

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
July 23, 2018

Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon. Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks, Councilor Peter Romero and Councilor Toby Jaramillo. Attending telephonically were Councilor Nick Fleming and Councilor Anton Salome. Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean and Councilor Michael Olguin were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF JULY 23, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. July 2, 2018

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Gwen Roath, a local resident, stated that she feels the new wrought iron fencing around the public library is “unfriendly” and a “sad commentary in today’s society”. Chelsea Lyons, Library Director, stated that the fencing, in addition to motion-detecting lights and cameras, was placed for security reasons as there were needles and feces being left around the building and windows being broken. Ms. Lyons stated that bathrooms are always available to the public. Ms. Lyons stated that she does not feel the fence deters children from visiting the library as this summer’s reading program was the largest program to date. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that wrought iron was used so that the fencing looked nice.

Bill Stone, the NM Tech liaison, stated that President Wells continues to encourage NM Tech faculty and staff to live in Socorro. Mr. Stone stated that the spouses of faculty and staff have found it difficult to find jobs in Socorro. Mr. Stone stated that NM Tech is going to open up the section of their website, which lists jobs for students, to spouses and asked the City to allow NM Tech to place open City positions on the website. Mr. Stone provided an e-mail where information regarding City jobs can be sent to be placed on their website.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Public Hearing – Liquor License Application – Limited Beer Wholesaler Liquor License – Hotcoat Systems Alaska, Inc. dba Hotcoat System Alaska, Inc.

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that Hotcoat Systems Alaska, Inc. dba Hotcoat System Alaska, Inc. has requested a Limited Beer Wholesaler Liquor License which must be approved by the local Governing Body. There were no comments from the public. The applicants requesting the license were present.

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Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the Limited Beer Wholesaler Liquor License for Hotcoat Systems Alaska, Inc. dba Hotcoat System Alaska, Inc. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Bid Award – Water Parts

Polo Pineda, the City's Chief Procurement Officer, stated that bids for water parts were opened on June 28, 2018. Mr. Pineda recommended that the bids be awarded to:

Water & Sewer Line Pipe – Baker Utility Supply
Repair Clamps & Couplings – Baker Utility Supply
Brass Fittings – Ferguson Waterworks
Meters (Badger Meters & Supplies) – Baker Utility Supply
Meters (Sensus Meter Supplies) – Ferguson Waterworks
Meter Setters – Ferguson Waterworks
Water Fittings – Ferguson Waterworks
Fire Hydrants – Baker Utility Supply
Sewer Fittings & Supplies – Ferguson Waterworks

Mr. Pineda stated that water parts go out for bid every 6 months. Mr. Pineda stated that the full dollar amounts of the bid will not be expended but rather only the parts that are actually needed will be ordered.

Councilor Romero made a motion to award the bid to the vendors listed above. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

c. Final Budget Approval FY 2018-2019 – Resolution No. 001-B

Ruby Lopez, Finance Director, presented Resolution No. 001-B which, if approved, adopts the final budget for the City of Socorro for FY 2018-2019.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 001-B. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of DFA Quarterly Report – Resolution No. 18-07-23

Ms. Lopez presented Resolution No. 18-07-23 which, if approved, adopts the 4th quarter financial report for fiscal year 2017-2018. Ms. Lopez stated that approval of the resolution is a requirement from DFA. Ms. Lopez stated that the report shows that the ending cash balance for the prior year matches the beginning cash balance for the new year.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-07-23. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

e. In-House Budget Resolutions 101 through 105

Ms. Lopez explained that In-House Budget Resolutions 101 through 105 are adjustments within a department which are needed to allow for expenditures through the end of the fiscal year. The adjustments move funds from one line item to another within the same department. Budget Resolutions 101 through 105 include adjustments in the General Fund and Joint Enterprise Fund.

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Councilor Romero made a motion to approve In-House Budget Resolutions 101 through 105. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

f. City of Socorro ICIP – Discussion and Public Input

Mr. Monette stated that the City is currently working on its ICIP and asked anyone who would like a project added to the ICIP to present their information to the City for consideration. Mr. Monette stated that this would be the second of three public hearings. Mr. Monette asked the Mayor and City Council to consider which projects they would like to see as the top five priorities.

Councilor Romero made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public. Councilor Romero stated that the Finley Gym complex needs to be completely renovated.

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Donald Monette, City Administrator, stated that the City will need to seek funds to complete a design for the Finley Gym complex and that the design needs to include additional parking.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Cindy Rivera, Recreation Director, invited everyone to donate blood at Finley Gym for the annual Battle of the Badges event. Ms. Rivera stated that blood donated in Socorro is used only in the Socorro area.

a. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Councilor Jaramillo motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mr. Monette:

Alfredo Benavidez - 6-28-18 – Landfill - Termination
Gabriel Lopez - 7-16-18 - Animal Shelter - Completed Probation - A-20 to A-22
Russell Rackey - 7-16-18 – Dispatch - New Hire*(Dispatcher) - A-20
Jesse Carlowe - 7-16-18 – Dispatch - New Hire*(Dispatcher) - A-20
Daniel Pacheco - 8-1-18 – Fire - New Hire*(FF/EMT) - L-36
Pat Silva - 7-23-18 – Parks - Probation Completed - A-17 to A-19
Sebastian Alvarado - 7-23-18 – Parks - Probation Completed - A-17 to A-19
Placido Chavez - 7-23-18 – Water - Probation Completed - A-17 to A-19

Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mr. Monette:

DKM Construction Inc. - Out of Town - Rio Rancho, NM – Corporation - General Contractor
Lewis Agency - C-2 - 110 Bernard Street - Jay Lewis - Insurance

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Southwest Sign Service LLC - Out of Town - Williamsburg, NM - Don & Neoma Gustin -
Manufacture, Install & Service Signs
Country Living Residential Care LLC - R-R (Approved by P&Z) - 1495 NE Frontage Road -
Deborah DeMoss - Assisted Living Facility

Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 145238 to 145317 in the amount of \$551,328.88 plus Payroll Transfers (\$171,396.88), for a total of \$722,725.76. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

d. Next City Council Meeting Announcement

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:35 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Gordy Hicks, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

/s/
Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk