

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Alejandro Vidales, Jr., Acting City Manager
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director
Daniel Ordonez, City Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, Gloria M. Rodriguez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Judge Vidales*.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. CANVASS THE RETURNS OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

During this time *Manuel Rubio, City Clerk* read the results of the election as follows:

Jesus Ruiz 273 votes
Ernest Gomez 552 votes
Trini Lopez 689 votes

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

5. SWEAR IN CEREMONY FOR INCOMING ELECTED OFFICIAL.

During this time *Judge Lujan* swore in *Mayor Trini Lopez*

During this time Mayor Lopez thanked the community for their support.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez *to convene into a twenty minute recess*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Jesús Gandara, Jr., voting aye. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 6:11 P.M.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:42 P.M.

During this time Mayor Lopez recognized Mayor Praino from the Village of Vinton, Council Representative Lucero from the Village of Vinton, Manuel Garcia, Mario Parra, Blanca Loya and husband Rudy, Paul Guerra from the Socorro Independent School District, Robert Grijalva from Chente Quintanillas's office and Sal Payan from the office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes.

Sal Payan, Robert Grijalva, and Mayor Praino spoke during this time.

6. RECOGNITION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING AND THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS COMMISSIONERS. GLORIA RODRIGUEZ

During this time Gloria Rodriguez recognized the commissioners of the Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments and thanked them for their commitment to the city. Those present were: Paul Guerra, Jorge Perez, Rudy Loya, Charlie Dominguez, Arnulfo Salazar and Humberto Nevarez.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carlos Villagrana, was signed up but was not present to speak.

Juan Castaneda and Suky Ramos spoke during Public Comment.

PUBLIC HEARING:

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RAILROAD CROSSING ENFORCEMENT IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION, ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL AND JUDICIAL REVIEW ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND AND OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO. A. VIDALES, JR.

Public Hearing opened at 7:04

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:04

CONSENT AGENDA:

9. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 10/20/11.**
A. VIDALES, JR.
10. **APPROVAL OF CITY CLERK AND ASSISTANT CITY CLERK TO ATTEND THE ELECTION LAW SEMINAR PROVIDED BY THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL CLERKS ASSOCIATION OF JANUARY 18-20, 2012.**
JESUS GANDARA, JR.
11. **APPROVAL FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, A POLICE SERGEANT, THE MUNICIPAL CONSULTANT, AND ANY OTHER REQUIRED WITNESSES TO ATTEND TCLOESE HEARING ON NOVEMBER 28 AND 29, 2011 IN AUSTIN, TEXAS.**
A. VIDALES, JR.
15. **APPROVAL OF MAYOR, DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE, AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE, INTERIM CITY MANAGER, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, D.C. REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF THE SOCORRO POST OFFICE.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda except items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14)*. 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.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up items twenty-three (23), twenty (20), fourteen (14), thirteen (13) and twelve (12)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

23. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BID PROPOSAL FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PACKAGE/PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY THE MULLEN GROUP FOR FY2012.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

20. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ETHICAL AND TRAINING STANDARDS FOR JUVENILE CASE MANAGERS EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO, PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID STANDARDS AND PROVIDING FOR PERIODIC REVIEW TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REQUISITE STANDARDS.**
A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Guillermo Madrid to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 24, BLOCK 5, DELIP SUBDIVISION FROM R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MECHANIC SHOP. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).*

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Maria Reyes to *deny the proposed rezoning of Lot 24, Block 5, Delip Subdivision from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2, General Commercial with a Conditional use permit for mechanic shop.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 70, MOON ADDITION FROM LEGAL -NON CONFORMING C-1, LIGHT COMMERCIAL TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR MECHANIC SHOP. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *deny the proposed rezoning of Lot 70, Moon Addition from Legal Non-Conforming C-1, Light Commercial to C-2, General Commercial with a Conditional use permit for mechanic shop for the purpose of making sure it complies with the Master Plan forthcoming and to make sure it best fits the community.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 20, BLOCK 8, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number twelve (12).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROVIDING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND RAILROAD CROSSING ENFORCEMENT IMPOSING CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION, ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, PROVIDING FOR APPEAL AND JUDICIAL REVIEW ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC SAFETY FUND AND OTHER MATTERS GERMANE THERETO.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the change of the fee from \$75.00 to \$125.00 on Section 2 (b).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR ENVIRONMENT SERVICES. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE DAY AND TIME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER 2011 AS PER CHARTER SECTION 3.07 (A). A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded Maria Reyes to *schedule the Regular Meeting for December 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

19. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS RELATING TO APPROVAL OF TAXATION OF GOODS-IN-TRANSIT THAT ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AS PERMITTED BY TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 11.253. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PRESERVATION OFFICER/LIBRARIAN FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY ADMINISTRATION TO FIND BEST LOCATON FOR CITY OF SOCORRO MUSEUM. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number twelve*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

24. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. A. VIDALES, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:57 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

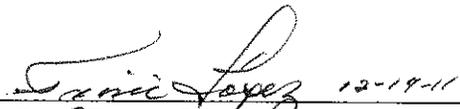
THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 8:22 P.M.

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. A. VIDALES, JR.

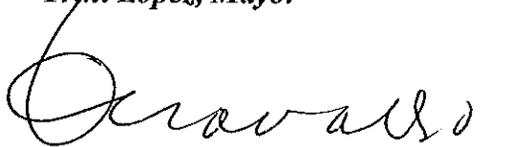
A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the recommendation of real property*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed

29. ADJOURN

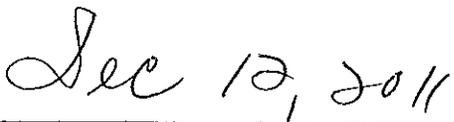
A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *adjourn at 8:24 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes voting aye and Jesus Gandara, Jr. voting nay. Motion passed.



Trini Lopez, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved