

City of Socorro
Special City Council Meeting
May 22, 2014

Pat Salome, City Clerk, stated that Mayor Bhasker and Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks were unable to attend the City Council meeting. Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to approve Councilor Fleming as the Chair for the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Monette, motion passed unanimously.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Fleming led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Preliminary Budget Approval – FY 14-15

Mable Gonzales, Finance Director, presented Resolution No. 001A which, if approved, adopts the City's preliminary budget for FY 14-15. Ms. Gonzales thanked everyone who helped in the preparation of the budget. Councilor Fleming pointed out several items in the new budget including the continued 1% anniversary and short-term salary adjustments for City employees. Councilor Fleming stated that the Administration is still negotiating renewal prices for the employee health insurance. Councilor Fleming also stated that the dispatch center will be separated from the Police Department and become their own department. Councilor Fleming stated that the Street Department will also be split creating a Street Maintenance Department and a Road Crew Department. Ms. Gonzales stated that she asked the Department Heads to provide a decreased budget and they were able to accommodate the request. Mr. Salome pointed out that there are also no new taxes to residents and no utility increases. Mr. Salome stated that the resolution for final budget approval will be presented at the second City Council meeting in July.

Councilor Monette made a motion to approve Resolution No. 001A. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:23 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