

**City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**May 7, 2018**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The NM Tech Music Program children and students led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. NM Tech student, KC Haines, sang the National Anthem.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**a. Youth Center Music Students**

The children and students of the NM Tech music program performed several songs for the Mayor, City Councilors and audience. Cindy Rivera, Recreation Director, thanked Gaby Vocello for providing music lessons to the children. Ms. Rivera stated that the children learned how to play a ukulele and will now learn how to play trumpets.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. April 16, 2018**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

**a. Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 2018)**

Mayor Bhasker read a proclamation regarding a yearly event held by the Children, Youth and Families Department during which awareness regarding child abuse is addressed. Mayor Bhasker proclaimed April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Socorro.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Memorandum of Agreement – City of Socorro & Socorro County – Distribution of Certain Funds**

Donald Monette, City Administrator, presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Socorro and Socorro County which, if approved, allows Socorro County to distribute funds to the City for the purchase of a new ambulance and allows the City to distribute funds to the County who will apply the funds towards maintenance and operation of the Socorro County Detention Center. Mayor Bhasker stated that each entity provides different services to the residents of the City and County (the County provides services such as the Senior Center, Sheriff's Office and jail and the City provides services such as recreation programs, ambulance service and the library).

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Socorro and Socorro County. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

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**b. Resolution No. 18-04-16a – Asset Management Plan**

Mr. Monette presented Resolution No. 18-04-16a for the asset management plan. Mr. Monette stated that the resolution was approved at the last City Council meeting but did not have the required exhibits and should be re-approved with the corresponding exhibits.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-04-16a including Exhibits A and B. Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Resolution No. 18-05-07 – Surplus Equipment**

Mr. Monette presented Resolution No. 18-05-07 which, if approved, deems the following as surplus equipment:

1990 Chevrolet K1500 Truck with VIN 1GCEK14Z5LZ193034

1985 Drum Lathe

“Old Style” Tire Machine

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-05-07. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

**d. Engineering Task Order 15-7 – Molzen Corbin – Airport Electrical Vault**

Jay Santillanes, Division Director, presented Task Order 15-7 from Molzen Corbin. Mr. Santillanes stated that amount of the task order is \$53,819.88 and is for the design of a new electrical vault at the City’s airport.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approved Task Order 15-7. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

**e. Budget Resolutions**

**1. No. 9 – Street Improvement Fund**

Resources are MAP Project, Transfer from Special Utility Fund and Transfer from General Fund – Requirements are MAP Project - Amount is \$332,674.00 – The transfer is needed to allow for MAP Project funding and expenditures.

**2. No. 10 – Substance Abuse Prevention Grant Fund**

Resources are Miscellaneous – Requirements are Contractual Services – Amount is \$25,000.00 – The increase is needed to allow for the grant award (Suicide Prevention) and expenditures to 6/30/18.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Budget Resolutions 9 and 10. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bill Stone, the NM Tech Liaison, stated that graduation for NM Tech students would be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stone stated that during the summer, NM Tech staff will be working on recruitment and retention projects for both students and faculty.

Mayor Bhasker stated that Lupe Tarango, who is the director of the Dispatch Department, has taken over supervising the Animal Shelter and asked Mr. Tarango to give an update on activities at the shelter. Mr.

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Tarango stated that he has introduced himself to several members of APAS and he is working to reconnect with several other groups that the shelter had previous relationships with (transport groups). Mr. Tarango stated that currently there are only 2 people who can issue citations but that he would like the entire shelter staff, including himself, to be able to issue citations. Mr. Tarango stated that he is working towards having the shelter open to the public 7 days a week. Mr. Tarango stated that he has met with several animal owners and given verbal warnings for loose dogs, etc.

Mayor Bhasker stated that the City is working with the NM Department of Transportation to install LED lights at both the north and south entrances into Socorro. Demecio Silva, Street Department Director, stated that each pole/light costs approximately \$10,000 and he would like to eventually install LED lights along all of California Street.

Councilor Fleming stated that the Budget Committee continues to meet weekly with the City's Finance Director, Ruby Lopez.

Councilor Salome stated that the Juvenile Justice Board met on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and among other items, celebrated receiving the suicide prevention grant.

Councilor Olguin stated that City employee, Polo Pineda, recently attended Senator Udall's Rural Resource Roadshow in T or C and asked if Mr. Pineda could attend the next City Council meeting to give a report regarding the event.

Mayor Bhasker stated that NM Tech has a party interested in land at the Industrial Park. Mayor Bhasker stated that he has a meeting next week with a company interested in bringing broadband to Socorro.

**a. Appointments to Mural Committee**

Mayor Bhasker stated that he would like to appoint the following people to the Mural Committee:

Beth Wells – Community Member  
Rosie Tripp – Community Member  
Edie Steinhoff – Diamonds in the Desert  
Jon Morrison – Diamonds in the Desert  
Karyn DeBont – Local Artist  
Donna Nowicki – Local Artist

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Bhasker stated that there continues to be events at the City's rodeo arena almost every weekend and that the recent Cinco de Mayo event was well-attended.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Reporting on Personnel Changes**

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

Benjamin Marshall - 5-31-18 – Sanitation - Retirement  
Rey Peralta - 5-1-18 – Dispatch - Resignation  
Mike Wright - 6-15-18 – Dispatch - Resignation  
Ashlea Steele - 5-1-18 - Animal Shelter - Resignation  
Michael Alderete - 5-1-18 – Parks - Additional Job Duties/Merit - K-33 to K-37  
Henry Jojola - 5-7-18 – Wastewater - Additional Job Duties - Y-34 to Y-37  
Kevin Gonzales - 5-7-18 – Parks - Additional Job Duties - C-21 to C-23  
Cassandra Benjamin - 5-16-18 – Transportation - Additional Job Duties - L-27 to L-29  
Loretta Tolliver - 5-16-18 – Transportation - Move to Full-Time Driver - B-27 to B-28  
Carlos Savedra - 5-16-18 – Transportation - Promotion to Lead Driver - E-29 to E-32  
David Gutierrez - 4-1-18 – Gas - Promotion to Foreman - G-32 to G-37  
James Padilla - 4-1-18 – Gas - Transfer to Equipment Operator/Truck Driver - E-30 to E-34  
Deanna Aragon - 4-1-18 – Gas - Additional Job Duties - F-30 to F-34  
Rick Trujillo - 4-1-18 – Gas - Additional Job Duties/Merit - O-44 to O-47

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Business Registrations**

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

The Water & Ice Store LLC - C-2 - 417 N California Street - Deborah & Brian Dean - Bottled Water/Shaved Ice  
Socorro Fitness Studio - C-2 - 124 C Manzanares - Lillian Armijo - Fitness Studio  
Green Tanner Industrial Construction - Out of Town - Gilbert, AZ - Brian Green & Dallas Tanner – Electrical

Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously with Councilor Dean abstaining from the vote.

**c. Next City Council Meeting Announcement**

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:57 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

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

/s/

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**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

/s/

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**Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk**