

City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
May 2, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk, took roll call.

Council members present at roll call:

- Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez
- Councilor Deborah Dean
- Councilor Nick Fleming
- Mayor Pro Tem Gordy Hicks
- Councilor Damien Ocampo
- Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr.
- Councilor Anton Salome

Council members absent:

- Councilor Peter Romero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Salome led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Romero arrived at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Pineda requested item 6. d. Resolution No. 23-05-02a – Disposition of Vehicle be removed from the agenda. The City has found use in a different department so the vehicle will not be salvaged.

- a. Approval of May 2, 2023 City Council Agenda
- b. Consideration of Minutes
 - i. April 18, 2023
- c. Budget Resolution No. 30 – USDA Wastewater Facility Loan Payoff

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

- a. Public Hearing - Transfer of Location of Dispenser Liquor License – Circle K
Councilor Olguin made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

After hearing no comment from the public, Councilor Olguin made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

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- b. **Council Action on Transfer of Location of Dispenser Liquor License – Circle K**
Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the Transfer of Location of Dispenser Liquor License – Circle K. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Resolution No. 23-05-02 – Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement with New Mexico Finance Authority**
Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-05-02. Seconded by Councilor Dean.

Donald Monette, City Administrator, stated that through the VW grant the City will receive \$1.9 million that is on a reimbursement basis so a loan through the New Mexico Finance Authority enables the City to purchase the two Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Garbage Trucks and when reimbursed by the VW program the loan will be paid off. This process will occur again when the City purchases the three CNG Dump Trucks. At the end of the VW program another application is started for the CNG filling station improvements. With all the new CNG vehicles the City's current filling station does not have the capacity to handle the fleet.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Resolution No. 23-05-02b – Condemning 803 Park Street**
Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-05-02. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez.

Administrator Monette passed around photos of the property for the Councilors to view. Administrator Monette further stated there is a history and an affidavit of the attempts Code Enforcement has tried to take. Code Enforcement has been in touch with the property owner's children. It took approximately six months to get a hold of one of them and said they would take care of it. Another six months went by and Code Enforcement got a hold of them again and was told the son would take care of it. No contact has been made with them since. Councilor Olguin asked if the City would get estimates of the cost to clean up the property. Administrator Monette stated the process will be the same as when the City condemned Sands Motel. Councilor Salome asked if the owner of the property was to reimburse the City for the expenses, would the owner maintain title to that property. Administrator Monette replied yes, the City would get the property in the condition to the City's satisfaction, then total up the cost involved, take it to court to get a formal lien placed against the property, and then ask the judge to have an auction with the initial bid as the price of the lien. Council Olguin asked if there is an appeal process. Administrator Monette replied yes, they can appeal this resolution within 30 days.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
None

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OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the Business Registrations as read by Mayor Pro Tem Hicks. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

NAME	ZONING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
Socorro Peak Cleaning	R-1	702 Medley St.	Maria Lopez	Commercial Cleaning
Martial Arts Institute Socorro	R-1	1305 El Camino Real	Gerrie Hardern	Martial Arts Training
Tricore, Inc.	C-2	1202 Highway 60 West Bldg. D	Robin Devine	Medical Laboratory
Tofel Dent Construction, LLC	Out of Town	Tucson, AZ	James B. Tofel	General Contractor

Maria Lopez, owner of Socorro Peak Cleaning, informed the Council of the services that will be provided.

Gerrie Hardern, Misty Millhorn, and Elric Padilla gave the Council an overview of the Martial Arts Institute.

b. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation



Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk