

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Trini Lopez  
Jesus S. Hernandez  
Jose Hernandez Jr.  
Jesus Gandara Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Sergio Cox  
Tommy A. Faulkner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lorenza Fraire, Interim City Manager  
Gina Rodriguez, City Clerk  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

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

**3. *CANVASS THE RETURNS OF THE MAY 8, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.***

Gina Rodriguez read out loud the following election results as certified by the Elections Administrator, Javier Chacon:

**Mayor :**

Ralph Duran	160
James A. Campos	67
<i>Willie Gandara Sr.</i>	<i>651</i>
Trini Lopez	633
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>1073</b>

**At Large:**

Sergio Cox	597
<i>Guillermo Madrid Jr.</i>	<i>789</i>
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>1386</b>

**Representative District 1:**

Jesus S. Chuy Hernandez	158
<i>Luis Varela</i>	<i>173</i>
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>331</b>

**Representative District 2:**

<i>Gloria Macias Rodriguez</i>	<i>259</i>
Tommy A. Faulkner	158
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>417</b>

**Representative District 3:**

Mary B. Garcia	204
<u>Arnulfo Salazar</u>	<u>188</u>
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>392</b>

**Representative District 4:**

Jesus Jesse Gandara Jr.	172
<b>Total Votes:</b>	<b>172</b>

Ms. Rodriguez indicated that the City Clerk's Office had received today a *recount petition for the Mayoral position* and until the officials results are received then that position will actually get sworn in.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Jesus S. Hernandez to *canvass the May 8, 2010 Election by receiving and approving the certified results of the election and declaring those individuals listed on the certified return elected to their respective offices listed also to note that a recount petition has been filed earlier today with the City Secretary /Clerk for the Mayor's race for item number three (3).* Motion carried with Jose Hernandez Jr., Jesus S. Hernandez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Sergio Cox and Tommy A. Faulkner absent. Motion passed.

**4. SWEAR IN CEREMONY FOR INCOMING ELECTED OFFICIALS.**

*Judge Lujan, Justice of the Peace, El Paso County Precinct #6, swore in the following except for Guillermo Gandara Sr. for the Mayoral position:*

*Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, Luis Varela, and Jesus Gandara Jr.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. *to move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion carried unanimously.

*THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT: 5:39 p.m.*

*THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT: 5:43 P.M.*

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TERMINATING CONTRACT OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER, LORENZA FRAIRE. TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *that the City of Socorro issue notice of termination of employment contract to Acting Interim City Manager, authorized written notice of termination to be issued immediately and to act, to remove and to suspend all duties of Lorenza Fraire as Acting Interim Socorro City Manager effective immediately with pay through the termination date of employment contract for item number five (5).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Luis Varela voting nay. Motion passed.

Mr. Varela indicated to Mayor when called upon his vote that he wanted to say something. Mr. Varela stated that he disagreed first of all because they were going to let go of their City Manager with pay and that they were supposed to be looking forward and taking care of their tax dollars from their citizens and that it didn't seem that way. He stated that he disagreed and voted no.

During this time Mayor Lopez presented a letter to City Clerk, Gina Rodriguez and indicated to Lorenza Fraire that this was her termination letter. He then asked the City Clerk, Gina Rodriguez to read it out loud. Mrs. Fraire then requested for a copy of the letter which Mayor Lopez asked Sam Leony to provide her with one.

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SUSPENDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY MANAGER LORENZA FRAIRE.**

**TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to suspend the duties and responsibilities of City Manager, Lorenza Fraire* for item number six (6). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Luis Varela voting nay. Motion passed.

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERIM CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. *to appoint Manny Soto Jr. as City Manager for the City of Socorro and establish the salary at \$59.00 an hour and authorize the Mayor to execute a contract of employment to be prepared by the City Attorney* for item number seven (7). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, Luis Varela voting nay, and Gloria M. Rodriguez abstained from voting. Motion passed.

**8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE ELECTION OF THE MAYOR PRO TEM.**

**TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to select Jesse Gandara Jr. to serve as Mayor ProTem for a term to begin immediately and ending May 14, 2011* for item number eight (8). Motion carried unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING THE NEW CHECK SIGNATORIES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Luis Varela *to nominate himself Jesus Gandara Jr., Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria Macias Rodriguez for the check signatories* for item number nine (9). Motion carried unanimously.

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT AND AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW ALL OF THE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS INVOLVING DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE SAME ON OR BEFORE MAY 27, 2010.**

**TRINI LOPEZ**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. *to direct and authorize the City Manager or Acting Interim City Manager to review all disciplinary actions regarding Department Heads and employees of the City of Socorro to affect any modification or correction regarding disciplinary actions and provide the City Council with a report regarding same on or before May 27, 2010* for item number ten (10). Motion carried unanimously.

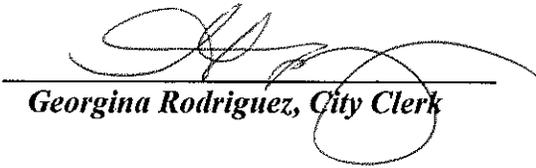
*Suky Ramos spoke on this item.*

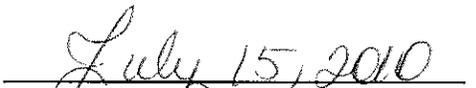
During this time Mayor Lopez, Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, Luis Varela, and Jesus Gandara Jr. made a statement to the public.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *Adjourn at 5:59 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously.

  
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**Guillermo Gandara Sr., Mayor**

  
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**Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk**

  
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**Date when minutes were approved:**