

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Manny Soto, Jr., Acting City Manager
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Gloria M. Rodriguez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Sergeant Refugio Orta*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PRESENTATION:

**4. *BESTOWING CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO GILBERT REYES.*
*MANNY SOTO, JR.***

During this time Mary B. Garcia presented a certificate of appreciation to Gilbert Reyes, who was not present to receive it, but was accepted by Guillermo Madrid, Jr.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to keep the 30 minutes allotted for Public Hearing and limit each speaker to six (6) minutes.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed

PUBLIC HEARING:

5. *PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.*

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 5:35 p.m.

Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 5:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move up items nine (9), six (6), ten (10), seven (7) and eleven (11)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed.

9. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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 Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve as prepared and presented by the City Manager for year 2012 City of Socorro official budget commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012 in the amount of \$13,331,147 with the following amendments; the addition of Historical Preservation Officer/Certified Librarian at a salary of \$53,000 and an additional \$2,000 allocated to our for the Public Works Director, Richard Gutierrez, for item number nine (9)*. 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.

6. 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 5:49 p.m.

Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 5:51 p.m.

10. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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 SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve the tax rate which exceeds effective rate, but maintains the same tax rate as last fiscal year. Note that this will increase tax revenues above those received last year, but doesn't increase the tax rate, move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate for fiscal year 2011-2012 for the City of Socorro as follows: A.) for debt service a rate of .102170; and, B.) for maintenance and operation expenditures as rate of .394587, which will result in a total tax rate of .496757, which rate is effectively a 1.99% increase in the tax rate. And, further to adopt an ordinance establishing these tax rates as required by law, item number ten (10).* 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.

7. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MANNY SOTO, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 5:53 p.m.

Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 5:56 p.m.

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING A NEW ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. MANNY SOTO, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number eleven (11) to include a dotted line from Chief of Police to Mayor/Council.* Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR CHURCH BAZAAR AT SAN FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH LOCATED AT 401 PASSMORE ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, OCTOBER 1ST AND OCTOBER 2ND 2011. MANNY SOTO, JR.

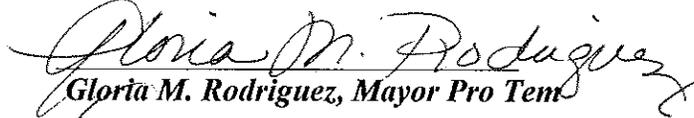
A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve item number eight (8).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number fourteen (14).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

15. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 6:00 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


October 6, 2011
Date when minutes were approved