City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
March 3, 2026

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez-Lopez 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:
- Mayor Pro Tem Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez
- Councilor Deborah Dean
- Councilor Nick Fleming
- Councilor Joe Gonzales
- Councilor Joel D. Partridge, Jr.
- Councilor Anton Salome

Council members absent at roll call:
- Councilor Damien Ocampo
- Councilor Peter Romero

Mayor Bhasker was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Pro Tem Chavez-Lopez led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
a. **Approval of March 3, 2026 City Council Agenda**
b. **Consideration of Minutes**
   i. **February 17, 2026**

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

PUBLIC FORUM
None

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION
a. **Resolution No. 26-03-03 – NMFA Application for Local Solar Access Fund**
Donald Monette, City Administrator, presented Resolution No. 26-03-03 and stated it is required to apply for the Local Solar Access Fund. The application is specifically worded for the design of solar systems for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (the City's largest consumer of electricity), the Swimming Pool, and the Finley Complex.

Councilor Gonzales asked whether the funding is entirely a grant or a grant/loan combination. Administrator Monette replied that the first phase is for $50,000 for permitting, submission, and site analysis, and it is entirely grant-funded. Once the design is completed, the second phase will provide up to $1,000,000 for further design, purchasing equipment, and installation.

Councilor Dean made a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-03-03. Seconded by Councilor Fleming.

Councilor Partridge asked if this is to offset the bills from the Socorro Electric Cooperative. Administrator Monette replied that it is, and that electricity is the largest bill for all of the city's facilities.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
None

OLD BUSINESS
None

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

MAYOR'S REPOR

a. Personnel Changes

Councilor Partridge motioned to approve the Personnel Changes as presented by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez-Lopez.

NAME	EFFECTIVE	DEPARTMENT	REASON	SALARY
Devaeh Murrietta	03/03/2026	Administration	Completed Probation	A-37 to A-39
Sarah Stanley	03/03/2026	Fire	Completed Probation	A-62 to A-64
Jeremiah Garza	03/03/2026	Fire	Completed Probation	A-60 to A-62
Juian Maez	03/03/2026	Fire	Completed Probation	A-60 to A-62
Logan Walter	03/03/2026	Fire	EMT-Basic/Completed Probation	A-58 to A-60
Sasha Gonzales	03/03/2026	Dispatch	Completed Probation	A-44 to A-46
Jose Gonzalez	03/03/2026	Animal Control	Completed Probation	A-44 to A-46

Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Ocampo arrived at 6:04 p.m.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Salome motioned to approve the Business Registrations as presented by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez-Lopez.

NAME	ZONING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
Yo Mama's Dough Joe, LLC	C-2	601 California St.	Diedra Vinson	Doughnuts, Coffee House
Rosas Auto Repair	R-R	914 Chaparral Dr.	Raymond Rosas	Auto Repair Shop
ZAP Electric LLC	R-1	1019 Mary Pl.	Adrian Pino	Mobile Electrical Contractor
Los Pino's Care LLC	R-1	1019 Mary Pl.	Leah Pino	Small In-home Daycare
Pauley Construction, LLC	Out of Town	Phoenix, AZ	Matthew Carrow	Telecommunication Construction

Seconded by Councilor Ocampo.

Diedra Vinson addressed the Council and let them know that Yo Mama's Dough Joe has been in the works for eight years. It will be located at 601 N. California Street, where the old Shirley's Drive-In was, and will create a minimum of 10 to 18 jobs.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez-Lopez stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers (111 School of Mines Rd.).

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Partridge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk