

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
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Daniel Ordonez, City Attorney

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 was led by *Sam Leony*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded Gloria M. Rodriguez. *to move up items five (5), twelve (12), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), six (6) and fifteen (15).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

PRESENTATION:

5. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER ON 2010 – 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT. MANNY SOTO, JR.

Manny Soto made his presentation (*See Exhibit "A"*)

REGULAR AGENDA

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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.
MANNY SOTO, JR.

Lorenza Fraire and Tom Lawrence spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary Garcia 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 Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve and establish the following as proposed tax rates for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year budget: Maintenance and Operation .394587, Interest and Sinking Fund .102170, for a total combined tax levy of .496757 per \$100.00 value on the real and personal property in the City of Socorro and further that the City Manager and City Clerk be directed to publish such notices and schedule such hearings, in regard to the final approval of the proposed tax rates as required by law*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 18 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2011, FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING:

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 278, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, IN REFERENCE TO GRANT MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE (I.E., PARK IMPROVEMENTS, LAWN CARE, ETS..)**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:38 p.m.

Trini Lopez spoke during public hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

15. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 278, AMENDMENT NO. 4, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, IN REFERENCE TO GRANT MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR FIELD MAINTENANCE (I.E. PARK IMPROVEMENTS, LAWN CARE, ETC.).**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Antonio Salinas, Suky Ramos, Ernesto Gomez, Ralph Duran, Daniel Fresquez, Cathe Apodaca, Juan Castaneda and Victor Garcia spoke during Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 06/21/11 AND 06/30-11 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 07/07/11 AND 07/21/11.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACT 32, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANT, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-**

1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER PREVIOUS ACTION OF CITY COUNCIL AND REZONE TRACT 1-A-41 AND 1-A-44, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS (1.98) AC.) (11300 GATEWAY EAST) FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO M-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL, AND TO APPROVE CONTRACT IMPOSING RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR SAID PROPERTY. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHING PROCESSES, PROCEDURES, RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

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

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SOLICITATION PROCEDURES, WAIVE LIMITS OF SOCORRO PURCHASING POLICY AND AUTHORIZE LEASE, LEASE/PURCHASE CONTRACT OR CONTRACT TO PURCHASE, EQUIPMENT FOR THE SOCORRO RECREATION CENTER. *MANNY SOTO, JR.*

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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MAYOR PRO TEM POSITION.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve the appointment of Gloria M. Rodriguez as Mayor Pro Tem effective August 11, 2011.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. 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 7:21 P.M.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.**

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT OFFER FOR
PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the purchase discussed in closed session for the purchase of real property and to authorize the execution of a contract offer containing said terms.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

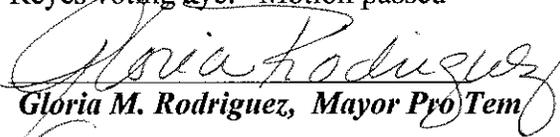
**DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATION OF CITY
MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR
CONDUCTING OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED
SESSION.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *select and appoint Gary K. Webb, a former FBI special agent as the city's special investigator in order to conduct the investigation of the Socorro Police Chief as previously authorized by the city council and further to ratify and approve the term of Mr. Webb's engagement as negotiated by the City manager and City Attorney.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 7:50 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed


Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem


Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

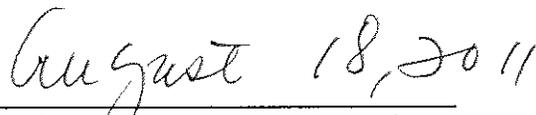

Date when minutes were approved

Exhibit A

City Manager's 2010-2011 Financial Report



Revenue as of June 30, 2011



	9 Month's Original Budget Projected	Current Year Actual June 30, 2011	YTD Budget Variance- Original
Total Revenues	\$4,486,209.12	\$4,790,854.79	+\$304,645.67

Expenditures as of June 30, 2011



	9 month's Original Budget Projected	Current Year Actual June 30, 2011	YTD Budget Variance- Original
Total Expenditures	\$4,635,708.69	\$4,177,664.94	-\$458,043.75
Net Income		+\$613,189.85	

Wells Fargo Depository Bank Accounts



<p>General Fund Account Balance as of 07/28/11</p>	<p>\$5,141,795.38</p>
<p>Certificates of Obligation Account Balance as of 07/28/11</p>	<p>\$3,863,380.08</p>

Certificates of Obligation Report



CO	Series	Amount	Amount Expensed	Balance
2001	Amount		As of	as of
2004	Acquired		07/28/11	07/28/11
2008				
2010				
TOTAL		\$10,500,000	\$6,493,658.94	\$4,006,341.06

Standard & Poor's Rating



- Standard & Poor's Ratings Services assigned its 'A+' rating to Socorro, Texas' series 2011 combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation.

At the same time, Standard & Poor's affirmed its 'A+' underlying rating (SPUR) on the city's general obligation (GO) debt outstanding. The outlook is stable.



Mayor

*Guillermo Madrid Jr.
At Large*

*Maria Reyes
District 1*

*Gloria Macias Rodriguez
District 2*

*Mary B. Garcia
District 3*

*Jesus Gandara, Jr.
District 4/Mayor ProTem*

*Manny Soto
Interim City Manager*

2011-2012 BUDGET GOALS

- Goal 1: To maintain the same overall tax rate that the city has adopted for the last three (3) years - 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011;
- Goal 2: To secure new \$2.7 million Certificates of Obligation (CO's) to fund approved major projects;
- Goal 3: To adopt a balanced budget based on current revenues for planned operational expenses;
- Goal 4: To minimize the use of the general fund reserve to fund operational costs;
- Goal 5: To provide salary increases to be competitive with regional market conditions for the police department and the municipal court;
- Goal 6: To provide at a minimum a cost of living salary increase for all city employees;
- Goal 7: To provide for a projected rate increase in health benefits coverage costs that are paid for 100% by the city for all employees; and
- Goal 8: To restructure strategically within/without departments for both functionality and effectiveness.

Respectfully Submitted.

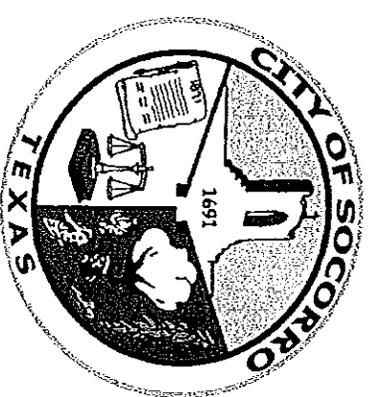
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2011-2012 Budget Goals Cont'd



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2011-2012 Budget Goals Cont'd



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2011-2012 Budget Goals

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