

**City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**February 1, 2021**

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

No members were physically present.

Council members remotely present at roll call were: Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Damian Ocampo, 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 New Mexico Attorney General's Office for teleconference meetings held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. January 19, 2021**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Salome. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Bullock Avenue Project Discussion**

Mayor Bhasker advised the Council that photos of the Bullock Landscaping project were enclosed in their meeting packets for review.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to proceed with advertising the Bullock Avenue Landscaping Project. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilor Hicks reported a dead tree that may be located in the City's right of way. Mayor Bhasker replied that he will look into it.

Councilor Salome requested to be appointed to the Budget Committee. Mayor Bhasker stated that he would make the appointment at the next regular scheduled meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**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.

Chelsea Jones – 02-01-21 – Library – Minimum Wage Variance – F-52 to F-60

Kathy Spring – 02-01-21 – Library - Minimum Wage Variance – B-34 to B-38

Christopher Rodriguez – 02-01-21 – Fire – Received FF I-II Certification – B-34 to B-39

Julie Hurtgen – 02-01-21 – Animal Shelter – New Hire – A-22

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dean. Mayor Bhasker took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Joe Gonzales, Fire Chief encouraged the public to register online with the New Mexico Department of Health for an appointment to receive their COVID-19 vaccine.

**b. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time**

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next City Council meeting will be a on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 12:00 Noon using GoToMeeting online.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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

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/s/  
**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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/s/  
**Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk**