

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gloria M. Rodríguez  
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.  
Mary B. García  
María Reyes  
Jesús Gandara Jr. (*arrived to the meeting at 6:08 p.m.*)

**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 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 *Manny Soto*

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Juan Castaneda and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment*

*Jesus Gandara, Jr. arrived at 6:08 p.m.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 08/31/11, 09/08/11, 09/2011 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 09/15/11. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move item number six (6) to after nine (9)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR A NEW RATE SCHEDULE FOR CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, AND SIMILAR HOUSES OF WORSHIP. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

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

- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HORIZON REGIONAL MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Maria Reyes 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.

- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RECONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL ACTION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2011, APPROVING FINAL PLAT OF ESTANCIAS DE MISSIONES SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 6A, 6B, BLOCK 13, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS AND ASSESSING FEES AND PENALTIES. MANNY SOTO, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *reconsider the City Council's action on September 15, 2011 approving the Estancias de Misiones Subdivision Plat*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the plat for Estancias de Misiones Subdivision subject to and conditioned upon the following: 1) In order to provide connectivity for future developments, the developer must add three stub-outs to this subdivision, to be dedicated to the City of Socorro, as follows:*

- a. One-stub out extending Villa La Estancias Street to the subdivision boundary dead ending at the farm land to the West.*
- b. One-stub out extending Villa la Estancias Street to the subdivision boundary dead ending at the farm land to the East.*
- c. One-stub out extending Estancias del Sur Street to the south at the cul-de-sac near the south east corner to the subdivision boundary.*
- d. The stub-outs shall be paved in accord with City of Socorro subdivision standards, and the City of Socorro will assume maintenance of these stub-out areas.*
- e. Accept the developer's request for reconsideration of the dedication of park land and approve the developer's request to be permitted to pay and park fee of \$68,432.82 as fee to compensate City for decision to permit payment of fee in lieu of donation of land for park. 2) In addition to the above mentioned modifications, the developer must pay (and according to the Planning Department have paid) the following fees and penalties prior to execution of the plat by the City of Socorro:*

<i>a. subdivision application fee</i>	\$1,225.00
<i>b. preliminary plat review</i>	100.00
<i>c. Engineering Report Review</i>	200.00
<i>d. specifications review</i>	200.00
<i>e. test inspection</i>	100.00
<i>f. developer paid park fees</i>	\$ 68,432.82
<i>g. penalty fees</i>	49,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$119,357.82

Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE DRIVEWAY/SIDEWALK ON CITY PROPERTY AT LOT 7, BLOCK 8, COUNTRY GREEN SUDIVISION. *MANNY SOTO, JR.***

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

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *combine items ten (10) and eleven (11)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

**ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:**

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDMENT OF THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT. *MANNY SOTO, JR.***

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PURCHASING POLICY SECTION IV., A., 2. (b) AND (c). *MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *immediately begin the process to select an executive search firm to identify and recommend candidates for permanent city manager to the city council for selection of a permanent city manger; to waive the city policy related to solicitation of quotes or proposals related to the search firm contract; and to select and authorize a committee consisting of Manny Soto, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to complete the selection process for selection of the executive search firm*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE SPECIFIC POLICY REGARDING OVERTIME COMPENSATION FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES WHOSE PROJECTS ARE FUNDED BY STATE, FEDERAL AND PRIVATE GRANTS. *MANNY SOTO, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes to *table*, no second, motion died.

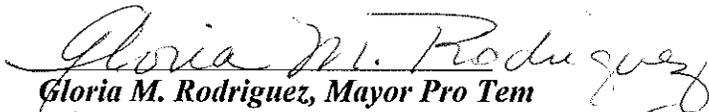
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twelve (12) contingent on legal counsel's recommendation to be met.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr. and Maria Reyes voting nay and Mary B. Garcia and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Gloria M. Rodriguez broke the tie by voting aye. Motion passed.

**15. 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 fifteen (15).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Motion passed.

**16. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 6:58 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr. and Maria Reyes voting nay and Mary B. Garcia and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye. Gloria M. Rodriguez broke the tie by voting aye. Motion passed.

  
Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

  
Date when minutes were approved