

**Jesús Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodríguez**  
Representative At-Large

**Maria Reyes**  
Representative District 1/  
Mayor Pro-Tem



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
Representative District 2

**Mary B. García**  
Representative District 3

**Joseph E. Bowling**  
Representative District 4

**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2013**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Maria Reyes  
Joseph E. Bowling  
Gloria Rodriguez

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mary B. Garcia

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
James E. Martinez, City Attorney

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jesus Ruiz

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Leony

### **3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Speakers for Public Comment

**REGULAR AGENDA**

5. **APPROVAL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2013.** **SANDRA HERNANDEZ**
6. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 467, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS RESERVATION SYSTEM DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**
7. **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 468, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEW ROOM EQUIPMENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.** **ANIBAL OLAGUE**
8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **WILLIE NORFLEET**

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA**

9. **APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF CARLOS SEPULVEDA TO THE PARKS COMMISSION.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda and the Addendum to the Consent Agenda*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia absent and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move item number fifteen (15) to be next on the agenda*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

15. **SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER.** **MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz swore in Carlos Sepulveda.



**10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 320, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 3.08 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR CONDUCT OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 304 AMENDMENT NO. 1 AND ORDINANCE 280 AMENDMENT NO. 1.**  
**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MASTER PLAN BY SITES SOUTHWEST.**  
**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *postpone after the election of November 5, 2013 to allow the new incoming council members to review*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROVIDING MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR FY 2013-2014 FOR SENIOR DANCES AT RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER, WAIVING EVENT PERMITS, AND WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00**  
**DANIA DIAZ**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR PROPOSED FALL FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 31, 2013 AT RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER, WAIVING EVENT PERMIT, AND WITH A BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$8,000.00.**  
**DANIA DIAZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION FOR DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 3.**  
**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table for next meeting to include District 4*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia absent and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed.

**ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RE-LOCATING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DUTIES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PAYMENT APPROVAL TO HORIZON AUTO SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,098.50 WITH AN AFTER THE FACT PURCHASE ORDER. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PAYMENT APPROVAL TO CONDE ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,012.50 WITH AN AFTER THE FACT PURCHASE ORDER. *SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONTRACT THE SERVICES OF ASA ARCHITECTS TO DEVELOP A RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOUSE AT A COST OF \$1,350.00. *ANIBAL OLAGUE***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number nineteen (19)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.



**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 7:15 PM**

**ADDITION TO THE AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PERFORM AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROCEDURAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO ANNEX LAND AND THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF EACH, REVIEW PAST ANNEXATION EFFORTS. ASSESS OR DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL SERVICE INVENTORY, MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN AND ANNEXATION PLAN AND TO CONTRACT FOR OR PROCURE LAND SURVEYS, TITLE REPORTS AND OTHER MATERIALS NECESSARY FOR ANNEXATION.**  
**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve item number one (1)*). Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

29. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD.**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve and proceed as recommended by the City Attorney*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia, absent. Motion passed.

27. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

28. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete item twenty-six (26)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

**30. DISCUSSION ON ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND.**

***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

**31. DISCUSSION ON OLD MUNICIPAL COURT WARRANTS AND FINES.**

***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete items thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FRAY HOLGUIN ROAD.**

***JAMES A. MARTINEZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Maria Reyes to *delete item thirty-two (32)*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

**33. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Joseph E. Bowling seconded by Maria Reyes to *adjourn at 7:20 p.m.* Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes, and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye, and Mary B. Garcia and Joseph Bowling absent. Motion passed.

  
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**Jesus Ruiz, Mayor**

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Minutes prepared by  
Olivia Navarro  
Assistant City Clerk

  
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Date minutes approved