

City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
March 12, 2018

The City of Socorro held a regular municipal election on March 6, 2018. The newly elected, or re-elected, officials were sworn in prior to the start of the City Council meeting. Mayor Ravi Bhasker, City Councilors Nick Fleming, Anton Salome, Gordy Hicks and Deborah Dean were sworn in by Municipal Judge Frances Cases.

Mayor Ravi Bhasker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Anton Salome, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Gordy Hicks and Councilor Nick Fleming. Councilor Toby Jaramillo was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - 2018

a. Open Meetings Resolution

Mayor Bhasker presented Resolution No. 18-03-12a. Mayor Bhasker stated that the Open Meetings Resolution is passed several times a year including the beginning of each calendar year, the beginning of each fiscal year and after an election. Mayor Bhasker stated that the resolution follows requirements made by New Mexico State Statute for open meetings.

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-03-12a. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

b. Governing Body Rules of Procedure Resolution

Mayor Bhasker presented Resolution No. 18-03-12b which, if approved, reaffirms the Governing Body Rules of Procedure adopted April 7, 2014 and recognizes those rules as the method by which the Socorro City Council meetings are conducted. Mayor Bhasker stated that the Governing Body Rules of Procedure are re-adopted at the beginning of each calendar year, the beginning of each fiscal year and right after an election.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-13-12b. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

c. Appointment of Officials by State Statute – City Clerk, City Treasurer and Chief of Police

Mayor Bhasker stated that the City of Socorro is a Mayor-Council form of government. Mayor Bhasker stated with a Mayor-Council form of government, the City Clerk, City Treasurer and Police Chief positions are appointed.

Councilor Hicks left the meeting.

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Mayor Bhasker stated that he would like to appoint Stephanie Saavedra as City Clerk. Mayor Bhasker stated that he would like to appoint Mike Winders as Police Chief. Mayor Bhasker stated that he would like to appoint Donald Monette as City Treasurer. Mayor Bhasker stated that Mr. Monette will also continue to hold the position of City Administrator.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

d. Confirmation of All City Employees

Mayor Bhasker stated that State Statute requires the Governing Body to re-confirm all City employees currently working for the City after each election.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the confirmation of all current City employees. Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

e. Update of Ad-Hoc & By Ordinance Committee Lists

Mayor Bhasker presented an updated list of ad-hoc committees and committees formed by ordinance (list attached below).

Councilor Salome made a motion to approve the updated list of ad-hoc committees and committees formed by ordinance. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. February 20, 2018

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

b. March 5, 2018

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

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Approval of Waiver Letter for Liquor License for Potential New Business

Mayor Bhasker stated that Jackson Ranch Steakhouse would like to open for business at 1123 Frontage Road NW (where K-Bob's was previously located). Mayor Bhasker stated that the business is interested in obtaining a liquor license. Mayor Bhasker stated that the property is properly zoned for the sale of liquor but is within 300 feet of a church. Mayor Bhasker stated that the Alcohol and Gaming Division requires a waiver letter from both the City of Socorro and the nearby church in order to move forward with issuing a liquor license. Mayor Bhasker stated that the church had provided their waiver letter and presented the City's waiver letter for consideration.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the waiver letter for Jackson Ranch Steakhouse. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Mayor Bhasker thanked the department heads for attending all of the City Council meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Romero thanked the City Council and the community for the many condolences for the recent passing of his mother.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mayor Bhasker:

Mable Gonzales – 3-31-18 – Finance – Retirement

Robert Serna – 3-13-18 – Administration – New Hire (Part-Time Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer) - \$12.00 per hour

Zach Anaya – 3-13-18 – Youth Center – New Hire (Youth Center Aide) – A-18

Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Bhasker:

Anderson Air Corps - Out of Town - Albuquerque, NM – Corporation - HVAC Contractor

Lone Mountain Contracting Inc. - Out of Town - Bosque Farms, NM – Corporation - Contractor

Good 2 Go Stores LLC - C-2 - 1107 US Hwy 85, Socorro – Corporation - Gas Station/Convenience Store

Sam's Mobile Home Park – R-4 – 400 Manzanares – Larry Gallegos – Mobile Home Park

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 143713 to 143948 in the amount of \$628,873.29 plus Payroll Transfers (\$142,993.39), for a total of \$771,866.65. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

d. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:33 p.m., Councilor Fleming motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

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Active Committee Member List
Committees Established by Ordinance
Updated March 2018

Lodger's Tax Committee

Eileen Comstock
Joe Ruiz
Emmy Stanzione
Brian Hurtgen
Kathy Spring

Planning and Zoning Commission (Two-Year Terms)

Alonzo Gonzales, Chairman (April 2019)
Christa Hockensmith, Vice-Chairman (April 2019)
Marcos Gonzales Jr. (April 2020)
Jean Fraissinet (April 2020)
Sefie Anaya (April 2019)
Jeanene Hall (April 2019)
Robert Jaramillo (April 2020)

Library Board (Six-Year Terms)

Patrick Sylvester, President (2023)
William Stone, Vice-President (2024)
Gilbert Apps, Treasurer (2021)
Stephanie McFadden, Secretary (2019)
Kay Krehbiel (2021)
Genevieve Baca (2019)
Penny Lommen (2024)
Rita Steinnerd (2019)
Donald Padilla (2024)

Personnel Board (Four-Year Terms)

Lena Chavez, Employee Representative, (2020)
Lupe Tarango, Director Representative, (2020)
Mark Nolan (2020) 838-4258 or 517-9988
Mike Czosnek (2020) 450-5198
Kathy Spring (2020) 835-8150

Police Oversight Commission (Two-Year Terms)

Chuck Zimmerly, Chairman (October 2020) – Southeast Quadrant
David Naranjo, (October 2019) – Southwest Quadrant – 505-620-8331
Vacant, (October 2019) – Northeast Quadrant
Joe Daniel Saavedra (October 2019) – Northwest Quadrant
Max Torres (October 2020) – At-Large

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Active Committee Member List – Ad Hoc Committees – Updated March 2018

Airport Committee

Gordy Hicks
Jerry Griego
Dennis Hunter
PHI – Jessica Perez

Municipal League

Gordy Hicks

WIA – CEO Board

Ravi Bhasker

South Central Council of Governments

Gordy Hicks

Budget Committee

Nick Fleming, Chair
Toby Jaramillo
Deborah Dean

Utility Committee

Toby Jaramillo, Chair
Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez
Peter Romero

Senior Center

Anton Salome
Nick Kellar
Chuck Zimmerly

Economic Development/Job Creation/Industrial Park Committee

Michael Olguin, Chair
Peter Romero
Deborah Dean

Safety Committee

Toby Jaramillo
Stephanie Saavedra
Mike Winders
Roy Baca
Oscar Acosta

WIOA Appointments

Anton Salome
Alonzo Gonzales
Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez
Michael Olguin
Deborah Dean

SCOPE

Kirsten Kellar will provide list.

Juvenile Justice Board

Matthew Reynolds, Chair
Gail Armstrong, Co-Chair
Rita Cragun (CYFD)
Carolina Romero (Socorro Schools)
Kathy Riley (Attorney)
Theresa Kappel (Socorro Mental Health Foundation)
Matthew Romero (NM State Police)
Gordon Bennett (JD7 Court)
Ruby Lopez (City of Socorro)
Jackie Muncy (Department of Health)
Clint Wellborn (District Attorney)
Chuck Zimmerly (Community Member)
Savannah Morris (Socorro County Prevention Coalition)
Paul Silva (Presbyterian Medical Services)
Pauline Jaramillo (Socorro County Commission)
Melissa Salazar (SCOPE Health Council)
Kirsten Kellar, Coordinator
Erika Baxter, Teen Center Manager
Judge Bobbie Sanders, Teen Court Diversion Program