

City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
October 15, 2018

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Salome led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. October 1, 2018

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Ronna Kalish stated that Socorrofest was a great event and had the best attendance the event has had in years. Ms. Kalish stated that new Socorrofest events this year included a chile cook-off and a car show. Ms. Kalish stated that the event was held the same weekend as Oktoberfest and the Trinity site tours which seemed to help attendance.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Sonny Rivera – Sculpture Proposal

Reynaldo “Sonny” Rivera, a sculptor, provided a handout to the Mayor and Council. Mr. Rivera stated that he would like to create a sculpture (as part of his great American Rodeo collection) commemorating Amberley Snyder, a barrel racer. Mr. Rivera stated that Ms. Snyder was in an auto accident which left her paralyzed and was ultimately able to recover and continue to compete in rodeos. Mr. Rivera displayed other pieces in his collection depicting different events such as bull riding and calf roping. Mr. Rivera stated that the sculpture would be 9 ½ feet high and 8 feet wide placed on a 5 foot high pedestal. Mr. Rivera stated that the cost will be approximately \$250,000 which he will attempt to procure. Mr. Rivera stated that the sculpture needs a “home” and he feels Socorro would be the perfect place. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks thanked Mr. Rivera for his presentation.

b. Resolution No. 18-10-15a – NMDOT Co-Op Agreement

Donald Monette, City Administrator, presented Resolution No. 18-10-15a which, if approved, allows the City to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the pavement rehabilitation/improvements and reconstruction of City streets: Western Avenue from Neel Avenue to Mustang Drive, Hilton Place from Lopezville Road to dead end, Brown Court, Lewis Drive from Lopezville Road to Hilton Hill Place and S California Street from Spring Street south approximately 735’ to the railroad tracks. Mr. Monette stated that the total project cost is \$99,528 with the NMDOT funding 75% and the City funding 25%.

Councilor Salome made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-10-15a. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

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c. Resolution No. 18-10-15b – Surplus Equipment

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks presented Resolution No. 18-10-15b which, if approved, deems the following as surplus equipment:

1997 Ford F150 – VIN 1FTDF1727VKD61184
2002 Chevrolet S-10 – VIN 1GCCS19W728229767

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 18-10-15b. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated that the Recreation Committee will meet Friday, November 2nd at noon at Finley Gym.

Councilor Salome stated that the Socorro County Juvenile Justice Board continues to meet and manage programs such as the truancy prevention program, suicide prevention program and the teen center. Councilor Salome listed the board members: Judge Matt Reynolds, Cathy Stout, Beth Beers, Carolina Romero, Polo Pineda, Sonya Gerard, Jasmine Carruthers, Rita Cragun, Katy Weaver, Judge Bobbi Sanders, Erika Baxter and Kirsten Kellar.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS

There were no questions from the City Council to the department directors.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Romero recognized community member Carlo Chavez, who recently passed away.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

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

Candice Smith - 10-31-18 – Library - Retirement
Guadalupe Tarango - 10-1-18 - Dispatch & Animal Shelter – Merit - L-46 to L-48
Marcella Alvarado - 10-2-18 – Finance - Completed Probation - A-28 to A-30
Chris Carrillo - 10-16-18 – Landfill - Completed Probation - A-25 to A-27

Temporary New Hires: None

Temporary Renewals: Elias Jacques, Paul Foulfont, Jerry Griego, David Chavez, Tiara Jojola, Deekota Chavez, Eva Chavez, Ever Sedillo, Mariah Jaramillo, Dustin Armijo, Matthew Lopez, Alexis Montoya, Taylor Saavedra, Jeremiah Gonzales, Zach Anaya, Enrique Robles

Student Workers: Lucas Madril, Erica Baca, Elise Brown, Darrian Greenwood, Ashlyn Aguilar
Referees (3)

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Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Salome motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks:

Jackson Ranch Steakhouse LLC - C-2 - 1123 NW Frontage Rd - Thomas Jackson - Restaurant
Desert Diamond Restaurant LLC - C-2 - 602 S Hwy 85 - Teresa Funke - Restaurant
Positive Energy Inc - Out of Town - Albuquerque, NM – Corporation - Solar Installation

Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 145902 to 146177 in the amount of \$923,912.24 plus Payroll Transfers (\$302,909.66), for a total of \$1,226,821.90. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

d. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk