

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
March 21, 2022

Mayor Ravi Bhasker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Lena Chavez, Assistant City Administrator, took roll call.

Council members present at roll call were: Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Damian Ocampo, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., Councilor Peter Romero, and Councilor Anton Salome.

Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Nick Fleming, and Councilor Gordy Hicks were absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. March 7, 2022

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORM

Myra Lisa Benavidez addressed the Council regarding the possibility of having speed bumps installed on Hefner Street and surrounding streets due to excessive speeding and ATV problems. Mayor Bhasker stated that speed bumps will be installed but would like to meet with the public to determine the locations.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez arrived at 12:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Bid Award – Finley Gym Improvements

Lloyd Martinez, General Services Director informed the Council four bids were received and opened on March 11, 2022 from the following:

| Bidder | Base Bid | Additive |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Pluma Construction Systems, Inc. | \$ 847,814.00 | \$16,560.00 |
| Stoven Construction, Inc. | \$ 858,000.00 | \$14,400.00 |
| <i>C.C. Construction</i> | <i>\$ 766,450.00</i> | <i>\$25,000.00</i> |
| Rivercrest Construction | \$1,016,630.00 | \$33,000.00 |

Mr. Monette explained the additive is part of the bid package so that an additional bid is not required at a later date.

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Councilor Romero made a motion to award the bid for Finley Gym Improvements to C. C. Construction with the additive. The motion was seconded by Councilor Olguin. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martinez informed the Council that the new street sweeper has arrived and is in service.

Mayor Bhasker reported construction is in progress again on California Street to repair a connection.

James McNeil, Recreation/Tourism Director reported on past and future events.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez and Councilor Ocampo reported on Sedillo Park events.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Special Use Permit – 1206 Cuba Road
 Kirsty Padilla, Planning & Zoning Manager reported the Planning & Zoning Commission met on March 16, 2022 and voted unanimously to deny a Special Use Permit for Pallottino Properties, LLC for a 37-unit mobile home park. Ms. Padilla stated the Special Use Permit will be an agenda item for the next City Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MAYOR’S REPORT

- a. **Street Paving Estimates**
 Mayor Bhasker reported estimates have been receive for the following streets:

| Street | Amount |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Annette Street | \$ 42,455.34 |
| Miller Street | \$ 59,275.76 |
| Padilla Street | \$ 72,087.21 |
| Lucero Street | \$ 69,166.67 |
| Granada Street | \$ 49,474.29 |
| | |
| Subtotal | \$292,459.27 |
| NMGRT | \$ 22,848.38 |
| TOTAL | \$315,307.65 |

Mr. Martinez stated that speedbumps range from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 depending on the width of the road and also informed the Council of what type of repair each street would require.

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Mayor Bhasker stressed that a meeting with the residents of each street be held to keep the residents involved on the decision of the placement of the speed bumps.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the paving of streets and speed bumps. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez motion passed unanimously.

b. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as read by Mayor Bhasker.

| NAME | EFFECTIVE DATE | DEPARTMENT | REASON | SALARY |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|----------|--------|
| Dustin Moreland | 03/21/2022 | Police | New Hire | A-48 |

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

c. Business Registrations

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

| NAME | ZOING | ADDRESS | OWNER | TYPE |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Rotunda Pictures, LLC | NM Tech | 1 Canyon Rd. | Rowan Stanland | Film Production |
| Corbin's Electric | Out of Town | Albuquerque, NM | Greg Ayres | Electric |
| Mark Young construction, LLC | Out of Town | Frederick, Co. | David Guida | General Contractor |

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

d. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 155390 to 155613 in the amount of \$1,401,399.11 plus Payroll Transfers \$357,348.07 for a total of \$1,758,747.18.

Seconded by Councilor Dean, 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 Monday, March 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Road).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk