

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
September 7, 2021

Mayor Ravi Bhasker 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 Deborah Dean, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Damian Ocampo, Councilor Peter Romero, and Councilor Anton Salome.

Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Gordy Hicks, and Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr. were absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. August 30, 2021

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORM

Robert Vaughn followed up from his July 26, 2021 City Council Meeting presentation on the Nuisance of Fireworks. Mr. Vaughn encouraged the Council to adopt a more stringent fireworks ordinance.

Mayor Bhasker distributed ordinances from other municipalities regarding fireworks to the Council. The Mayor stated the Council should hear public input from users, sellers, and public for and against the use of fireworks before entertaining an ordinance change. Mayor Bhasker also suggested the Council form a committee with citizens to explore and review any proposed changes.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Vista de Socorro Easement Naming

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Executive Director of El Camino Real Housing Authority recommend naming the street Vista de Socorro Avenue.

Councilor Romero made a motion to name the street Vista de Socorro Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Dean inquired if the City includes items on projects for future development in those areas. Lloyd Martinez, Utilities Director stated with the current sewer project, stub outs were installed on all empty lots for future development.

Council Chavez-Lopez asked if sidewalks could be placed on the ICIP. Mayor Bhasker stated the City could possibly request funds through the Local Government Road Fund.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilor Romero inquired if there is any progress with the Sands Motel. Mayor Bhasker stated the City has had no contact with the owners and the price to fence the property would be approximately \$22,000.00. The Mayor recommend going out for bid to demolish the building to a parking lot and placing a lien on the property, but that he would confer with legal counsel before taking any further steps.

Mayor Bhasker reminded the City of Socorro employees in order to receive the Vaccination Incentive Pay the drop dead date to provide their proof of COVID-19 vaccination must be received by September 30, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Job Description – Facilities Landscaper

Councilor Salome motioned to approve the Job Description as read by Mayor Bhasker. The motion was seconded by Councilor Ocampo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Bhasker.

New Mexico Dental Institute, Inc. – C-1 – 204 B Neel Ave. – Dr. George Henna – Dental Education

Consumer Recreation Service – C-2 – 111 Abeyta Ave. – Tyler Haines - Concession

AWP, Inc. – Out of Town – Canton, OH – Ron Childress – Traffic Control Services

Rod Construction LLC. – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Herioberto Rodriguez – Public Works construction

Warren Design & Construction – Out of Town – Saline, TX – Tommy Warren – Road Construction

Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

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c. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City council meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk