

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jesús Gandara Jr.
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Mary B. García
Gloria M. Rodríguez
Maria Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

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

STAFF ABSENT:

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Jesus Gandara, Jr.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by *Manny Soto, Jr.*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

Although, Public Comment was not on the Agenda, the City Council allowed speakers signed up for Public Comment to speak at the end of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 4. PUBLIC HEARING, ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES TO BE SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND ROADS, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND INTERSECTIONS, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY THEREFORE; (II) ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT; (III) CONSTRUCTION AND**

INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; (IV) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; (V) DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES; (VI) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR CITY OFFICES; AND (VII) LEGAL, FISCAL AND ENGINEERING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.

Suky Ramos, Juan Castaneda and Joe De Turo spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 06/02/11 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 06/08/11 AND 06/21/11.** *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 12, BLOCK 2, VALLE REAL SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 LIGHT COMMERCIAL.** *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 7, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL** *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to move items six (6), eight (8) and nine (9) from the Consent Agenda and into the Regular Agenda and approve the remaining agenda.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 10, BLOCK 1, BUFORD ESTATES SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1 LIGHT COMMERCIAL.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

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

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 21, BLOCK 1, LYNN PARK SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL FOR A DAYCARE.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Joe De Turo spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve item number eight (8)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting nay, tie was broken by Mayor Pro Tem by voting aye. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 25-A-1, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANT FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-1, LIGHT COMMERCIAL.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Cathe Apodaca, Judy Moreno, Ray Perez, Suky Ramos, Juan Castaneda, Jose Sigala and Jose Gutierrez spoke on this item.

Mr. Soto recommended moving into Executive Session because of the fact that there is a contract involved.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes to *table*. After council discussion Maria Reyes withdrew her motion.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:46 P.M

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:57 P.M.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *deny item number nine (9)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000 CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2011; BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATES TO BE SET FORTH IN THE ORDINANCE; TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR (I) CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND ROADS, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND INTERSECTIONS, LANDSCAPING, TRAFFIC SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, CULVERTS AND RELATED STORM DRAINAGE AND UTILITY RELOCATION, AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY THEREFORE; (II) ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTMENT; (III) CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS; (IV) ACQUISITION OF LAND AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS; (V) DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITIES; (VI) ACQUISITION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE FOR CITY OFFICES; AND (VII) LEGAL, FISCAL AND ENGINEERING FEES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH PROJECTS; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS OF THE CITY IN REFERENCE TO THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND THE FUNDS FROM WHICH SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION ARE TO BE PAID; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

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

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TOW WAIVE FEES FOR PROPERTY AT 248 MONTEL DUE TO A FIRE DISASTER. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

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

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ELECTRICAL RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO BE LOCATED AT THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER ON MOON ROAD. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

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

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:09 P.M.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:07 P.M.

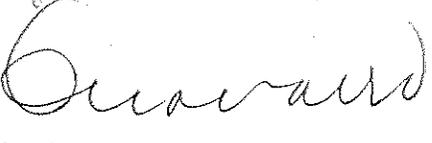
16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MANNY SOTO, JR.

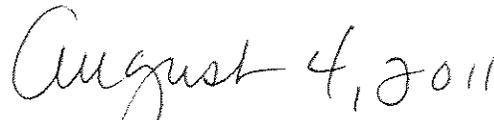
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *authorize the city manager to work with the city attorney to proceed as discussed in Executive Session related to personnel matters and to direct city attorney to provide recommendations to city council as to whether to conduct comprehensive investigations of personnel matters*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

17. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *adjourn at 8:08 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.


Jesus Gandara, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem


Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk


Date when minutes were approved