Jesus Ruiz Mayor

Rene Rodriguez At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez

District 2

Victor Perez, District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Joseph E. Bowling
District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz Joseph E. Bowling Sergio Cox Gloria M. Rodriguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Victor Perez (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) Rene Rodriguez (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk David Mirazo, City Attorney Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director Adriana Rodarte, HR Director Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor Miguel Rosas, Public Works Supervisor Karina Hagelsieb, CFO Chief Carlos Maldonado

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Sam Leony

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Arturo Robles, Suky Ramos and Rosalinda Vigil spoke during Public Comment.

Victor Perez arrived to the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY GHOSTLIGHT CREATIVE REGARDING THE OPENING OF A CORN MAZE.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Presentaton by Wes Navidomskis

6. PRESENTATION BY LORI DIAZ, SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, REGARDING OLWEUS ANTI-BULLYING KICK-OFF EVENT.

GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ

Not present to make presentation.

7. PRESENTATION REGARDING AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT BY CITY MANAGER, WILLIE NORFLEET, JR. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Presentation by Willie Norfleet, Jr.

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.688558 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Public Hearing Opened at 6:22 p.m. Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing Public Hearing Closed at 6:25 p.m.

9. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Willie Norfleet spoke on this item.

No action on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

SANDRA HERNANDEZ

11. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2014. SANDRA HERNANDEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez Nays:

Abstsain:

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES

12. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 322, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY-2014 ADOPTED BUDGET.

KARINA HAGELSIEB

Public Hearing Opened at 6:26 p.m. No Speakers Public Hearing Closed at 6:26 p.m.

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 322, AMENDMENT NO. 3, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET TO DECREASE FY-2014 ADOPTED BUDGET.

KARINA HAGELSIEB

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number thirteen (13). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

14. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 344, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 29-F, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT AT 10401 ALAMEDA AVENUE FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

SAM LEONY

Public Hearing Opened at 6:27 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 6:28 p.m.

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 344, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 29-F, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT AT 10401 ALAMEDA FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number fifteen (15). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez Nays:

Abstain:

16. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 345, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 1-E, BLOCK 26, SOCORRO GRANT (NO ADDRESS AVAILABLE) FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

SAM LEONY

Public Hearing Opened at 6:29 p.m. Suky Ramos spoke during Public Hearing Public Hearing Closed at 6:32 p.m.

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF **ORDINANCE** 345, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 1-E, BLOCK 26, **SOCORRO** GRANT (NO **ADDRESS** AVAILABLE) FROM (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM **DENSITY** RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve* item number seventeen (17). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

18. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 346, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve the budget with no pay increases. Motion passed.

Rene Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to table this item until items thirty-four (34), thirty-seven (37), thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39) and forty (40) are heard. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to move up items items thirty-four (34), thirty-seven (37), thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39) and forty (40). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDS EACH COUNCIL MEMBER IS ALLOCATED FROM \$1000 TO \$500 AND ALLOCATING \$3,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOOKS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Victor Reta spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number thirty-four (34). Motion fails.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez

Nays: Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Abstain:

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE'S TWO YEAR CONTRACT.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to approve item number thirty-seven (37). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DEFUND ASSISTANT CITY CLERK POSITION AND HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT POSITION. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number thirty-eight (38).

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez to only defund the Human Resources Assistant position with the understanding that the Assistant City Clerk position will have a revised modified sole of duties. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, , and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox

Abstain: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Mayor Jesus Ruiz broke the tie by voting yes.

39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING GRANT WRITER POSITION. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to have an in house grant writer.

Rene Rodriguez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to approve a feasibility study for the possibility of an in house grant writer. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

40. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO COMBINE PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number forty (40). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

18. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 346, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve with no pay increases. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Sergio Cox

Abstain:

19. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 347, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve with the changes made by council. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

20. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 348, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, 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 ON OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve item number twenty (20). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

21. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 349, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT 1, BLOCK 5, AND TRACT 7, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 FROM A-1 (GENERAL GRANT. COMMERCIAL. **PLANNING** AND **ZONING** COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number twenty-one (21). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

22. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 350, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, MOON ADDITION NO. 4 AT 10175 ARMSTRONG FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number twenty-two (22). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

23. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 351, AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 20, BLOCK 3, HILLCREST MANOR AT 10832 ARLENE CIRCLE FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number twenty-three (23). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

24. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 4-B, 4-C, AND 4-D, BLOCK 14, SOCORRO GRANT AT 116 BUFORD ROAD FROM LNC-C-2 (LEGAL NON-CONFORMING LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL). PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve the recommendation made by the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

25. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 3, ANGIE SUBDIVISION AT 550 LISA DIANE ROAD ADDING TO EXISTING SU-1 (SPECIAL USE), A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING FOR A COMMERCIAL BUILDING. PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDS DENIAL.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve the recommendation made the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to announce the date of September 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 860 Rio Vista. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 477, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty-seven*. Motion passed.

Willie Norfleet, Jr. spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez Nays:

Abstain:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FLOOD CONTROL PLAN.
WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

Willie Norfleet, Jr. spoke on this item.

No action on this item.

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2015 BUDGET PLAN. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number twenty-nine (29). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ENGINEERING REPORT CONCERNING SPARKS ARROYO. WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to approve item number thirty (30). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

GRANTS DIVISION

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM AND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 479, A RESOLUTION, OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCBG) APPLICATION TO THE **TEXAS** DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE FOR THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TXCDBG DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM. ANIBAL OLAGUE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number thirty-one (31). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays: Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD INFORMAL BID SOLICITATION FOR A NEW ROOF AT 860 RIO VISTA, SOCORRO, TEXAS TO DE LEON CONTRACTORS CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48, 422,00.

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to approve item number thirty-two (32). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION USING COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO PURCHASE BOOKS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconds by Joseph E. Bowling to approve the participation of any council member who wishes to participate. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ENDING MOVIES UNDER THE STARS THIS YEAR. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number thirty-five (35). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON RECYCLE BIN COST ANALYSIS. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ

Willie Norfleet, Jr., spoke on this item.

No action on this item

41. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FRAY HOLGUIN ROAD. RENE RODRIGUEZ

No action on this item.

42. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE USED TIRE DISPOSAL AND STORAGE, HAZARDS AND NUISANCES ARISING FROM SAME AND ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING ORDINANCES AND POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ORDINANCES AND POLICIES TO REGULATE SAME.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct staff to create an ordinance*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

43. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESERVING SOME PORTION OF STOP SIGNS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED AND ALLOCATED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR INSTALLATION AT A LATER DATE AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY LOCATIONS FOR SIGNS SO RESERVED.

RENE RODRIGUEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number forty-three (43). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY ATTORNEY

44. DISCUSSION AND ACTION RE OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD ROADWAY PROJECT, FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR SAME AND PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, INCLUDING THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY, THE STATE OF TEXAS, EL PASO COUNTY, EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to approve item number forty-four (44). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:51 P.M.

45. 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.

46. 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.

47. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items* numbers forty-five (45), forty-six (46), and forty-seven (47). Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Navs:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

48. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO BOBBY D. CORREA V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO; SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-13-5911.F5.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to grant the city attorney authority to request the recommended decision. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Navs:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

49. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGIO ORTA V. THE CITY OF SOCORRO; SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-13-5909.F5

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to grant the city attorney authority to discuss what was discussed in closed session.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

50. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO JAVIER VARELA V. SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT; SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-13-5925.F5 JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to grant the city attorney to act as discussed in closed session. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Joseph E. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

41. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Joseph B. Bowling, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M.

Rodriguez

Nays Abstain:

Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

Olivia Navarro Assistant City Clerk Date minutes approved