

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary B. Garcia  
Gloria M. Rodríguez  
Jesús Gandara Jr.  
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Guillermo Gandara Sr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Manny Soto, Jr., Acting City Manager  
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by *Manny Soto*

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

*Jesus Gandara, Jr. sat in as Mayor Pro Tem*

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**5. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF A HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION, ESTABLISHING TERMS OF OFFICE FOR SAID COMMISSION AND THE MEANS AND METHODS FOR HISTORICAL LANDMARK PRESERVATION WITHIN THE JURSDICTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *MANNY SOTO, JR.***

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

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE USE OF COUGAR PARK BY THE WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye. Motion passed

*Ruben Sanchez, Deputy Director for the West Texas Food Bank spoke on this item and presented council with "Exhibit A".*

**7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TO ATTEND THE TCEQ MEDIATION MEETING. MANNY SOTO, JR..**

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

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

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:37 P.M.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:32 P.M.***

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

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

**11. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:33 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye. Motion passed

*Jesus Gandara Jr.*  
~~Guillermo Gandara, Sr. Mayor-Pro Tem~~

*Jesus Gandara Jr.*  
*Olivia Navarro*

**Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk**  
Prepared by Olivia Navarro

*June 2, 2011*  
**Date when minutes were approved**

## Programs

**Nutrition Education:** This is an active learning initiative focused on basic nutrition, food safety, and healthier food choices. The Food Bank provides hands-on classes for representatives from low-income families to help them understand how food choices can affect their future wellbeing, as well as their present health.

**Back Pack Program for Kids:** Kids do not have to go hungry during the weekend when they don't have access to the school breakfast and/or lunch programs. The program is designed to provide food assistance to children by discreetly providing food and snacks in backpacks on Thursday/ or Friday, so the children have food to eat during the weekend. Backpack for Kids is a program of Feeding America.

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Texas Food Bank refuses to see kids go hungry/ and one way we are fighting back is through Kids Gate. Kids Gate provides healthy, nutritious afternoon snacks and evening meals to needy children in after-school child care programs. Kids Gate is a program of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger relief network.

**Social Services:** Through the Texas Food Bank Network as a result of a grant from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, the West Texas Food Bank has two Social Services Coordinators to provide assistance to the residence of our twenty-two county coverage area in filling out applications for state assistance such as Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF, Women's Health Care, Long Term Care, WIC and CHIP/ Children's Medicaid.

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**Odessa  
El Paso  
Alpine**

# A West Texas without hunger. Our vision.

West Texas Food Bank a 501(c)(3) non profit hunger-relief organization serves as a clearinghouse to solicit, store, inspect, and repack surplus food for distribution.

West Texas Food Bank serves 22 counties covering 45,000 square miles in West Texas, operating out of three branches: Odessa, El Paso and Alpine.

West Texas Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, a national organization's largest hunger relief network and a member of the Texas Food Bank Network.

We work a network of 19 Feeding America food banks in Texas providing hunger relief to every county in Texas.



Putting healthy food into the hands that need it.

**Need in our 22 counties:**  
 Statistics show that in our service area there are 251,838 people with an income that is at or below poverty level — an increase of more than 27,000 people in need between 2000-2004 (US Census 2004).

**Our impact at a glance:**

- Distributed 5,737,000 pounds of food and essential non-food grocery items in West Texas in 2008.
- 90,000 pounds of food & essential non-food groceries distributed each month.
- 117,800 people receiving assistance in our service area (with many more needing assistance according to poverty statistics).
- 17,600 people served by West Texas Food Bank and partner agencies weekly.
- 170 nonprofit hunger relief agencies partnering with West Texas Food Bank to provide food assistance in 2008.
- 36% of households served include at least one employed adult.
- 31% of those served by West Texas Food Bank are children under age 18.

- 10% of those served by West Texas Food Bank are senior citizens.
- \$11 worth of food and essential non-food items provided for every \$1 donated.
- \$1 donated becomes 5.6 individual meals for people with food insecurity.

(Hunger in America 2006 Local Report Prepared by West Texas Food Bank 2/06)

Serving remote communities in need with outreach boxes.

**El Paso**  
 3727 Shell  
 El Paso, Texas 79925  
 Phone: (915) 595-1060

**Alpine**  
 2101 FM 1703  
 Alpine, Texas 79830  
 Phone: (432) 857-1580

**Odessa**  
 2008 E 2nd St  
 Odessa, Texas 79761  
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