

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**May 2, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk, took roll call.

Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Damien Ocampo, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., Councilor Peter Romero, and Councilor Anton Salome

Mayor Ravi Bhasker, and Councilor Deborah Dean were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Donald Monette, City Administrator led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 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 18, 2022**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Pablo Lopez addressed the Council stating his disapproval of the Mayor and Council.

Socorro High School Wrestling Team and SCOPE were on the agenda; however, the presentations were postponed for a later meeting.

**ORDINANCES**

**a. An Ordinance Declaring an Emergency Within the City of Socorro, NM Restricting Open and Controlled Burns Within City Limits**

Administrator Monette stated the Ordinance is for banning open burning in the City Limits and is similar to what the County of Socorro has passed. He further explained that a burn permit form will need to be completed and approval is required by Fire Chief Lawrence Baca. There will be a \$300.00 penalty if anyone violates the ordinance.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 22-05-02. The motion was seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Resolution No. 22-05-02 – Samsung Solar Energy 2, LLC – Lease of Land Near Industrial Park**

Administrator Monette stated that Samsung is looking to build a 100mw solar plant that would require land located in the Industrial Park. Mr. Monette further stated that Samsung is under time constraints obtaining their interconnect with PNM and possibly Tri-State by months end.

Councilor Romero made the motion to approve Resolutions No. 22-05-02. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Romero reported that the demolition of Sand Motel was under way.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Update on Convention Center**

Administrator Monette reported that the completion of the parking lot paving will begin Monday and only tables and chairs need to be ordered.

**b. Reporting on Personnel Changes**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as read by Administrator Monette.

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	DEPARTMENT	REASON	SALARY
Kevin Chavez	04/18/2022	Parks/Crewman	Completed Probation	A-28 to A-30
Eljah Molina	05/02/2022	Police/Patrolman	New Hire	A-48
Christopher Carrillo	05/09/2022	Coe Enforcement Officer	Transfer from Landfill Gatekeeper	E-34 to E-35
Violet Alvarado	05/03/2022	Library/Circulation Mgr.	Resignation	

Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Business Registrations**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Administrator Monette.

NAME	ZOING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
4 <sup>th</sup> Generation Barber Shop	C-1	110 Willow	Marc Lopez	Barber
Inner Evolution Counseling, LLC	C-2	218 South California St.	Anne Lear	Mental Health Counseling
The Learning Path, LLC	C-2	308 California St.	Charlene Montoya	Educational Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatments, and Counseling
Kaitlan Grigg Piano Studio	R-1	112 Mustang Dr.	Kaitlan Grigg	Music Lessons

Seconded by Councilor Salome, motion passed unanimously.

Charlene Montoya and Keri Walker gave an overview of the operations of The Learning Path, LLC.

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Mayor Pro Tem Hicks reported that the new street sweeper is cleaning streets around the City.

**d. 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 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers – 111 School of Mines Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 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**