

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
December 3, 2024**

Mayor Bhasker 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 Deborah Dean
- Councilor Nick Fleming
- Councilor Damien Ocampo
- Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr.
- Councilor Joel D. Partridge, Jr.
- Councilor Anton Salome

Council members absent at roll call:

- Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez
- Councilor Peter Romero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of December 3, 2024 City Council Agenda
- b. Consideration of Minutes
 - i. November 19, 2024

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Jerrid Williams, Director of Communication & Public Affairs at Socorro Electric Cooperative, announced the Board of Trustees hired Manny Gonzales as the new Manager. Mr. Gonzales will leave his position at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative in Wilcox Arizona to start his new position in January 2025.

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

- a. Dominica “Nica” Chavez Day

Mayor Bhasker read a proclamation declaring December 17, 2024, as Dominica “Nica” Chavez Day.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

- a. Public Hearing – Restaurant A (Beer and Wine) Liquor License Application – Desert Diamond

Councilor Olguin made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

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

b. Council Action on Restaurant A (Beer and Wine) Liquor License Application

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the Restaurant A (Beer and Wine) Liquor License for Desert Diamond. Seconded by Councilor Partridge, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Animal Control Officer Swearing In

Mayor Bhasker swore in Josh Armijo as the new City of Socorro Animal Control Officer.

b. Committee Assignments

Mayor Bhasker stated that each committee elect a chairman, set a schedule and get with administration to advertise meetings.

c. Job Description

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Job Descriptions for Payroll and Personnel Administrator and P & Z Director Component. Seconded by Councilor Ocampo, motion passed unanimously.

d. Personnel Changes

Councilor Fleming motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as presented by Mayor Bhasker.

NAME	EFFECTIVE	DEPARTMENT	REASON	SALARY
Kaitlynn Garza	12/03/2024	Dispatch	Completed NMLEA Academy	B-44 to B-46
Kristy Padilla	12/03/2024	Administration	Additional Job Duties	T-58 to T-60
Fabian Otero	11/14/2024	Gas	Job Abandonment	
Shaye Lee	11/25/2024	Recreation	Resignation	
Carol Hale	12/31/2024	Library	Retirement	

Seconded by Councilor Ocampo.

Chelsea Jones, Library Director, informed the Council Carol Hale will be retiring after 18 years of service.

Motion passed unanimously.

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e. Business Registrations

Councilor Salome motioned to approve the Business Registrations as presented by Mayor Bhasker.

NAME	ZONING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
Alberto Amaya Remodel LLC	R-4	1508 Fatima Rd	Jessica Quinones	Handyman

Seconded by Councilor Olguin, motion passed unanimously.

f. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Rd.).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation



Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk