

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trini Lopez
Guillermo Madrid Jr.
Luis Varela
Gloria M. Rodriguez
Jesus Gandara Jr.

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Mary B. Garcia (*Arrived at: 6:22 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto Jr., Interim City Manager
Gina Rodriguez, City Clerk
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

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

OPEN FORUM:

Joe DeTuro, Miguel Martinez, Suky Ramos, Margarita Flores, Oscar Gutierrez, Gary Gandara, Louis Bolaños, and Cruz Aranda spoke on Open Forum.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK D, VIÑEDO ACRES, TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. SAM LEONY**
- 6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, WISEMAN ESTATES TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DAY CARE CENTER. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda and pull out item number five (5) to the Regular Agenda.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Luis Varela, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia absent. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK D, VIÑEDO ACRES, TO R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. SAM LEONY

AT 6:22 P.M. MARY B. GARCIA ARRIVED TO THE MEETING

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *approve* item number five (5). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Luis Varela, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia abstained from voting. Motion passed.

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 3/18/10. GINA RODRIGUEZ
(TABLED MEETING 04/15/10 & 04/01/10).

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *table* item number seven (7). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Luis Varela to *move up item number twenty-six (26) to be next on the agenda.* Motion died due to lack of second motion.

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. GINA RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete* item number eight (8). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Luis Varela abstained from voting. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MR. TELLES' REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO PROVIDE HIM WITH 180 DAYS TO REMOVE SALVAGE VEHICLES FROM 208 MIDNIGHT. JESUS S. HERNANDEZ

Juan Tellez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr. seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *give Mr. Tellez 30 days to move out the cars out of the property from the residential area.*

An amended motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr. Seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *give Mr. Tellez 45 days to move out the cars out of the property from the residential area* for item number nine (9). Motion carried unanimously.

Gloria M. Rodriguez indicated while casting her vote that it would be aye but only to remove his cars.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18).* Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE AGREED UPON PROCEDURES - INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT CONDUCTED BY WHITE, SAMANIEGO, & CAMPBELL, LLP FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO HIRE THE ACCOUNTING MANAGER AND OF THE PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

14. REPORT ON COUNCIL'S AUTHORIZATION REGARDING THE RUN OFF WATERS FROM THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF EL PASO COUNTY ONTO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONSIDERATION OF A POLICY IMPLEMENTATION FOR PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO AGENDA POLICY. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. LORENZA FRAIRE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion carried unanimously.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE HISTORICAL
LANDMARK COMMISSION. LORENZA FRAIRE**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete items number ten (10), eleven (11), fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18).* Motion carried unanimously.

*THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THE
MEETING OF MAY 20, 2010*

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE RE-PAINTING OF THE EXTERIOR AND
FUEL CANOPY AS WELL AS REPLACING SIGNAGE OF THE VALERO
GAS STATION AT 11488 SOCORRO RD. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr. Seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve* item number twelve (12). Motion carried unanimously.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR
CHURCH BAZAAR AT SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
LOCATED AT 401 PASSMORE ON MAY 14-16, 2010 BY SERGIO
VALENCIA. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *approve* item number thirteen (13). Motion carried unanimously.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR
CHURCH BAZAAR AT SAINT PETERS AND SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC
CHURCH LOCATED AT 673 OLD HUECO TANKS ON JUNE 11-13, 2010.
SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *approve* item number nineteen (19). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Luis Varela to *move up item number twenty-six (26) to be next on the agenda.* Motion died due to lack of second motion.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TO NAME THE CITY
PROPERTY OF 316 BUFORD RD. AS S.H.S. BASEBALL BULL DOGS 2009
CHAMPIONS PARK. MAYOR LOPEZ**

Joe DeTuro spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid Jr. to *approve* item number twenty (20). Motion carried unanimously.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY. MAYOR LOPEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela to *remove the Elected Official names from Section III-A. 1&2 on page 2 of 14, and Section III- B. 1 on page 3 of 14* for item number twenty-one (21). Motion carried unanimously.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION TO RE-APPOINT OR APPOINT A CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL JUDGE WITH SAME YEARLY SALARY (2009-2010) SALARY. MAYOR LOPEZ

Gary Gandara spoke on this item.

Manny Soto Jr. recommended *Alejandro Vidales Jr.* to the *Municipal Court Judge*.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *accept the recommendation of the City Manager regarding the employment of Alex Vidales Jr. as Socorro Municipal Court Judge effective 06/01/10 to serve for a term of two (2) years as provided by Section 4.04 of the City Charter, to establish a compensation for this position at the maximum salary authorized for this position by the 2009-2010 city budget, and to authorize a contract for Municipal Court Judge incorporating these terms to be signed by the Mayor or Mayor ProTem* for item number twenty-two (22). 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.

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH SITES SOUTHWEST TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, PURSUANT TO THE PREVIOUS ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE RFQ AND SELECTING SITES SOUTHWEST TO PERFORM SAID SERVICES. MAYOR LOPEZ

Suky Ramos and Louis Bolaños spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the contract for professional services with Sites Southwest to develop Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Socorro, pursuant to the previous action of City Council accepting the RFQ and selecting Sites Southwest to perform said services* for item number twenty-three (23). Motion carried unanimously.

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CITY OF SOCORRO ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. MAYOR LOPEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela to *approve to adopt an ordinance to start the process just explained* for item number twenty-four (24). Motion carried unanimously.

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF SOCORRO AND HUITT-ZOLLARS ENGINEERS. MAYOR LOPEZ

Jose Rodarte, Office Manager/Vice President with Huitt-Zollars Engineers spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve* item number twenty-five (25). Motion carried unanimously.

26. COMPLETE CANVASS OF CITY OF SOCORRO ELECTION AND ACT TO CONFIRM RECOUNT OF VOTES IN MAYOR ELECTION AND SWEAR IN WINNER OF ELECTION. LUIS VARELA

Gina Rodriguez indicated to Council that today the recount of the May 8, 2010 election was held for the City of Socorro was conducted at 10:30 a.m. for the Mayoral position. As a result the City Clerk's office has received the certified results from the Elections Administrator, Javier Chacon, which reflects that *there was no change declaring Guillermo Gandara Sr. as the new Mayor for the City of Socorro, Texas.*

The certified letter reads as follows: I Javier Chacon, Elections Administrator for El Paso County certify the results for the City of Socorro recount for Mayor held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 are true and correct. Sincerely, Javier Chacon, Elections Administrator.

Maria Covernali, Gary Gandara, and Manny Soto Jr. spoke on this item.

Judge Lujan, Justice of the Peace, El Paso County Precinct #6, swore in Guillermo Gandara Sr. to the Mayoral position.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete* items number twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28). Motion carried unanimously.

27. CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

- **PROPERTY TAXES**
- **INTERESTS IN SINKING TAXES**
- **SALES TAXES**
- **CASH**

MANNY SOTO

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete* items number twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28). Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING:

28. DISCUSSION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. BLANCO, ORDONEZ, & WALLACE, P.C.

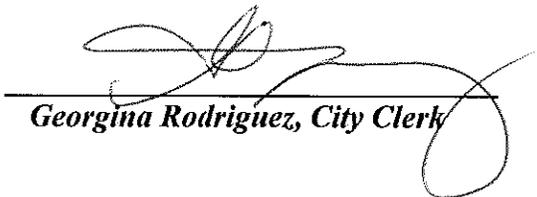
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete* items number twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28). Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

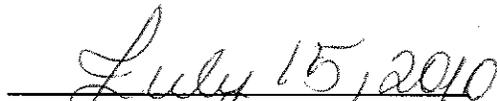
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Luis Varela to *Adjourn at 7:41 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously.



Guillermo Gandara Sr., Mayor



Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved: