

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**April 18, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Lena Chavez, Administrative Assistant, took roll call.

Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Damien Ocampo, and Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez.

Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Anton Salome, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Peter Romero, and City Clerk Leopoldo Pineda were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks along with Councilor Fleming led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. April 4, 2022**

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Socorro High School Wrestling Team was on the agenda to be recognized; however, the presentation was postponed for a later meeting.

**PROCLAMATIONS and AWARDS**

New Mexico Tech- "Big Event"- Michael Voegral, Director of Student Affairs, updated the Council on New Mexico Tech's attempt at completing 500 hours of community service in one day. The event was a success with 98 volunteers, located at 16 locations around Socorro, completing 582 hours of service. Mayor Pro Tem Hicks presented New Mexico Tech with an official proclamation from the City of Socorro.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

- a. Resolution No. 22-04-18a - NMDOT TPF- EMRTC Bridge**
- b. Resolution No. 22-04-18b - NMDOT TPF- Manzanares Ave**
- c. Resolution No. 22-04-18c - NMDOT TPF- Gianera and Kitt Place**

Mr. Monette stated that Resolutions No. 22-04-18a, b, and c are resolutions committing the City to appropriate 5% of our budget should we be approved for the "call for projects" through the NMDOT. The applications require that we pledge our portion.

Councilor Fleming made the motion to approve Resolutions 22-04-18a, b, and c. Councilor Ocampo seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Budget Resolution #11- Library**

Finance Director Ruby Lopez stated that the library received a bond and a resolution was required to add the revenue and expenditures to the budget.

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**e. Budget Resolution #12- Convention Center**

Ms. Lopez increased revenue by \$20,000.00 to cover construction costs.

**f. Budget Resolution #13- Jt. Enterprise Gas**

Ms. Lopez had to increase revenue and expenses for gas due to the current price increase the city is experiencing with the supplier of natural gas.

**g. Budget Resolution #14- CDBG**

Ms. Lopez stated we are working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of CDBG. Funds have to be transferred to cover the match of engineering and design which totaled \$20,500.00.

Councilor Dean motion to approve Budget Resolutions 11, 12, 13, and 14. Councilor Chavez-Lopez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Job Description- Code Enforcement Officer**

Councilor Dean made the motion to approve the job description of Code Enforcement Officer. Councilor Chavez-Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Job Description- Update Police SOP 1-3 Job Descriptions- Pay Grade/Scale**

Mr. Monette stated that these job descriptions were updates to the pay scales and grade to the Police Department SOP. Chief Mike Winders stated that with the recent raises, the SOP was not up to date with current salaries.

Councilor Dean made the motion to approve the job descriptions/SOP changes. Councilor Chavez-Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**c. Reporting on Personnel Changes**

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT	REASON	SALARY
Steve Mathieu	04/22/2022	Recreation/Rodeo	Completed Probation	A-36 to A-38
Tyler Greenwood	04/18/2022	Police/Patrolman	New Hire	A-48
William Brannan	04/18/2022	Police/Patrolman	City Wide Increase – Min. Certification pay Range	F-51 to F52
John Brannan	04/18/2022	Police/Patrolman	City Wide Increase – Min. Certification Pay Range	B-51 to B-52
Dylan Coslin	04/18/2022	Police/Patrolman	City Wide Increase – Min. Certification Pay Range	C-51 to C-52
Michael Chavez	04/18/2022	Police/Corporal	City Wide Increase – Min. Certification Pay Range	H-52 to H-53

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Peter Gonzales	04/18/2022	Police/Lieutenant	City Wide Increase – Min. Certification Pay Range	I-56 to I-57
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Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve personnel changes. Seconded by Councilor Ocampo. The motion passed unanimously.

**d. Business Registrations**

NAME	ZOING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
Carolina's Choice, LLC	M-1	1404 Enterprise Rd	David MacNeil	Cannabis Cultivation, Production, Manufacturing
The HQ Farms, LLC	Farmers Market Only	La Joya, NM	Leland Maez	Farm

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to accept the business registrations. Councilor Ocampo seconded the motion.

Councilor Dean requested that business registrants are invited to the council meeting in which their business registration is being presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**e. Voucher Run**

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve vouchers 155614 to 155847 in the amount of \$1,215,764.64 plus Payroll Transfers \$356,667.47 for a total of \$1,572,432.11. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

**f. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times**

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, May, 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers – 111 School of Mines Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 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**