

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Manuel Rubio, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Councilwoman *Gloria M. Rodriguez*.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**4. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO GUADALUPE  
ALMANZAR FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF  
SOCORRO. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Mayor Lopez presented a plaque to Mr. Almanzar for his service to the City of Socorro.

During this time the Human Resources Director and Council Representatives spoke and thanked Mr. Almanzar for his twenty-four years of service.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*No Speakers for Public Comment*

6. **PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 293 AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, IN REFERENCE TO BALANCING OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**Public Hearing opened at 6:11 p.m.**

**No Speakers**

**Public Hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.**

7. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

**Public Hearing opened at 6:12 p.m.**

**No Speakers**

**Public Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2012.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

9. **APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR A CHURCH BAZAAR AT SAINT PETER & PAUL CHURCH LOCATED AT 673 OLD HUECO TANKS RD ON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup>, AND 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

12. **APPROVAL FOR THE HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT TO ATTEND THE AGENDAS AND MINUTES, OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE SEMINAR IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *pull out items ten (10) and eleven (11) and approve the remaining of the Consent Agenda.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 10. APPROVAL TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE A PAY RAISE FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS EXCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. *GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *direct the City Manager to conduct a feasibility study to provide a pay raise for department heads, their employees, and police dispatchers; excluding the police department and municipal court.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 11. APPROVAL FOR THE PLANNING AND ZONING CLERK TO ATTEND THE AGENDAS AND MINUTES, OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT, RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE SEMINAR IN HOUSTON, TEXAS ON JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2012. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number eleven (11) and to include council.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON OF ORDINANCE 293 AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, IN REFERENCE TO BALANCING OF DEPARTMENT BUDGETS. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve item number thirteen (13).* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS REGULATING MUNICIPAL PARKS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AND PERMITS WITHIN CITY PARKS, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD, PROVIDING FOR HOURS OF OPERATION, SPECIAL EVENTS, ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL USE PERMITS PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE. *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

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

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *move up item number twenty-two (22) to be next on the agenda*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE USE OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL AT THE SOCORRO ENTERTAINMENT CENTER.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Lt. Governor Carlos Hisa, Raul Candelaria, Police Chief of the Ysleta Del Sur, and Karl A. Maahs, General Manager of Speaking Rock spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve to allow the temporary agreement in place by the City Manager and Ysleta Del Sur and designate the City Manager to work out a contractual agreement for the use of our police officers and any other issues pertaining within the next city council meeting with approval of our special counsel*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE UNITED WAY AMERICORPS HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPI) GRADUATION CEREMONY.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Claudia Villa spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve to lend the United Way AmeriCorps (HIPPI) as many chairs and tables as we have available at any city owned property*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.** *WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.*

Joe Rocha, Human Resources Director, spoke on this item

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *table item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH BYLAWS FOR THE PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD.**

***GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct the City Attorney and City Manager to work on the bylaws*.

*Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and direct the city attorney to work with the board commission to develop the bylaws*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Lieutenant Joe Alvarez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the camera system with the requirement that they must contact other government agencies to see what type of camera system they are using or better product*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REQUEST FROM ALIVIANE TO USE THE E. G. CHAYO APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER FOR A YOUTH PROGRAM.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

Christina Hernandez, Program Coordinator and Maribel Miranda, Case Manager for Aliviane spoke on this item.

Dania Diaz, Community Center Director spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *deny the request to use the Apodaca Center or any other city property and cancel any existing contracts with Aliviane*. 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.

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A REPORT ON SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *delete item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A REQUEST TO HIRE A CONSULTANT/FIRM FOR THE FIRE CHIEF SEARCH. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *waive the purchasing policy and authorize the city manager to do a national search and do the same process as for the city manager*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:36 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:31 P.M.**

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

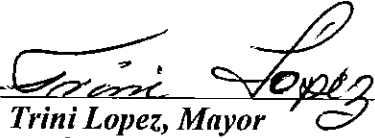
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the purchase of real estate property on Buford Dr. and real property on Socorro Rd and the execution of the contracts as discussed in closed session and reaffirm that the only ones authorized to negotiate land deals on behalf of the City of Socorro are the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Consultant only*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

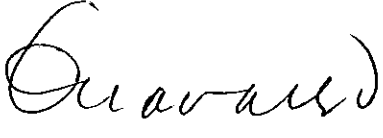
**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON LEGAL ADVICE RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

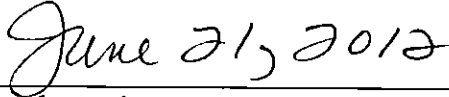
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve settlement of litigation judgment as recommended and discussed in closed session*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

**28. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 9:35 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

  
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*Trini Lopez, Mayor*

  
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*Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk*

  
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*Date when minutes were approved*