

City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
November 2, 2015

Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order. Pat Salome, City 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 Toby Jaramillo and Councilor Donald Monette. Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Nick Fleming and Councilor Ernest Pargas were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Monette's eight year old son, Cadyn Monette, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

a. October 19, 2015

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

PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

a. Proclamation – American Diabetes Month

Mr. Salome read a proclamation which proclaimed November 2015 as American Diabetes Month in the City of Socorro.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tom Guengerich, Public Information Officer at NM Tech, stated that NM Tech has provided a copy of their 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for City's review. Mr. Guengerich stated that a series of public forums were held in order to gather public input for the plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the City Administration is interested in being involved with the plan. Mr. Guengerich stated that NM Tech would like to work as partners with the City of Socorro. Mr. Guengerich agreed to meet with Mayor Ravi Bhasker to discuss how the City can be involved in the plan.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION ONLY

a. Ordinance No. 15-11-02 – Uniform Traffic Ordinance

Mr. Salome presented Ordinance No. 15-11-02. Mr. Salome stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to adopt the 2015 amendments to the State of New Mexico Uniform Traffic Ordinance. Mr. Salome stated that the City adopts the amendments by reference after the NM Legislature adopts the new rules. Mr. Salome stated that it is important to adopt the amendments in order to ensure that police officers are writing citations under the most current laws.

Mr. Salome stated that the ordinance is on the agenda for approval for publication only.

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 15-11-02 for publication only. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

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DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Consideration of Zone Change – Los Tres y Cuatro LLC – Eaton/Long/Grant Street – R-2 to C-1 - UPDATE

Mr. Salome stated that in regards to the zone change requested by Los Tres y Cuatro, which was postponed from the last City Council meeting, the Administration is recommending that the matter be referred back to the Planning and Zoning Commission due to a clerical error (one of the homeowners within 100 feet of the property was not notified of the public hearing) and be treated as if it was a new request.

Councilor Olguin made a motion to send the matter back to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution No. 15-11-02 – Proposed Vacation of City Property

Mr. Salome presented Resolution No. 15-11-02 which, if approved, will allow the City to move forward with the formal process of vacating a portion of South California Street. Mr. Salome stated that the owners of the property on either side of the street requested the vacation of the property. Mr. Salome stated that in the past (for similar requests), the Planning and Zoning Commission would hold a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Salome stated that the resolution only authorizes the City to begin the formal process of the vacation and does not approve the vacation itself. Mr. Salome stated that if vacated, the property will be divided equally to the property owners on each side of the street. Mr. Salome stated that the City has vacated City property before when the City has decided that there is no longer a public use for the property. Mr. Salome stated that there is currently traffic on this street and the City Administration can provide those numbers. Councilor Olguin asked if the property could be appraised and sold. Mr. Salome stated that would also be appropriate and an appraisal may help the governing body decide whether the City should vacate the property or not.

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-11-02. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

b. Budget Resolutions

1. No. 3 – General Fund – Animal Control Department

Resources are Beginning Cash Balance Available – Requirements are Building Maintenance – Amount is \$15,000.00 – The increase is needed to allow for the purchase of needed improvements (dog/cat cages and a computer).

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve Budget Resolution No. 3. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Romero stated that there would be a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Isidro Baca Park.

Councilor Olguin stated that he attended an economic development forum to start working on the regional economic development strategic plan/economic development plan (SET). Councilor Olguin stated that the forum was well-attended.

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NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Jaramillo stated that after Thanksgiving, he will start collecting canned goods for his 46th annual food drive.

Mr. Salome stated that the Recreation/Tourism Department provided a handout of recent and upcoming events.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

None.

b. Business Registrations

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

M & K Construction LLC - Out of Town - Polvadera, NM - Samuel Abeyta - Construction
T & B Sales - Out of Town - Jonesboro, GA - Tim Burgess - Door to Door Sales
SOS Retail Services LLC - Out of Town - Franklin, TN – Corporation - General Contractor
Lacey Rai Lapham - R-1 (Approved by P&Z) - 123 Mustang - Lacey Rai Lapham - Registered
Dietician

Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

c. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – November 16, 2015 @ 6:00

p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting would be held on November 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Monette, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Pat Salome, City Clerk

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