

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gloria M. Rodríguez
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.
Mary B. García
María Reyes
Jesús Gandara Jr. (*Arrived at 6:35 p.m.*)

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 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Gloria M. Rodriguez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Jerry Wallace*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers signed up for Public Comment

PRESENTATION:

**5. BESTOWING CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR LEADERSHIP TO
JUAN CASTANEDA, GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.**

During this time Mr. Madrid presented Juan Castaneda with a certificate for good leadership in his community.

ADDENDUM TO PRESENTATION:

6. PRESENTATION BY RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

During this time Mr. Trini Lopez presented three (3) certificates of appreciation to Carmen Ortiz, Socorro Coronado and Adriana Bueno.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. **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.

Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 6:17 p.m.

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 08/04/11.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:

10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 9, BLOCK 10, COUNTRY GREEN SUBDIVISION, FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH THE CONDITION THAT STRUCTURE ON SAID PROPERTY WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING ON AN APARTMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SOCORRO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY AT TEMPLO EBEN EZER LOCATED AT 10811 ALAMEDA ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2 AND 3, 2011.**

MANNY SOTO, JR.

14. **APPROVAL ON ADDING FIVE LIGHTS TO BONITA PARK.**

JESUS GANDARA, JR.

15. **APPROVAL ON ACQUIRING RFP FOR WATER WELL AT MOON CITY PARK AND BONITA PARK.**

JESUS GANDARA, JR.

16. **APPROVAL ON JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER AND HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT.**

JESUS GANDARA, JR.

17. **APPROVAL ON DESIGNATING LOT 1, BLOCK 1, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 1, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AS A CITY OF SOCORRO PARK.**
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.
18. **APPROVAL ON TRAINING FOR POLICE LIEUTENANT AND H. R. ASSISTANT TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL HUMAN RESOURCES ASSOCIATION EMPLOYMENT LAW SEMINAR IN SEPTEMBER.**
JESUS GANDARA, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of items eleven (11) and twelve (12)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SOCORRO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO DENY THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 9, 9A, 14-A, 14-B, 15 AND 16-C, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT, FROM R-2, MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

Dora Reyes and Trini Lopez spoke on this item.

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

12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

Rebekah Rojas from Socorro High School spoke on this item.

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

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *move item twenty-seven (27) before nineteen (19)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

27. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REQUEST OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY FOR AN INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT DATED MAY 2, 2011, PURSUANT TO TEXAS UTILITY CODE SEC. 104.301 (GRIP STATUTE).**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

Pete Parraz from Texas Gas Service Company spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

19. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

20. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012. MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

21. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZTIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY. MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Maria Reyes voting aye. Motion passed.

22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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.

Jesus Gandara, Jr. arrived to the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. 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.

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR FOUR (4) POLICE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE TECHNIQUES FOR INVESTIGATING VIOLENT CRIME SCENES SEMINAR FROM AUGUST 10 THROUGH THE 12 IN SEGUIN, TEXAS.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr. and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY TRAVEL EXPENDITURES FOR TWO (2) POLICE DEPARTMENT DISPATCH EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND THE TLETS/NLETS BASIC PROCEDURES SEMINAR FROM AUGUST 8, THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2011 IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr. and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

- 26. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS APPROVING A TARIFF CHANGE AS REQUESTED IN EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S ("EPE" OR "COMPANY") APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO REVISE A TARIFF SCHEDULE FOR A NET METERING PROVISION, FILED WITH THE CITY AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.**
MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number twenty six (26)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed.

- 25. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *delete item number twenty-five (25)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:41 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

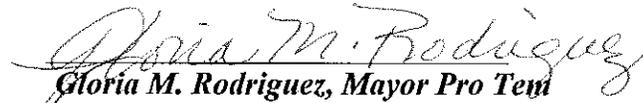
THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:23 P.M.

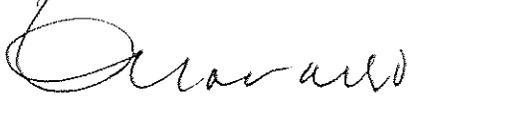
**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL
COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. **MANNY SOTO, JR.****

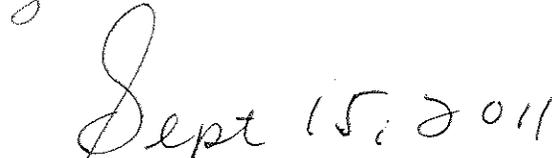
A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *authorize the City Manager to proceed with negotiations regarding acquisition of real property as discussed in closed session.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 7:24 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed


Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem


Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk


Date when minutes were approved