

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guillermo Gandara Sr.
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Mary B. García
Jesus Gandara Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Luis Varela (*arrived to meeting at 6:17 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto, Interim City Manager
Gina Rodríguez, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. OPEN FORUM

Margie Perez and James Porras spoke during open forum

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 07/01/10
AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 06/28/10 & 06/29/10.**

GINA RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to approve item number five (5) and pull item number six (6) out of the Consent Agenda and into the Regular Agenda. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 07/21/09, 08/17/09, 05/14/10, 06/14/10 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 05/20/10. GINA RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number six (6) with correction to the minutes of July 21, 2009.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. GINA RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number seven (7).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve the appointment of Paul Guerra to the Planning & Zoning Commission for District 2.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

9. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSION MEMBER. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Mrs. Gina Rodriguez apologized to Mr. Guerra and asked if he could be sworn in at a different time since she failed to bring the certificates.

Mayor Gandara indicated to Gloria M. Rodriguez that Mr. Guerra was an excellent choice for the appointment as commissioner to Planning and Zoning since he was very active in the community.

No action on this item

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL FOR THE MINUTES OF 11/19/09-5/14/10 TO BE PREPARED IN OUTLINE FORMAT. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the minutes of 11/19/09-05/14/10 to be prepared in outline format.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$221.00 DOLLARS TO COMPLETE AIRFARE FOR ANIBAL OLAGUE FOR ATTENDING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS (TDRA) FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG) GRANT IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP IN AUSTIN, TEXAS ON 06/29/10. ANIBAL OLAGUE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR GREAT SIGN LOCATED AT 11476 SOCORRO RD. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REMOVAL OF GUARD RAIL ON BROOKE LAUREN DR. SAM LEONY

Luis Varela arrived to the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Mr. Leony stated that he had sent out letters to area residents to advise them of the proposed removal of the guard rail and for feed back if they had any objection of the removal of the rail. He also indicated that he had a petition of area residents that oppose to the removal (*See Exhibit "A"*).

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *grant permission to James Porras and Ivan Hernandez to speak in reference to this item*. Motion carried unanimously.

During this time both Mr. James Porras and Ivan Hernandez spoke.

A motion was made by Mary Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning commission to remove the guard rail on Brooke Lauren*. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 170, ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. *to table for further review and bring back at the next Regular Council meeting for item number fourteen (14).* Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 106, AMENDMENT NO. 3 ENTITLED, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING STREET VENDORS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela *to approve item number fifteen (15) with deletion of the dollar amount in the last sentence in Section 5, Subsection A.* Motion carried unanimously.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDMENT APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 76, AMENDMENT 1A, SECTION 14, RELATED TO KEEPING OF LARGE ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela *to table item number sixteen.* Motion carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DONNA MARIE ST. FUNDED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS (TDRA) FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TDRA-TxCDBG CPMTRACT #1001065. *ANIBAL OLAGUE*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to approve*

Mr. Soto recommended to delete or to table this item because it was still in negotiation.

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Luis Varela *to delete item number seventeen (17).* Motion carried unanimously.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO SOLICIT SEALED BID ("RFQ'S/RFP'S") FOR BROKER OF RECORD FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS *MANNY SOTO JR.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to approve item number eighteen (18).* Motion carried unanimously.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AWARD OF 8 GRANTS FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING: ERNESTO SERNA ELEMENTARY, SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL, SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ, ROJAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HILLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ESCONTRIAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CAMPESTRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. ANIBAL OLAGUE

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried unanimously.

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTRACT. JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *send a written notice to El Paso Community College and allow the contract to run out and direct the City Manager to post that position*. Motion carried unanimously.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,041 DOLLARS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL (JAG) PROGRAM. ANIBAL OLAGUE

Mr. Olague stated that the public needs to be aware that the application will be available for 30 days starting today for public review and comments.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number twenty-one- (21)*. Motion carried unanimously.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR REAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL SERVICES. JERRY WALLACE

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela abstained.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried unanimously.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:36 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 8:56 P.M..

OPEN SESSION:

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO GIVE DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING LEGAL ACTION AGAINST RESPONSIBLE PARTIES, IN REGARD TO WASTEWATER EFFLUENT DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

JERRY WALLACE

No action on this item.

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ON THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TERMINATION OF THE SOCORRO HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR.**

JERRY WALLACE

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *accept the City Manager's recommendation to terminate the Socorro Human Resources Director.* Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN:

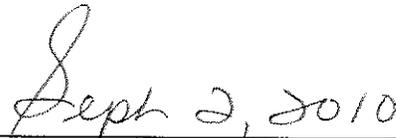
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *adjourn at 8:58 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously.



Guillermo Gandara, Sr. Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved

Exhibit "A"

May 12, 2010

WE the residents of Brooke Lauren Street in the city of Socorro request that Brooke Lauren stays as a dead end street.

Nosotros que semos residentes de la calle Brooke Lauren queremos que la calle se queda sin traffic publico.

1. Alfredo Foy 10480 858-2982
2. Carl Jones 10460
3. Maria Pineda 10488 - 525-6121
4. Claudia Contreras 10488 525-0121 or 633-3211
5. Jose Terrazas 10488 525-0121 or 525-4083
6. Nancy Torres 10481 706-8346
7. Saint Ann 10485
8. Saint Ann 10469
9. Saint Ann 10473
10. Sarah 10484 858-0943
11. Patricia Montes 10477 860-0309
12. Irma Martinez 10464
13. James A. Porray 10476 - (240-2365)
14. ~~Maribel Torres 10481 BROOKE LAUREN (915) 790-1584~~
14. Daniel Carrillo 10482 (360)