

City of Socorro Special City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
September 21, 2020

Mayor Ravi Bhasker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Bhasker took roll call.

No Members were physically present

Members remotely present at roll call were: Mayor Bhasker, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., Councilor Peter Romero, and Councilor Anton Salome.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bhasker stated that this City Council meeting is in compliance with the standards set forth by the NM Attorney' General's Office for teleconference meetings held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dean. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. September 14, 2020

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 and meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fleming. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Public Hearing – Small Brewer Liquor License Application – Baca House Brewing, LLC

Councilor Hicks made a motion to go into public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Romero. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Angelo Orona from Craft King Consulting, addressed the Council as spokesman for Baca House Brewing, LLC. Mr. Orona gave an overview of the procedures in obtaining a Small Brewer Liquor License. He stated Baca House Brewing, LLC have met all requirements in and was open for questions.

Councilor Romero inquired what would be the target date for opening. Mr. Orona replied that the original opening date was April of 2020, but now the target date would be January 1, 2021 if New Mexico Department of Health restrictions allow.

Mayor Bhasker asked how many people would be employed. Mr. Orona replied that two would be on the back end and a skeleton crew of five or less on the front end. The Mayor asked if the COVID-19 rules would be followed, Mr. Orona replied the New Mexico Department of Health guidelines would be followed.

Councilor Hick made a motion that with no other input from the public to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Romero. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

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b. Council Action on Small Brewer Liquor License Application

Councilor Romero made a motion to pass Small Brewer Liquor License – Baca House Brewing, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dean. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Bhasker is planning to announce the replacement for Council Jaramillo seat at the next City Council Meeting in October.

a. Voucher Run

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve vouchers 151623 to 151876 in the amount of \$984,002.34, plus Payroll Transfers (\$306,678.12), for a total of \$1,290,680.46. The motion was seconded by Councilor Romero. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

b. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time

City Administrator Monette suggested the next regular meeting be held October 19, 2020. The City Council agreed.

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. online using GoToMeeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk