

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**October 5, 2015**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order. Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Toby Jaramillo and Councilor Donald Monette. Mayor Ravi Bhasker and Councilor Ernest Pargas were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Monette led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. September 21, 2015**

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

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Savannah Morris stated that the “Drug Take Back Day” event was successful with the Police Department receiving 149.3 pounds of unused/expired medications. Ms. Morris stated that she would like to purchase permanent drug collection boxes to keep at the Police Department so these medications can be received at any time.

Bill Piccinini stated that the 50-year high school reunion for the class of 1965 was recently held and had 75 attendees. Mr. Piccinini stated that the group toured the old high school (Finley Gym) and used the concession and fields at the City’s new athletic complex. Mr. Piccinini thanked the City for allowing the use of its facilities. Mr. Piccinini stated that the class hopes to hold another reunion in five years and use the City’s convention center (armory building) if the remodel has been completed.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL**

**a. Ordinance No. 15-09-08 – Economic Development Plan (LEDA)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks presented Ordinance No. 15-09-08.

Councilor Monette made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilor Monette made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 15-09-08. The motion was seconded by Councilor Olguin. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Revised City of Socorro Transportation FTA Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks presented an updated Transportation Department Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the updated policy meets requirements required by the Federal Transit Administration and the US Department of Transportation.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the revised City of Socorro Transportation FTA Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Construction Award – Fairgrounds Road MAP**

Steve William, of Dennis Engineering recommended that the City of Socorro award a construction bid to Albuquerque Asphalt in the amount of \$182,398.44 for the reconstruction of the Fairgrounds Road intersection (MAP Project). Mr. Williams stated that the award will be part of an existing contract between Albuquerque Asphalt and Valencia County (as allowed under NMSA 13-1-129).

Councilor Romero made a motion to award the construction bid to Albuquerque Asphalt in the amount of \$182,398.44 for the reconstruction of the Fairgrounds Road intersection (MAP Project). Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Changes**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks:

Gabe Sosa – 10-1-15 – Fire – Certification (EMT-I) – C-28 to C-31

Jonathan Harmon – 10-5-15 – Police – New Hire (Police Officer) – A-35

Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Business Registrations**

Councilor Monette motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks:

El Camino LLC – C-2 – 707 N California Street – Wanita Jones – Restaurant & Lounge

X-Ray Pharms – C-2 – 118 Meek Street – Gregory Miller – Medical Laboratory

Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

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**c. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – October 19, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting would be held on October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:17 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

**THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation**

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/s/  
**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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/s/  
**Pat Salome, City Clerk**