

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Luis Varela

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto, Interim City Manager
Gina Rodriguez, 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

Pledge of Allegiance led by *Jesus Gandara, Jr.*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. OPEN FORUM

Arturo Garcia and Margie Perez spoke during Open Forum

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 5. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SALE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**
- MANNY SOTO, JR.**

Public Hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

6. **FIRST AND FINAL READING FOR ADOPTION, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 1201.028, OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:07 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *pull item 9 from the Consent Agenda and into the Regular Agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 08/19/10 AND 09/02/10, AND OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 08/17/10, 08/30/10 AND 09/07/10. **OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the minutes with the exception of August 30, 2010*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. **GINA RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SALE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX REVENUE CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF CERTIFICATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. **MANNY SOTO, JR.**

Tom Lawrence, Financial Advisor spoke on this item

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

12. FIRST AND FINAL READING FOR ADOPTION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 1201.028, OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; APPROVING THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

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

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move up item number fourteen (14) to be next on the agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve as prepared and presented by the City Manager the fiscal year 2011 City of Socorro official budget commencing October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011 in the amount of \$15,787,610 including personnel staffing, salaries and all other operational costs as provided with the following two (2) amendments: 1) deletion of the position of operational manager and fund the position of mechanic as shown on the organizational chart prior to approval 2) all sworn police officers hired after 07/01/09 and before 07/01/10 be kept at their current pay rate until after their probationary periods as completed. Also, all sworn police officers hired after 07/02/10 be kept at current salary levels until after five (5) months working full time with the City of Socorro*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the tax rate which exceeds effective rate, but maintains the same rate as last fiscal year. Note that this will increase tax revenues above those received last year, but doesn't increase the tax rate. Also, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of tax rates for fiscal year 2010, 2011 for the city of Socorro as follows: A.) for debt service rate of .102171; and, B.) for Maintenance and Operation expenditures a rate of .394586, which will result in a total tax rate of .496757 and, further, to adopt an ordinance establishing the tax rates as required by law*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE CERTIFICATION TRAINING. JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the training for the Texas Association Property and Evidence Technician 13th Annual Conference from October 26-29, 2010 and to have city administration pay for all related costs including but not limited to hotel, transportation to have this completed and the four officers to be Refugio Orta, Bobby Correa, Elena Keene and Mario Rodriguez.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON SETTING MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 (A) OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve the second Thursday, December 9, 2010 to be the date for the Regular Council meeting.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2011, 2012 AND 2013. JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve the recommended schedules.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and appoint Lisa Quintana-Meador as the Human Resources Director.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A 6 MONTH CONTRACT TERM EXTENSION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDDRA) CONTRACT FOR THE CITY'S OWNER OCCUPIED CONTRACT #:1001065 TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION/REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE TO 6 PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES. ANIBAL OLAGUE

Anibal Olague spoke on this item

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR CHURCH BAZAAR AT SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATED AT 401 PASSMORE ON OCTOBER 8-10, 2010. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 76, AMENDMENT 1A, SECTION 9, RELATED TO: MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (M.P.O.) APPOINTMENT. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve and appoint Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to serve on the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (M.P.O.)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:33 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:02 P.M.

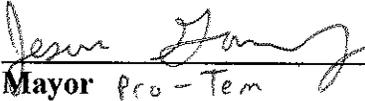
23. DISCUSSION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.

BLANCO, ORDONEZ & WALLACE, P.C.

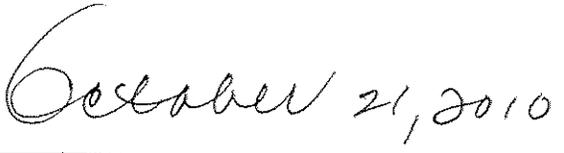
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve personnel action and procedures as discussed and recommended by the city attorney in closed session.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.

ADJOURN:

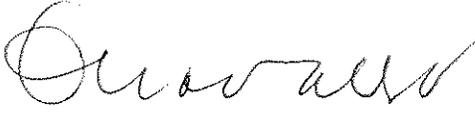
A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:03 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Luis Varela absent. Motion passed.



Mayor Pro-Tem



Date approved



ATTEST: Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk