

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager
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 Council Representative District 1, *Gloria M. Rodriguez*

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Castañeda spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *comply with the thirty (30) minutes allotted time for speakers*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETING OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSION.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

*Public Hearing opened at 6:03 p.m.
Sergio Cox spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed at 6:06 p.m.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. **APPROVAL OF NEW OVERLAY AND RECONSTRUCTION LIST AS SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO PRIORITIZE ACCOMPLISHING A NEW LIST.**

JESUS GANDARA, JR.

ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:

7. **APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS A & M COLONIAS PROGRAM FOR FACILITY USE, AND DESIGNATING THE COUNCILMAN AT-LARGE AS LIAISON FOR CITY COUNCIL ON THIS PROJECT.**

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum to the Consent Agenda*. 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.

REGULAR AGENDA:

8. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETING OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number eight (8)*. 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.

9. **FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND AWARDED SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.**

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *approve 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.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *recognize Mrs. Garcia*. 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 Mary B. Garcia to *delete items twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *move up items nineteen (19), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21)*. 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.

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SPONSOR THE EL PASO MISSION TRAIL ASSOCIATION 5TH ANNUAL RED & GREEN CHILE WAR EVENT AT COUGAR PARK ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AND 9TH, 2012.
MARY B. GARCIA

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GILBERT LUJAN TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION.
MARY B. GARCIA

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ARTURO MORALES TO THE MUNICIPAL PARK COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD.
MARY B. GARCIA

A motion was made by Mary Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez, to *delete items twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RICHARD BAQUERA TO THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION.
GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve 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, abstained. Motion passed.

11. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

GUILLERMO MADRID, JR.

12. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items eleven (11) and twelve (12)*

Mr. Gandara rescinded his motion

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items eleven (11) and twelve (12)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REVISION OF OUTDATED JOB DESCRIPTION DUTIES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

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

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

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number fifteen (15) to include the City Attorney's recommendation 1.) delete may compile and document data, and draft documents for grant applications 2.) under establish, maintain effective working relationships with add City Council, and 3.) under responsible for any assignments issued by the City of Socorro add and/or City Council*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Maria Reyes, abstained. Motion passed.

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF AMENDED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR JUVENILE CASE MANAGER.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR RECREATION PARK TECHNICIAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CITY ENGINEER. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez abstained. Motion passed.

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

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:06 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Council Member Mary B. Garcia. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Mary B. Garcia, abstained, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Council Member Guillermo Madrid Jr. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Gloria M. Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, Guillermo Madrid, abstained, and Maria Reyes voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Council Member Jesus Gandara, Jr. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting aye, and, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Council Member Gloria M. Rodriguez. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is*

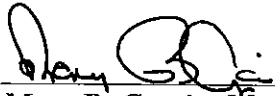
for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Police Sargent Refugio Orta. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, abstained, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.*

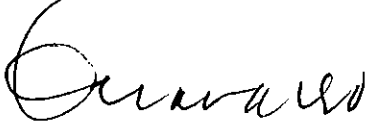
A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *authorize the City Attorney to engage such Accountants and Financial and Administrative Consultants as necessary to investigate and review matters involving expense reimbursement for City Council Members related to official travel as discussed in closed session and to further authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with Municipal Court Judge Alex Vidales. Said special counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the submission of expense reimbursements and travel expenses while on official business for the City of Socorro and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that (1) the expenditure for legal representation is for the city's best interest, and (2) this incident arose out of actions by City Council Members that were undertaken in good faith within the course and scope of performance of their official duties to the City of Socorro. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez, voting nay, and Maria Reyes, voting nay. Motion passed.*

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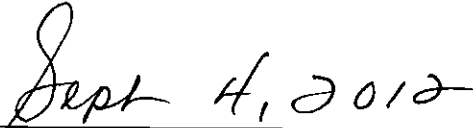
A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed.*



Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem



Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk



Date when minutes were approved