

City of Socorro Special City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
July 29, 2015

Mayor Ravi Bhasker called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Pat Salome, City Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Toby Jaramillo, Councilor Donald Monette, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez and Councilor Michael Olguin. Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Ernest Pargas and Councilor Gordy Hicks were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bhasker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilor Hicks arrived.

APPROVAL OF JULY 29, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Resolution No. 001B – FY 2015-2016 Final Budget Approval

Mayor Bhasker presented Resolution No. 001-B which adopts the final budget for the City of Socorro for FY 2015-2016. Mayor Bhasker commended Mable Gonzales, City Treasurer, for her work on the budget. Ms. Gonzales, in turn, thanked that Department Heads and Budget Committee for their participation in developing the budget.

Councilor Pargas arrived.

Ms. Gonzales reviewed various items that were included in the budget – 1% salary anniversary increase and the short-term salary adjustment for all full-time and part-time permanent employees. Ms. Gonzales stated that there was no increase in health insurance premiums. Ms. Gonzales stated that Polo Pineda provided the photos that are included in the budget. Councilor Monette commended the Budget Committee for their work on the budget and the City for being able to move forward with no increase in health insurance premiums.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 001-B as presented. Seconded by Councilor Monette, motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 15-07-29 – 4th Quarter Financial Report

Ms. Gonzales presented Resolution No. 15-07-29 which, if approved, adopts the 4th quarter financial report for fiscal year 2014-2015. Ms. Gonzales stated that approval of the resolution satisfies a new requirement from DFA. Ms. Gonzales stated that the report shows that the ending cash balance for the prior year matches the beginning cash balance for the new year.

Councilor Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-07-29. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Salome stated that the New Mexico Municipal League has an annual “budget competition”. Councilor Romero made a motion to submit the City’s budget to NMML for the competition. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:05 p.m., Councilor Hicks motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

