

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Mary B. Garcia
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Jesús Gandara Jr. (*sitting in as Mayor Pro tem*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Luis Varela
Guillermo Gandara Sr. (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

STAFF ABSENT:

Gina Rodriguez, City Clerk

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 *Guillermo Madrid, Jr.*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PRESENTATION:

6. PRESENTATION BY RAY DAVOLINA, DEPUTY DISTRICT ENGINEER OF TXDOT ON CITY PROJECTS.

Presentation done by Ray Davolina (*See Exhibit "A"*)

Mayor Gandara stepped out of the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Gandara stepped back into the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

5. OPEN FORUM

Manny Soto, Jr.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *allow the City Manager to make his presentation with no time limit.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

Mr. Soto read his report (*Exhibit "B"*)

Suky Ramos, Sergio Jaime, and Sergio Cox spoke in Open Forum.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:24 p.m.

Sergio Cox and Joe DeTuro spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 278, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A SETTLEMENT PAY-OFF OF MUNICIPAL COURT CRIMINAL COSTS AND FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR FIVE (5) POLICE DISPATCHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR CERTIFICATIONS.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:31p.m.

No Speakers on this item

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 10/7/10 AND 10/21/10 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 10/05/10, 10/19/10 AND 10/28/10 MINUTES.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve minutes and on the October 21, 2010 minutes under item number four (4) to include the reason why this presentation was deleted.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.**
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to approve with the following corrections *Section II item B after the word requested; add ;, and after authorization of add; two (2) voting members. Item C after mail authorization of add; two voting members. Item E after City Clerk add; and if the request s accompanied by the signature of electronic mail authorization of two (2) voting members of the City Council or the City Manager; and Public Comment known as Open Forum.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

- 10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 278, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A SETTLEMENT PAY-OFF OF MUNICIPAL COURT CRIMINAL COSTS AND FOR SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR FIVE (5) POLICE DISPATCHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR CERTIFICATIONS.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve with the deletion of the five (5) police dispatchers.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION OR PROCLAMATION
REGARDING MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK FROM NOVEMBER 1, THRU
NOVEMBER 5, 2010. GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

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

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT HUMBERTO
NEVAREZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

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

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT FOR THE MUSEUM
COMMISSION. MARY B. GARCIA**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *delete item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

**14. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS.
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

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

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION
TRAINING. MARY B. GARCIA**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FOR
ENVIRONMENT SERVICES. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

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

Mayor Gandara left the meeting at 6:58 indicating he would not participate in Executive Session.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:58 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Jesus Gandara, Jr. sat in as Mayor Pro Tem during Executive Session.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED AT 8:34 P.M.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *allow Gloria M. Rodriguez to sit as Mayor Pro Tem for the duration of the meeting*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL MATTERS.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

No action on this item

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A DEPARTMENT HEAD POSITION.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *acknowledge the recommendation of the City Manager regarding termination of a City Department Head, direct that the matter be scheduled for hearing and final action at the next regular meeting of the Socorro City Council, and that the Department Head be given written notice of the meeting of the Socorro City Council, and that the Department Head be given written notice of the opportunity to appear and present any argument or documents related to the proposed termination*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary G. Garcia to *reconsider item number fifteen (15)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION TRAINING. MARY B. GARCIA

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *allow Sgt. Orta and Officers Varela, Gomez and Delgado to attend the Law Enforcement Education Training and for the City to cover expenses.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.

ADJOURN

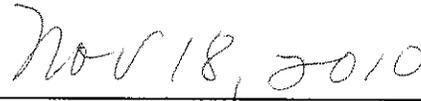
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *adjourn at 8:37 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Luis Varela absent.



Guillermo Gandara, Sr. Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved

Exhibit "A"

The Widening of Horizon Boulevard/Buford Road
and
the Extension of Old Hueco Tanks Road

City of Socorro Presentation
November 4, 2010

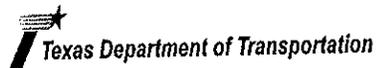


Widening of Horizon Boulevard /
Buford Road

CSJ 8056-24-001, etc.

❖ Project Limits

- ❖ From just west of SH 20 (Alameda Ave.)
- ❖ To just west of FM 76 (North Loop)
- ❖ Reconstruct intersection of Horizon/Buford and SH 20 (Alameda Ave.)
- ❖ 1.2 miles



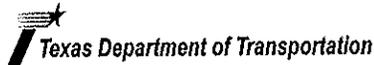


Widening of Horizon Boulevard/ Buford Road

- ❖ Proposed New Design Improvements
 - ❖ Widening to a four-lane divided roadway with two mainlanes in each direction
 - ❖ 14-foot wide raised median
 - ❖ 6-foot wide concrete sidewalk
 - ❖ Center turn bays within the median at all major intersections along Horizon Boulevard/Buford Road.

Widening of Horizon Boulevard/ Buford Road

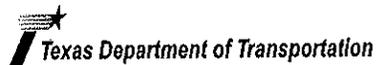
- ❖ Environmental Status
 - ❖ Approval for Further Processing to hold Public Hearing is pending
 - ❖ Final approval anticipated in Spring 2011
- ❖ Design
 - ❖ Schematic Approved July 2007
 - ❖ Project Development ongoing
- ❖ Right of Way
 - ❖ 25 total parcels to acquire
 - ❖ 18 have been acquired
- ❖ Construction
 - ❖ \$9 Million (Funded)
 - ❖ Letting for construction September 2012

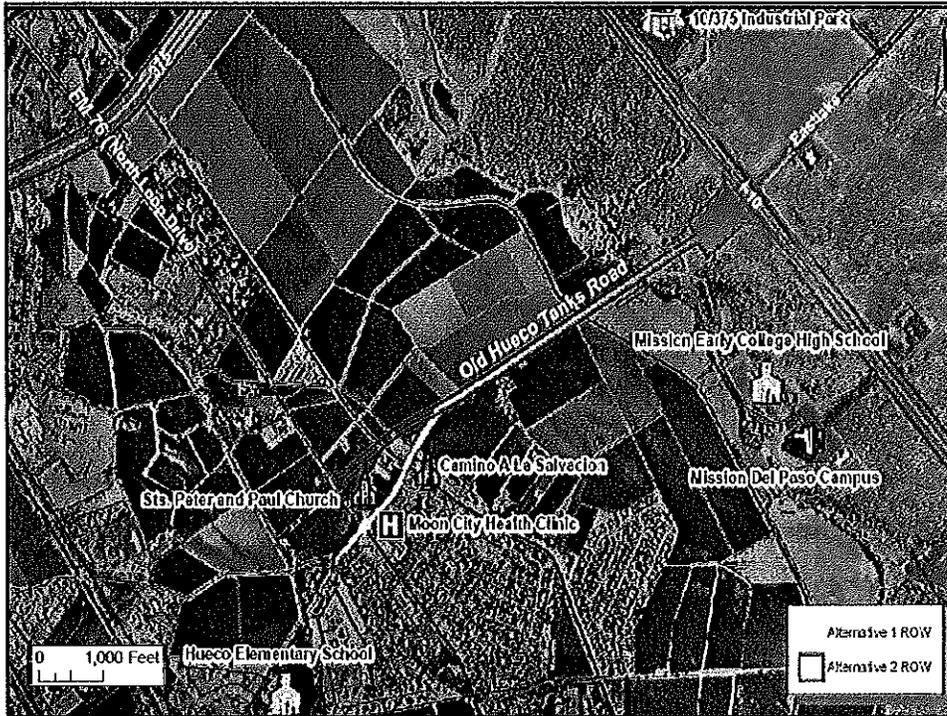


Extension of Old Hueco Tanks Road

CSJ 0924-06-111

- ❖ Project Limits
 - ❖ From Eastlake Boulevard and Gateway Boulevard East (I-10)
 - ❖ To FM 76 (North Loop Drive)



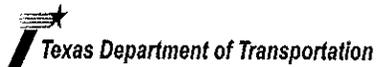


Extension of Old Hueco Tanks Road

- ❖ Proposed new design of a new location roadway (Alternative #2) with:
 - ❖ Two travel lanes in each direction,
 - ❖ 16-foot wide raised median,
 - ❖ 5-foot curbed bike lane in both directions, and
 - ❖ 6-foot concrete sidewalk spaced between the curb with a 10-foot-wide landscape parkway.

Extension of Old Hueco Tanks Road

- ❖ Environmental Status
 - ❖ Approval for Further Processing to hold Public Hearing is scheduled for December 16th at the TxDOT's Office - 6pm
 - ❖ Final Approval anticipated late Winter 2011
- ❖ Project Development is not scheduled
- ❖ Right of Way
 - ❖ No funds for ROW acquisition have been identified
- ❖ Construction
 - ❖ No funds for Construction have been identified



Thank you

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Exhibit "B"



Guillermo Gandara, Sr.
Mayor

Guillermo Madrid Jr.
At Large

Luis Varela
District I

Gloria Macias Rodriguez
District 2

Mary B. Garcia
District 3

Jesus Gandara, Jr.
District 4/Mayor ProTem

Manuy Soto
Interim City Manager

ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND SAVING BENEFITS TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO

<i>Item</i>	<i>Savings (S) or Additional (A) Funding</i>
<p>1. City of El Paso Health Service Contract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Contract \$375,000 • Proposed New Contract 430,000 • Increase of 55,000 • Negotiated to back to Old Contract <p>Completed by: City Manager</p>	<p>\$55,000 (S)</p>
<p>2. Donna Marie Street Reconstruction Project TxDot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received State Grant for project • Sealed bid came in \$92,000 over budget • Contacted the State requesting additional funding • TxDot state approved increase of \$92,000 <p>Completed by: Grant Writer/City Manager</p>	<p>\$92,000 (A)</p>
<p>3. Red Cliff/Lower Valley Water District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing/Installing Sewer Lines • Streets in Socorro Mission Subdivision • Needing to be reconstructed/overlayed • City of Socorro Sub Contractor to Red Cliff • State & LVWD approved contract <p>Completed by: Community Services/Planning & Zoning Director/City Manager</p>	<p>\$225,000 (A)</p>
<p>4. Refinancing of Certificates of Obligation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2001, 2004 and 2008 CO's • Average Interest rate from 5% to 2.6% • Savings of \$28,000 per year for 10 years <p>Completed by: Financial Advisor/City Manager</p>	<p>\$280,000 (S)</p>

5. *Municipal Court – State Fees* \$171,000 (S)*

- Internal/External Audit Findings
- City owes state \$343,000
- With penalties & interest could have been \$700,000*
- Negotiated with State Comptroller – 50 cents on the dollar

Completed by: Municipal Judge/State Senator/City Manager

6. *Safe Routes for Schools – TxDot – Sidewalks* \$680,000 (A)

- \$4 million approved – 8 million original request
- No funds for Engineering (E), Administration (A), Contingency (C)
- City Funds would have to be provided
- Met with and negotiated request with TxDot
- Approved 17% more for (E), (A), (C)

Completed by: Grant Writer/City Manager

7. *Project Bravo* \$9,000 (A)

- Weatherization Project
- Intake Process of 140 residents
- Initial \$30 per intake renegotiated to \$95 per
- Additional funding of \$9,000

Completed by: Grant Writer

8. *Commercial Trash Dumpsters (pending)* \$10,000 (S)

- Current Provider is Private Company
- Lower Valley Water District can provide service at one half the cost
- Potential savings \$10,000 per year

Completed by: Community Service Director

GRAND TOTAL \$1,529,000*

ALL WITHOUT A TAX RATE INCREASE – 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!

*The State Comptroller could require penalties and interest which raise the grand total to \$2,058,000 - Additional Funding = \$1,005,000 + Savings = \$1,053,000