

**City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**April 7, 2014**

Mayor Pro-Tem Donald Monette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pat Salome, City Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro-Tem Donald Monette, Councilor Toby Jaramillo, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Peter Romero and Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez. Mayor Ravi Bhasker and Councilor Ernest Pargas were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 7, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. March 3, 2014**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**a. March 17, 2014**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**a. NRAO - Presentation**

Dale Frail, on behalf of NRAO and Associated Universities Inc., presented the City of Socorro with a check for \$5,000 for the City's Summer Youth Employment Program. Mr. Frail stated that the NRAO has participated in the program for many years and they are happy to support such a successful program. Mr. Salome stated that the City's Summer Youth Employment Program has been going on for over 20 years and that NRAO does a very good job with the students that are placed with them. Mr. Salome pointed out that this is the second check that NRAO has presented the City with for the program.

Laura Haines stated that there was recently a rodeo at the Socorro County Fairgrounds with over 200 contestants. Ms. Haines thanked the City of Socorro for their assistance during the rodeo.

Ms. Haines introduced Martin Wellito of the Wild Bunch Reunion Association. Mr. Willito stated that the WBRA promotes rodeo and seeks scholarships for students interested in the fields of FFA, rodeo, ranching and agriculture. Mr. Willito stated that the WBRA has submitted a lodger's tax request and would appreciate any help provided by the City. Mr. Willito stated that their next rodeo will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Socorro.

Brad Winton stated that the upcoming soccer tournament hosted by NM Tech will be held at the City's new soccer fields. Mr. Winton stated that the teams are excited to use the new facility and that he will gather feedback from the teams about the facility and provide that to the City.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Open Meetings Resolution**

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette presented Resolution No. 14-03-17a. Mayor Pro-Tem Monette stated that at the last City Council meeting, the City Council discussed advertising the agenda on the City's website on the Thursday prior to the City Council meeting and that the resolution has been amended to include that information. Mr. Salome stated that putting the agenda on the website on the Thursday prior to the meeting complies with the 72-hour rule as stated in State Statute. Mr. Salome stated that there will still be a meeting advertisement in the newspaper.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-03-17a. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

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**b. Governing Body Rules of Procedure**

Mr. Salome presented the Governing Body Rules of Procedure. Mr. Salome stated that at the last City Council meeting, the City Council discussed adding a section which states that elected officials who travel out of state must acquire prior approval and report on the travel prior to and once complete, at a City Council meeting. Mr. Salome stated that the rules have been amended to include that information.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Governing Body Rules of Procedure. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Health Council Assessment Study Presentation – Councilor Pargas**

Isaac Burleigh, on behalf of the Socorro County Health Council, stated that in January, the State epidemiologist released a report which included health data for the City of Socorro. Mr. Burleigh stated the report includes Socorro's statistics in relation to the State of New Mexico and to the nation as a whole. Mr. Burleigh stated that he composed a condensed report and provided it to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Burleigh reviewed the report which contained socioeconomic, child health, infectious and chronic disease and death statistics. Mr. Burleigh stated that based on the information that was provided, the Health Council will be going out into the community over the next two months to do surveys to identify community health needs.

**d. Transportation Department – Adoption of a Title VI Program**

Mr. Salome stated that Section 5311 grant recipients, such as the City's Transportation, must now have a Title VI Program in place. Mr. Salome presented a Title VI program which will be used by the Transportation Department. Mr. Salome reviewed the contents of the letter provided by the Transportation manager regarding the Title VI program.

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the Title VI Program for the Transportation Department. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**e. Resolution No. 14-04-07 – Consent to Assignment of Franchise**

Mr. Salome presented Resolution No. 14-04-07a which, if approved, allows the City to consent to the assignment of the assets (including the franchise agreement) of Comcast of New Mexico to TDS Baja Broadband. Mr. Salome stated that in addition to cable television, Baja Broadband may provide telephone and internet services. Mr. Salome stated that Comcast is currently on a month to month franchise agreement with the City and that Baja Broadband is willing to accept those terms. Mr. Salome stated that Baja Broadband expressed an interest in being a part of the negotiations when the City decides to update the franchise agreement.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-04-07a. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**f. Change Order No. 1 and 2 – Richardson & Richardson – Rodeo Arena Cover**

Jay Santillanes, Division Director, presented Change Order No. 1 (\$2,448.60) from Richardson & Richardson for the rodeo arena cover which allows for providing builders risk insurance. Mr. Santillanes presented Change Order No. 2 (\$25,469.19) from Richardson & Richardson for the rodeo arena cover which provides for added design and construction of a "high occupancy" facility. Mr. Santillanes stated that project was originally bid as low occupancy and the engineer for the project changed the structure to high occupancy (over 300 occupants).

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 and 2 from Richardson & Richardson for the rodeo arena cover. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

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**g. Change Order No. 1 – JO Gallegos Road – Albuquerque Asphalt**

Mr. Santillanes presented Change Order No. 1 (\$19,134.92) from Albuquerque Asphalt for the JO Gallegos Road project which accounts for added work to the project. Steve Williams, from Dennis Engineering, stated that additional work on the project includes landscape rock, repairs to the concrete wall, sidewalk upgrades and a fog seal on the road. Mr. Williams stated that final project costs were within the original budget. Mr. Williams stated that they would seek final approval on the project at the next City Council meeting.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 from Albuquerque Asphalt for the JO Gallegos Road project. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

**h. Engineering Amendment – Dennis Engineering – JO Gallegos Road**

Mr. Santillanes presented Amendment No. 1 (\$-14,397.75) from Dennis Engineering for the JO Gallegos Road project which reduces the amounts for the construction phase and additional service phase. Tappan Mahoney, of Dennis Engineering, stated that the reduction was incorporated into the contingency funds for the project.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 from Dennis Engineering for the JO Gallegos Road project. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**i. Surplus Equipment – Used Water Meters & 2007 D6 Dozer**

Mr. Salome presented Resolution No. 14-04-07b which, if approved, deems 699 unused water meters and a 2007 D6 dozer as surplus equipment. Mr. Salome stated that the Water Department will try to sell the water meters and if they cannot be sold, they will be sold as scrap. Mr. Salome stated that the City had the dozer on a lease purchase agreement and when the lease purchase expired, the City made the decision to purchase the dozer for \$58,000. Mr. Salome stated once the dozer is no longer needed by the City, the City will try to sell the dozer for the appraised value (\$158,000).

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 14-04-07b. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Fleming stated that the Budget Committee has started to meet and will continue to meet until the budget is finished.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Olguin stated that he received a message from the IT Director that the meeting was webcasting properly.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Romero asked for an update on a request from Joe Torres regarding a speed bump on Fisher Street. Mr. Salome stated that a determination has not yet been made and is awaiting information from the City's Police Department regarding traffic speeds. Mr. Salome stated that there is a concern about placing a speed bump on the street as the fire and ambulance service is located on that street. Mr. Salome stated that the City is trying to determine the best way to address traffic issues in that area.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Shine Car Show Parade**

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette stated that the NM Department of Transportation requires the approval of the City Council for the use of California Street for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Shine Car Show Parade.

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Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Shine Car Show Parade permit. Seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Reporting on Personnel Changes**

Councilor Hicks motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Monette:

Jennifer Gonzales – 3-28-14 – Tourism – Resignation

Jeremy Montano – 4-7-14 – Water – Water I Certification/Additional Job Duties – D-20 to D-25

Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Business Registrations**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Monette:

Berkel & Company Contractors Inc. – Out of Town – Bonner Springs, KS – Corporation – Construction

Southwest Glass & Glazing Inc. – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Corporation – Glazing Contractor

DKD Electric LLC – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Corporation – Electrical Subcontractor

Yearout Mechanical Inc. – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Corporation – Mechanical Construction

Aquatic Pools Inc. – Out of Town – Rio Rancho, NM – Corporation – Swimming Pools

Norcon of New Mexico – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Corporation – Athletic Equipment

Seconded by Councilor Hicks, motion passed unanimously.

**d. Next City Council Meeting Announcement**

Mayor Pro-Tem Monette stated that the next City Council meeting would be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:09 p.m., Councilor Hicks motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation**

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/s/  
**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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/s/  
**Pat Salome, City Clerk**