

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
November 18, 2019**

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 Deborah Dean, Councilor Anton Salome, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Nick Fleming and Councilor Toby Jaramillo. Mayor Ravi Bhasker and Councilor Peter Romero were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Dean led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

Councilor Peter Romero arrived.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. November 4, 2019

Before the Council meeting, Councilor Salome requested that the minutes be amended. The minutes were amended and a new set of minutes was provided to the City Council. Donald Monette, City Administrator, explained the change.

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

a. SHS Lady Warrior Soccer - Certificates

Councilor Olguin, who is the SHS Lady Warrior Soccer Coach, stated that the Lady Warrior soccer team came in as state runner-up for the second year to Sandia Prep. Councilor Olguin stated that the team's goal is to be the first public 3A school to win a championship. Councilor Salome presented each of the Socorro High School Lady Warrior players with a certificate of recognition from the City of Socorro. The players each stated what grade they were in. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks and the City Council congratulated the players on making it to the State Championship.

PUBLIC FORUM

Councilor Fleming stated that it is the 30th anniversary for the GRADS program. Councilor Fleming stated that GRADS was started in Socorro and is now in 36 New Mexico school districts. GRADS is an in-school program for pregnant teens and teenage parents.

Bill Stone, the NM Tech liaison, stated that the NM Tech rock climbing team recently came in second to the Air Force Academy in a competition in Colorado. Mr. Stone stated that NM Tech is still looking into ways to increase enrollment including enrollment management, recruiting and retention.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

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DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Monette stated that he and Stephanie Saavedra recently attended an Open Meetings Act & Inspection of Public Records Act training. Mr. Monette stated that there may be changes on how the Administration presents the City Council agendas.

Councilor Olguin thanked City staff for always maintaining the sports complex, especially the soccer fields.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

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

Grace Castillo - 12-31-19 – Police - Retirement

Markeisha Lopez - 11-18-19 – Dispatch - New Hire*(Dispatcher) - A-20

Alfredo Garza - 12-1-19 – Police - Completed Probation - A-43 to A-45

Michael Perrault - 10-25-19 – Police - Obtained Police Officer Certification - B-40 to B-45

Temporary New Hires: Casandra Chavez

Temporary Renewals: Elias Jacquez, Paul Foulenfont, Jerry Griego, David Chavez, Deekota Chavez, Taylor Saavedra, Enrique Robles, John Armijo, Cheyenne Cortez, Steven Chavez, Jilberto Chavez, Sheree Torres

Student Workers: Matthew Guzman, Autumn Martinez, Bryan Peters, Brandon Esquivel, Carlos Gonzales

Referees (4)

Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

None.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 149345 to 149562 in the amount of \$550,913.57, plus Payroll Transfers (\$310,592.43), for a total of \$861,506.00. Seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

d. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times

Councilor Fleming stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 p.m., Councilor Fleming motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/

Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

Stephanie Saavedra, City Clerk