

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor  
**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large  
**Maria Reyes**  
District 1 / Mayor Pro-Tem



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
District 2  
**Mary B. García**  
District 3  
**Joseph E. Bowling**  
District 4  
**Willie Norfleet, Jr.**  
City Manager

**CITY OF SOCORRO  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 13, 2013**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jesus Ruiz  
Rene Rodriguez  
Mary B. Garcia  
Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Maria Reyes  
Joseph E. Bowling

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jerry Wallace, City Attorney  
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk  
Sam Leony, Planning & Zoning Director

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Willie Norfleet, Jr. City Manager

**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 recited.

**3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to suspend the rules and allow public comment. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Fernando Viramontes, Pearl Thompson, Suky Ramos, Ruben Vogt, Zach Sterns, Jose Landeros, Ralph Duran, Mike Padilla, and Jaime Abeytia addressed city council.

**PRESENTATION**

**4. PRESENTATION BY AFSCME TO DISCUSS THE SERVICES OFFERED.**

**JESUS RUIZ**

Jonathon Bramblett gave a brief presentation of the services offered.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 304, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN PROCEDURAL RULES AND OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

*Public hearing opened and closed at 6:47 p.m. There were no speakers.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6. APPROVAL TO REPLACE ALL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE SIGNS TO INDICATE THE PROJECT WAS FUNDED THROUGH A GRANT BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO REMOVE ALL SIGNS THAT HAVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' NAMES FROM PARKS AND ANY PUBLIC PLACES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

**RENE RODRIGUEZ**

**7. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 458 TO VOID AND ABOLISH RESOLUTION 451 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO REGARDING COUNCILPERSON MARIA REYES.**

**JESUS RUIZ**

**8. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 459 TO VOID AND ABOLISH RESOLUTION 450 FINDING THAT NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO WAS GIVEN IN THE MANNER AND FOR THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW.**

**MARIA REYES**

**9. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 460 TO VOID AND ABOLISH RESOLUTION 455 REGARDING TEXAS HOUSE BILL 2003.**

**MARIA REYES**

**10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes to *approve consent agenda*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-2.



**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 304, AMENDMENT NO. 1, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS OF THE SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BY ELIMINATING CERTAIN PROCEDURAL RULES AND OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO.**  
***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 11*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

- 12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 318, AN ORDINANCE DECLARING FIREWORKS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, SALE OR USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS, PERMITS, PENALTIES, A SEVERANCE CLAUSE, ABOLISHING ORDINANCE 246 AS AMENDED AND FOR OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO.**

***JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Mary B. Garcia, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *deny item 12*. Motion failed. Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting aye and Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting nay. Motion failed 2-3.

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 12*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Mary B. Garcia and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 3-2.

- 13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 317, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR NAMING PUBLIC BUILDINGS, PARKS, NAMING PUBLIC ROADWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS, AND FOR OTHER MATTERS GERMAINE THERETO.**

***RENE RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 13*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

- 14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 280, 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.**

***GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez., seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *approve item 14*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 306, AMENDMENT NO. 2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FY 2013 ADOPTED BUDGET.**  
**WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item 15*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INCREASING THE EMERGENCY AID AND ASSISTANCE FUND.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *table item 16*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ALLOCATING EMERGENCY AID AND ASSISTANCE FUND TO PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE MOBILE HOME FIRE AT 780 CLEM #, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *table item 17*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ALLOCATING EMERGENCY AID AND ASSISTANCE FUND TO PROVIDE FOR ASSISTANCE FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AT 125 SKYLIGHT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item 18*. Motion carried with Rene Rodriguez, Mary B. Garcia, Maria Reyes and Joseph E. Bowling voting aye and Gloria M. Rodriguez voting nay. Motion passed 4-1.

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CHANGE OF STREET NAMES IN LAS MARGARITAS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED WITHIN DISTRICT 4, AND TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO EFFECTUATE THE CHANGE OF STREET NAMES, ERECT STREET SIGNS, AND TO OFFICIALLY RECORD THE NEW SUBDIVISION PLAT INDICATING THE NEW STREET NAMES IN THE EL PASO COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**  
**SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Maria Reyes *table item 19*. Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez, seconded by Mary B. Garcia to *move into Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 4-0.



***THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15 P.M.***

***EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN SESSION AT 9:13 P.M.***

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Gloria M. Rodriguez and Mary B. Garcia departed during executive session.

***Open Session:***

- 22. 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 Maria Reyes, seconded by Joseph E. Bowling to *instruct legal counsel to terminate negotiations for purchases of property at 11599 and 11575 Socorro Road.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

- 23. 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.***

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *direct city manager to instruct the Waters Group to postpone interviews in connection with employment search until further notice.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

***WILLIE NORFLEET, JR.***


A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item 24.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 3-0.

- 25. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes, seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 9:15 p.m.* Motion carried unanimously. Motion passed 5-0.

  
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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

  
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Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

  
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Date when minutes were approved