

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
December 20, 2021

Mayor Ravi Bhasker remotely called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk took roll call.

Council members present at roll call were Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Damien Ocampo, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., and Councilor Anton Salome.

Council members remotely present were Councilor Peter Romero.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 20, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. December 6, 2021

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORM

None

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

a. Toby Jaramillo Plaque Presentation

Members of Toby Jaramillo's family were present to receive a framed copy of the proclamation the City Council passed at the September 14, 2020, meeting declaring September 23, 2020, as Toby Jaramillo Day throughout the City of Socorro.

Councilor Ocampo read the proclamation.

The Jaramillo family thanked the Mayor and Council and gave Councilor Ocampo a special thank you for the Ocampo family carrying on the food drive that Mr. Jaramillo spearheaded for 50 years.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Eagle Picher Superfund Site - Discussion

Mayor Bhasker informed the Council that the City has received information that the Environmental Protection Agency has funding to be split among 49 sites across the United States. Two of the sites are in New Mexico with Eagle Picher as one of the sites to be funded for clean-up.

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b. ICIP Discussion

Donald Monette, City Administrator, informed the Council that in September 2021 the ICIP top five were the following.

1. (2023-1) Community Center Remodel
2. (2023-2) College Ave., Franklin St., Fisher Ave.
3. (2023-3) Cuba Road Drainage Improvements
4. (2023-4) Sedillo Park Improvements
5. (2023-5) Electricity Substation

Mr. Monette stated that when the City is asking for Capital Outlay funds, Legislators inquire if the project is listed on the City's ICIP top five.

Mayor Bhasker stated that some of the top five projects have been completed or no longer needed. The Mayor stated the changes to the updated ICIP would be as follows:

1. (2023-2) Renamed the streets and updated the wording to match the new streets.
2. (2023-4) Change the Sedillo Park project name to include planning, changed the amount to \$100,000.00 and fix the description to planning activities.
3. (2023-5) Deactivated the utility substation project.
4. Move the rodeo arena project to 2023-5 and increased the amount from \$250,000.00 to \$400,000.00.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve the ICIP as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fleming.

Councilor Dean asked why not move the next item on the list up instead of moving a larger numbered item up.

Mr. Monette stated that since the Rodeo Arena is near completion, with the additional bleachers, blinds, and heaters, the project can be closed out.

Councilor Dean asked if the El Camino Real Museum will still be located inside the Convention Center.

Mayor Bhasker replied "absolutely". Space has already been allotted for the Museum, souvenir store, and office. The Mayor stated the City will be lobbying for funds from the New Mexico Cultural Affairs Department because funds for the construction of the Museum is separately funded.

Councilors voting in favor of the motion were: Councilor Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Dean, Councilor Fleming, Councilor Ocampo, Councilor Olguin, Jr., Councilor

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Romero and Councilor Salome, Councilor voting in opposition were Councilor Hicks.
Motion passed.

c. Lobbing Representation and Flood Plain Management

Mayor Bhasker recommended that the City hire the same lobbyist as last year for the upcoming legislative session.

Councilor Olguin asked to see the contract between the City and the Lobbing Representation and Flood Plain Management before proceeding.

Mayor Bhasker postponed to the next meeting.

d. Resolution No. 21-12-20 – Disposition of Vehicles

Mr. Pineda presented Resolution No. 21-12-20 to the Council.

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-12-20 – Disposition of Vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bhasker informed the Council of the new districts that were approved at the special session of the legislature to take effect in 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Councilor Salome motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as read by Mr. Monette.

James McNeil – 12/16/2021 – Recreation/Tourism – Probation – A-59 to A-61 (\$26.24)

Peter James Gonzales – 12/20/2021 – Police – New Hire – A-46 (\$18.50)

Damion Ibarra – 12/20/2021– Police – New Hire – A-46 (\$18.50)

Seconded by Councilor Ocampo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

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

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IVA, Inc. DAB AngelTrax – Out of Town– Dothan, AL – Richie Howard – Mobile Digital Video Surveillance Cameras
Freedom Forever New Mexico, LLC – Out of Town – Temecula, CA – Greg Albright – Photovoltaic Installation
Manzano Partners, LLC – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Jeffery Sandoval – Cannabis Cultivation
Blue Raven Transport – C-2 – 124-A Manzanares Ave. – James Robnett – Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
Circle K – C-2 – 901 N. California St. – Darrell Davis – Convenience Store with Fuel
A Mountain Construction – Out of Town – Las Cruces, NM – Bobby Spedalieri – Road Construction

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve vouchers 154688 to 154945 in the amount of \$812,412.22 plus Payroll Transfers \$358,131.64, for a total of \$1,170,543.86.

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City council meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk