

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
February 7, 2022

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 Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Damian Ocampo, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., Councilor Peter Romero, and Councilor Anton Salome.

Councilor Gordy Hicks was absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. January 18, 2022

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORM

None

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

**a. Resolution No. 22-02-07 – Bullock Avenue Lighting & Landscaping CN M700028
Time Extension**

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 22-02-07 – Bullock Avenue Lighting & Landscaping CN M700028 Time Extension. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bhasker introduced Tappan Mahoney and Steve Williams of Dennis Engineering to take any questions the Council may have on the procurement process involving local contractors.

Lloyd Martinez, General Services Director informed the Council of numerous large jobs that included local contractors.

Mayor Bhasker stated a local contractor received approximately \$238,000.00 from the four-million-dollar Bullock Avenue job.

After a long discussion, Mr. Pineda invited the Council to attend the pre-bid meeting of the next CDBG project to experience the procurement process.

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NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Bhasker asked Councilor Chavez-Lopez when her nine-million-dollar housing project is set to begin. Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated the groundbreaking will take place this April.

Ruby Lopez, Finance Director informed the Council that natural gas prices have increased and have not been at this level since 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Youth homelessness Housing Discussion (Councilor Chavez-Lopez)

Councilor Chavez-Lopez gave the Council a follow up from the January 18, 2022 Council meeting on youth homelessness. The Councilor reported on programs available and informed the Council that an application for funding will be submitted for the southern part of New Mexico in the near future.

b. Fireworks Discussion (Councilor Dean)

Mayor Bhasker stated that administration does not recommend a change in the fireworks ordinance, but if the Council would like to make a change to the times it would need to present a proposal.

Councilor Dean stated that Mr. Vaughn deserves something for his time and effort and would like to see a cut off time for setting off fireworks added to the ordinance.

Mayor Bhasker asked Councilor Dean to work with Administration on developing a motion to amend the ordinance.

c. Land Sale – Sammy Vivian

Donald Monette, City Administrator informed the Council that on April 5, 2021 Mr. Vivian approached the City to purchase the lot located on Highway 60 in the City's Industrial Park. Mr. Monette stated the sale is ready to move forward and City Attorney Jerry Armijo recommended the Council ratify its decision.

Councilor Romero made a motion to proceed with sale of the land to Mr. Vivian. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Olguin made a motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Councilor Salome. Mr. Pineda took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Olguin made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez. Mr. Pineda took a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bhasker reported out of executive session the discussion of one legal matter, three personnel matters, and the personnel process. No action was taken.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Job Descriptions

i. Administrative Assistant/Division Secretary

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the Administrative Assistant/Division Secretary Job Description. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

ii. Water Department Foreman

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the Water Department Foreman Job Description. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

b. P & Z Appointees

i. Joe Daniel Saavedra

ii. Richie Padilla

iii. Steven Rosas

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the P & Z Appointees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

c. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Mayor Bhasker stated one personnel change be removed from the list and the job be readvertised in-house following the personnel hiring process.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as read by Mayor Bhasker.

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT	REASON	SALARY
Jordan Torres	02/01/2022	Rodeo	Temp to Full-Time	A-31
Dezirae Armijo	02/01/2022	Tourism/Recreation	Completed Probation/City wide increase	A-37 to A-41
Lawrence Baca	02/01/2022	Gas	Completed Probation/City wide increase	Y-72 to Y-75
James Padilla	02/01/2022	Gas	Additional Job Duties/City wide increase	I-37 to I-39
Rene Perez	02/01/2022	Gas	Additional Job Duties/City wide increase	K-41 to K-43
David Gutierrez	02/01/2022	Gas	Additional Job Duties/City wide increase	K-42 to K-44

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Rick Trujillo	02/01/2022	Gas	Title Change-Gas Compliance/City wide increase	S-50 to S-52
Deanna Aragon	02/01/2022	Gas	Work Performance/City wide increase	J-39 to J-42
Michael Benavidez	02/01/2022	Gas	Operator II Promotion/City wide increase	N-31 to N-34
Shaun Fernandez	02/01/2022	Gas	Foreman Promotion/City wide increase	M-34 to M-38
James Peralta	02/01/2022	Gas	Minimum Wage Adjustment/City wide increase	X-26 to X-29
Isaac Angel	02/01/2022	Gas	Title Change-Director/City wide increase	X-58 to X-61
Kevin Gonzales	02/01/2022	Parks	Title Change-Parks Foreman/Citywide increase	G-33 to G-36
Brian Standefer	02/01/2022	Water	Additional Job Duties/City wide increase	C-40 to C-42
John Silva	02/01/2022	Water	Title Change-Parks Foremen/City wide increase	U-35 to U-37
Lloyd Martinez	02/01/2022	General Services Director	Title Change-General Services Director/City wide increase	KZ-75 to KZ-77
Christopher Rodriquez	01/28/2022	Fire	Resignation	
Donald Monette	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	F-98 to F-99
Michael Winders	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	Y-70 to Y-71
Ruby Lopez	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	L-71 to L-72
Oscar Acosta	02/01/2022	Water	City wide increase	BZ-61 to BZ-62
Angel Garcia	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	W-61 to W-62
Leopoldo Pineda	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	I-65 to I-66
Michael Lucero	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	N-63 to N-64
Joe Melendrez	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	T-60 to T-61
Isaac Angel	02/01/2022	Gas	City wide increase	X-58 to X-59
Guadalupe Tarango	02/01/2022	Dispatch/Animal	City wide increase	P-60 to P-61
Kenneth Greenwood	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	W-57 to W-58
Thomas Stidstone	02/01/2022	Auto Mechanic	City wide increase	Y-55 to Y-56
Luis Chavez	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	T-57 to T-58
Chelsea Jones	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	G-60 to G-61
Mario Amaro	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	X-61 to X-62
James McNeil	02/01/2022	Recreation/Tourism	City wide increase	A-59 to A-60

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Henry Jojola	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	BZ-47 to BZ-48
Peter Gonzales	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	H-55 to H-56
Roy Baca	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	L-53 to L-54
Martin Amaro	02/01/2022	Water	City wide increase	R-50 to R-51
Kristy Padilla	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	Q-49 to Q-50
Cody Polston	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	S-48 to S-49
Michael Chavez	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	H-51 to H-52
William Brannan	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	F-50 to F-51
Daniel Pacheco	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	O-57 to O-58
John Brannan	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	B-50 to B-51
Dylan Coslin	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	B-50 to B-51
Lena Chavez	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	D-49 to D-50
Russell Rackey	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	D-48 to D-50
Julio Peruero	02/01/2022	Solid Waste	City wide increase	Q-42 to Q-44
Felix Saavedra	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	S-41 to S-43
Humberto Lucero	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	I-57 to I-59
Pete Werner	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	A-48 to A-50
Carlos Savedra	02/01/2022	Transportation	City wide increase	I-42 to I-44
Cassandra Benjamin	02/01/2022	Transportation	City wide increase	P-39 to P-41
Dustin Aldrich	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	K-53 to K-55
David Montoya	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	H-42 to H-44
Jeanette Lukesh	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	O-39 to O-41
Joe Flores	02/01/2022	Gas	City wide increase	O-39 to O-41
Gabriel Sosa-Alvarado	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	I-53 to I-55
Brittany McDaniel	02/01/2022	Municipal Court	City wide increase	H-44 to H-43
Valorie Lesperance	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	J-40 to J-42
Valen Alonzo	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	I-40 to I-42
Bert Guerro	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	I-40 to I-42
Jedi Angel	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	F-53 to F-55
Damian Ortega	02/01/2022	Auto Mechanic	City wide increase	D-40 to D-42
James Padilla	02/01/2022	Gas	City wide increase	J-37 to J-39
Lefty Wallace Gonzales	02/01/2022	Streets	City wide increase	B-40 to B-42
Marcella Alvarado	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	D-39 to D-41
Corey Sanchez	02/01/2022	Water	City wide increase	J-36 to J-38
Christopher Vega	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	M-34 to M-36
Kathy Spring	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	C-38 to C-40
Jacob Fanning	02/01/2022	Animal Control	City wide increase	F-36 to F-38
Carol Hale	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	O-32 to O-34
Devrie Chavez	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	F-35 to F-37
Christopher Gonzales	02/01/2022	Transportation	City wide increase	F-35 to F-37
Gilbert Gonzales	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	G-34 to G-37
David Chavez	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	K-31 to K-34
Violet Alvarado	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	M-30 to M-33
Francisco Montoya	02/01/2022	Solid Waste	City wide increase	C-34 to C-37
Mariah Jaramillo	02/01/2022	Administration	City wide increase	D-33 to D-36
Placido Chavez	02/01/2022	Water	City wide increase	D-33 to D-36
John Silva, Jr.	02/01/2022	Parks	City wide increase	D-33 to D-36
Sergio Cuevas	02/01/2022	Streets	City wide increase	G-32 to G-35

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David Chavez	02/01/2022	Solid Waste	City wide increase	A-34 to A-37
Stephen Mathieu	02/01/2022	Recreation	City wide increase	A-33 to A-36
Stephen M. Jojola	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	D-44 to D-47
Michael Padilla	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	C-44 to C-47
Christopher Carrillo	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	D-31 to D-34
Christopher Rodriguez-Ulibarri	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	B-44 to B-47
Jorge Sedillo	02/01/2022	Landfill	City wide increase	D-30 to D-33
Timothy Gonzales	02/01/2022	Transportation	City wide increase	A-31 to A-34
Waylon Billie	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	B-30 to B-33
Joel Martinez	02/01/2022	Streets	City wide increase	A-30 to A-33
Taylor Saavedra	02/01/2022	Police	City wide increase	A-30 to A-33
Regina Valencia	02/01/2022	Recreation	City wide increase	G-27 to G-30
Andrew Garcia-Vigil	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	B-29 to B-32
Camryn Sager	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	B-29 to B-32
Sheyenne Cortez	02/01/2022	Recreation	City wide increase	B-29 to B-32
Robin Romero	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	B-29 to B-32
Maribel Tarango	02/01/2022	Library	City wide increase	H-26 to H-29
Christopher Sedillo	02/01/2022	Streets	City wide increase	B-28 to B-31
Jilberto Chavez	02/01/2022	Solid Waste	City wide increase	B-28 to B-31
Kevin Chavez	02/01/2022	Parks	City wide increase	A-28 to A-31
James Hollis	02/01/2022	Wastewater	City wide increase	A-28 to A-31
Autumn Martinez	02/01/2022	Animal Control	City wide increase	A-28 to A-31
Alvaro Alvarado	02/01/2022	Parks	City wide increase	A-28 to A-31
Ryan Lopez	02/01/2022	Parks	City wide increase	A-28 to A-31
Jeremiah Gonzales	02/01/2022	Water		A-28 to A-31
Ignacio Chavez	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	C-39 to C-42
Ricky Silva	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	C-39 to C-42
Justin Lopez	02/01/2022	Animal Control	City wide increase	D-24 to D-27
Daryl Ross	02/01/2022	Recreation	City wide increase	A-27 to A-30
Jared Padilla	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	A-27 to A-30
Samantha Hurtgen	02/01/2022	Dispatch	City wide increase	A-27 to A-30
Leo A. Petersen	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	B-39 to B-42
Julie Hurtgen	02/01/2022	Animal Control	City wide increase	A-24 to A-27
Joshua Armijo	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	A-38 to A-41
Jason Hatch	02/01/2022	Fire	City wide increase	A-38 to A-41

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

d. Business Registrations

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

NAME	ZOING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
Jaynes Corporation	Out of Town	Albuquerque, NM	Shad James	General Contractor
CKP Construction	Out of Town	Amarillo, TX	Byron T. Barbour	General Contractor
Nook N' 30 Outfitters, LLC	Out of Town	Lemitar, NM	Quienten L. Henderson	Hunting

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Promises Kept Home Healthcare LLC	C-2	402 6 th Street	Victoria Silva	Personal Care Services
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Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

e. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk