE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the tax rate of 0.688558 raised by 17.66 percent.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez and Rene Rodriguez

Nays: Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Mayor Jesus Ruiz broke tie by voting yes.

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX RATE INCREASE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE 346 ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve the ratification of tax rate increase set forth in Ordinance 346.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Sergio Cox

Abstain:

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.***

No action for items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).

**15. ADJOURN**

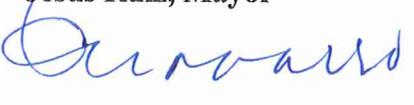
A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:43 p.m.* Motion passed.

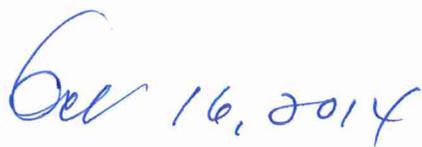
Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph B. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays

Abstain:

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

  
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Date minutes approved