

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**December 21, 2015**

Mayor Ravi Bhasker called the meeting to order. Pat Salome, City Clerk along with his daughter Rylee Salome, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Donald Monette, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Gordy Hicks (arrived 6:01), Councilor Michael Olguin, Councilor Ernest Pargas, Councilor Nick Fleming and Councilor Toby Jaramillo.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Rylee Salome led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 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. December 7, 2015**

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

**b. December 15, 2015**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS**

Mayor Bhasker invited Don Tripp, Speaker of the House to the podium. Mr. Tripp wanted to thank Pat Salome for his years of service with the City of Socorro as City Clerk. Mayor Bhasker stated that he and Speaker Tripp have been talking about doing something for the employees of Smith's due to the upcoming closure of Smith's. Mayor Bhasker is hoping that the first week in January he can meet with Workforce Solutions and Human Services about possible options for the Smith's employees. Councilor Pargas stated that Sue Torres is the local human resource officer for Smith's and Mayor Bhasker stated once he received her e-mail information from Councilor Pargas, he will e-mail her. The Mayor stated that he can talk about further work and Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to train people to do other things. Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated she has also been in contact with Workforce Solutions.

**a. Mayoral Proclamation - City Clerk Retirement**

Mayor Bhasker read a proclamation recognizing George Patrick Salome Jr on his 28 years of service as City Clerk with the City of Socorro. Mayor Bhasker also presented Pat Salome with a wooden plaque. City Clerk Salome spoke about his employment and history as City Clerk as well as many of the projects and programs that he has been involved in. Mr. Salome also stated he was proud to be an employee with the City of Socorro. Mr. Salome stated Grandmother Evelyn Salome and his Grandfather Walter Darr were also City employees. Mayor Bhasker said that Pat has run 14 elections and has never been challenged.

Mayor Bhasker stated that he is not naming a City Clerk until after the upcoming March election. Stephanie Saavedra is the Deputy Clerk and Mable will be the boss but not official City Clerk, that may come with reorganization in March 2016. The mayor then stated Kristy will be here to pass information to Mayor Bhasker.

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Councilor Monette, Councilor Olguin, Councilor Fleming, Councilor Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Pargas, Councilor Jaramillo, Councilor Romero, Councilor Hicks all thanked Pat Salome for his service as City Clerk and congratulated him on his retirement. Mayor Bhasker stated that as City Clerk, Pat has worked on many things including improving employee retirement, a police oversight commission as well as keeping taxes and user rates at a minimum, etc.

Councilor Hicks excused himself from the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Jay Santillanes, Mable Gonzales, Lloyd Martinez, Joe Gonzales, Mike Winders, Michael Lucero, Lupe Tarango and Steve Williams (of Dennis Engineering) all thanked Pat for his work as City Clerk and enjoyed their time working with Pat.

Mr. Salome stated that he has been to over 700 City Council meetings and he expressed his sincere thanks to his wife Melissa and his daughter Rylee for their patience and understanding.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES – APPROVAL FOR PUBLICATION**

**a. Ordinance No. 15-12-21 – Economic Development Project (LEDA) - Solaro**

Mayor Bhasker presented Ordinance No. 15-12-21. This LEDA ordinance is a necessity to administer grants and monies from the State received by Solara. Pat Salome stated that the City passed the main LEDA ordinance a while back and anytime we engage in LEDA activities with a private company, we have to pass a subsequent ordinance specific to each entity. The proposed ordinance would be the subsequent ordinance with Solaro. Once this ordinance is passed, the City will have an agreement with the State and an agreement with the terms of what is going to take place with Solaro.

Councilor Monette made a motion to go approve ordinance for publication. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Monette stated that this agreement has a minimum of employees that they must hire to meet the demands of this agreement.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Selection of Engineer– CDBG – Texas Street Area Project**

Mayor Bhasker stated that the CDBG Texas Street Project which the City has been working on for a long time is ready to begin. Dennis Engineering has been proposed as the engineer of this project.

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve the selection of Dennis Engineering. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Airport – Molzen Corbin Task Order 15-2 Fuel Farm**

Mayor Bhasker presented task order 15-2 fuel farm, Mayor Bhasker asked Jay Santillanes to explain. Jay stated that this initially started with a grant agreement with the State Aviation Department because FAA would not financially participate. In light of some financial shortages, State Aviation and FAA will now participate in a fuel farm. State Aviation recommended that we wait for FAA participation until May and that will lower our match. The City was going to pay at least 25% of this project and now with the changes we are looking at 2 ½% to 5% once we get an

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FAA agreement. This is a task order with Molzen Corbin and Associates to design the fuel farm and should be advertised by May 1, 2016. FAA and State Aviation will participate.

Councilor Romero made a motion to move ahead with task order 15-2. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Airport – Molzen Corbin Task Order 15-3 DBE Update**

Mayor Bhasker presented task order 15-3 DBE Update. Jay Santillanes stated that FAA has requirements that a disabled business enterprise (DBE) policy has to be updated every 4 years. This also requires an update of annual goals and participation accomplishments.

Councilor Monette made a motion to adopt task order 15-3 DBE Update. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

Jay Santillanes stated that this is a project FAA will participate in and they will pay 90% and State Aviation will pay 5%. Councilor Monette had a question regarding annual goals as they pertain to a four year plan. Jay Santillanes stated there are some things that are documented annually and that this plan will incorporate some annual goals but they update the overall program every four years.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Olguin stated that he saw in the voucher run that there was a payment for McGee and Associates, for landfill services. Mayor Bhasker stated that we have to have a consultant at the landfill for the life of the landfill. The Mayor also stated that we are in the process of opening of a new cell.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Bhasker stated that there are 3 proposed job descriptions. Project and Grant Administrator which will be assigned to Polo Pineda, Vehicle Fleet Manager, and Deputy Clerk which Stephanie Saavedra is currently doing. Mayor Bhasker thinks it is appropriate to amend these job descriptions at this time.

Councilor Monette moved that we accept the job descriptions as presented. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Changes**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mayor Bhasker:

Matilde Acosta – 11-2-15 – Parks – Additional Job Duties – I-30 to I-33

Temporary New Hires: Jared Marquez, Seferina Ortiz, Amanda Saenz

Temporary Renewals: Michael Carrillo, Jerry Griego, Rondall Sauls, Tony Montoya, Elias Jacquez, Tony Silva, Angelica Vega, Michael Padilla, Felipe Romero, John Ferguson, Billy Romero, Loretta Tolliver, Chris Carrillo, Paul Foulentfont

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Student Workers: Camryn Sager, Mariah Jaramillo, Erik Boeck, Taylor Saavedra, Wesley Mauldin, Zach Anaya, Maya Cordova, Evelyn Gomez, Stephen Kutu, Ricky Silva, Dennis Woods  
Referees (2), Zumba (2)

Seconded by Councilor Monette, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Business Registrations**

Councilor Monette motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mayor Bhasker:

Kelly Cable of New Mexico – Out of Town – Albuquerque, NM – Mike Ford – Fiber for Century Link  
Abarim Home Healthcare Inc. – C-2 – 720 Bagley – Jessica Soto – Home Health  
Aaron Bancroft – Out of Town – Vernal, Utah – Aaron Bancroft – Mobile Blanket Sales  
Aamco Mechanical & Construction – Out of Town – Los Lunas, NM – Steven Otero & Elias P. Sanchez – Mechanical and Construction  
Mangas Well Service – Out of Town – Datil, NM – Travis Leyba – Christmas Trees

Councilor Chavez-Lopez asked when the dialysis center will open in Socorro, Mayor Bhasker stated that it will be in February.

Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**d. Voucher Run**

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve vouchers 135794 to 136150 in the amount of \$968,472.48, plus Payroll Transfers (\$167,563.89), for a total of \$1,136,036.37. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**e. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – January 4, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Bhasker stated that the next regular City Council meeting would be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:14 p.m., Councilor Monette motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

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

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/s/  
**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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/s/  
**Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk**

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