

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Trini López, Mayor  
Guillermo Madrid, Jr.  
Mary B. García,  
Jesús Gandara Jr.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gloria M. Rodríguez  
María Reyes

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, 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 5:10

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by *Planning and Zoning Director Sam Leony*

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**4. PRESENTATION BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Salary comparison made by Angel Almanza, Police Department Communications Supervisor.*

*Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk recommended moving the Public Hearing due to an error in the publication which indicated the Public Hearing scheduled for 6:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 p.m.*

Motion made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move item number five (5), Public Hearing, to after Executive Session.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE FIRST ANNUAL "CITY OF SOCORRO CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS" ON AUGUST 31, 2012 AT BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK AND DESIGNATE, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3, AS LIAISON FOR CITY COUNCIL FOR PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF EVENT.**

**MARY B. GARCIA**

7. **APPROVAL OF DESIGNATING THE FIRST TWO CALLED SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER AS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 3.07 (A).**

**JESUS GANDARA, JR.**

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

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

8. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013, FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

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

9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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, 2012 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item number nine (9) with correction of September 2012 to September 2013*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CORRECTION OF THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012, AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2012, FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2013. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia, to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move items twelve (12) and eleven (11) after the Public Hearing*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF REVIEW APPRAISER FOR OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD EXTENSION. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve recommendation of administration of the appointment of review appraiser*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL CONSULTING CONTRACT. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve with designation that item 6 A meets legal requirements. No second. Motion dies*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve the Municipal Consulting Contract with the exception of deleting letters, A, C, D, and F under No. 4; and with the exception of taking out the words on 4 G "projected hours not to exceed 40 hours of work"; and for an additional item to be added to this contract that the Municipal Administrative Consultant will notify the City Manager weekly or biweekly in a summary of progress of projects being worked on; and with the addition of changing 4 H to read "and to assist and cooperate with legal counsel regarding lawsuits or pending lawsuits"; and under item No. 7 to add after the first Socorro City Council "and City Manager".* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXTENSION AND RENEWAL OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE CONTRACT. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve the addition of the language to allow the salary to move up on the budget and cannot be moved down and set the salary of the Municipal Court Judge at 74,000.00 annually.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR  
PURCHASE OF LAND. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *approve the purchase of the property located at 301 Place Road with a purchase price of \$75,000 with the City Attorney's recommendation of the suggested amendments to the contract: 1.) survey, 2.) title insurance, and 3.) charges for environmental assessment.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move up the Public Hearing and items twelve (12) and eleven (11).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 293  
AMENDING THE BUDGET. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public Hearing opened at 6:15 p.m.*

*No speakers*

*Public Hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.*

**12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON AMENDMENT TO  
ORDINANCE 293 AMENDING THE BUDGET. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *approve item number twelve (12).* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

**11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 295, AMENDMENT  
NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING  
AN AMENDED ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO,  
TEXAS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve with the exception of moving the Chief Financial Officer position above the Senior Accountant position*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr., to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:18 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 6:43 P.M.***

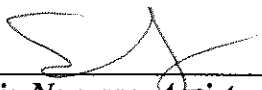
**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION, AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING MATTERS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr. to *authorize the City Attorney to engage and employ special legal counsel to consult with the Public Works Director Richard Gutierrez, said special legal counsel is to provide legal advice regarding official actions and allegations related to the administration of the Socorro Public Works Department and other actions while on official business or engaged in official actions for the City of Socorro, and to authorize payment of reasonable fees and expenses in connection therewith as negotiated by the City Attorney. In support of this action I further move that the City Council specifically find that: 1. Expenditures for legal representation as authorized herein in the City's best interest; and 2. These incidents for which representation is authorized herein arose out of actions that were undertaken in good faith and within the course and scope of performance of official duties and in the course and scope of the individual's 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 and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

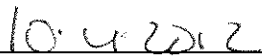
**20. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia seconded by Guillermo Madrid, Jr., to *adjourn at 6:45 p.m.* Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid, Jr., Mary B. Garcia, and Jesus Gandara, Jr., voting aye, and Gloria M. Rodriguez and Maria Reyes, absent. Motion passed.

  
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**Mary B. Garcia, Mayor Pro-Tem**

  
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**Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk**



  
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**Date when minutes were approved**