

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
**City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801**  
**November 21, 2016**

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 and Councilor Nick Fleming. Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Ernest Pargas, Councilor Anton Salome and Councilor Toby Jaramillo were absent.

Donald Monette, City Administrator, stated that Councilor Salome was at a school board meeting and would be at the Council meeting after the school board meeting ended.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that he would like to recognize former mayor, Tony Jaramillo, who recently passed away. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks thanked Mayor Jaramillo for his contributions to the City of Socorro.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Chavez-Lopez led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 21, 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**a. November 7, 2016**

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**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks read a proclamation which proclaims November 2016 as American Diabetes Month in the City of Socorro.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Jane Love, a member of the City of Socorro Animal Shelter Advisory Board, stated that on behalf of the board, she would like to thank Victoria Murphy, the Animal Shelter Director, for all of her hard work at the shelter. (Ms. Murphy will be leaving her position on November 30, 2016.) Ms. Love stated that along with the help of Ms. Murphy, the board has been working on revisions to the City's Animal Control Ordinance. Ms. Love stated that the proposed revisions will be presented to the City Council at a future meeting.

Lillian Armijo, the NM Tech liaison, thanked the City of Socorro for the welcome reception held for Dr. and Mrs. Wells on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Armijo stated that Dr. and Mrs. Wells appreciated the reception and felt very welcomed by the community.

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

**a. Swearing In of Animal Control Officer**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks swore in Jacob Fanning, the City's Animal Control Officer. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that this will allow Mr. Fanning to write citations for violations of the City's Animal Control Ordinance.

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**b. Resolution No. 16-11-21 – Acquisition of New Aerial Ladder Apparatus**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks presented Resolution No. 16-11-21 which, if approved, will allow the City to submit an application for financial assistance to the New Mexico Finance Authority for the acquisition of a new aerial ladder truck. Chief Gonzales stated that the Fire Department has been able to save funds to assist in the purchase of the truck. Mable Gonzales, City Clerk/Treasurer, stated that \$145,946 will come from funds awarded by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and \$165,054 will come from cash balance. Ms. Gonzales stated that the loan amount will be \$422,375 for a total purchase price of \$733,375. Chief Gonzales stated that the State Fire Marshall's Office has already looked at the vehicle requested, assessed the needs of the City and approved the purchase. Ms. Gonzales stated that the purchase price amount is approximate and the actual amount will be stated in the loan agreement which will be presented to the City Council for approval at a later date.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve Resolution No. 16-11-21. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Budget Resolutions**

Mable Gonzales, City Clerk/Treasurer, presented the following:

**1. No. 4 – Health Council Grant Fund**

Resources are Department of Health Grant – Requirements are Contractual Services – Amount is \$4,230 – The increase is needed to allow for the grant award.

**2. No. 5 – Substance Abuse Prevention Grant Fund**

Resources are Behavioral Health Services Grant – Requirements are Office Expense, Other Administrative Expense, Contractual services and Professional Planning - Amount is \$97,000 – The increase is needed to allow for the grant award.

**3. No. 6 – Community Transformation Grant Fund**

Resources are Behavioral Health Services Grant and Beginning Cash Balance Forward – Requirements are Other Administrative Expense and Contractual Services – Amount is \$60,000 – The increase is needed to allow for the grant award.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve Budget Resolution No. 4, 5 and 6. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilor Romero stated that he had again been asked about placing a crosswalk from the west side of the Plaza to the post office. Jay Santillanes, Division Director, stated that the area has been surveyed and it would be difficult to place a crosswalk there as it would lead into the post office parking area and people would have to walk in between parked cars. Mr. Santillanes stated that in order to accommodate a crosswalk, the property owners for the building where the post office is located would have to eliminate two parking spaces. Mr. Santillanes stated that after the last request, the City was able to change the yield sign to a stop sign on Fisher Street coming in to the Plaza. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the matter could be referred back to the Administration for further review.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Changes**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mr. Monette:

Pedro Robles – 11-15-16 – Sanitation – Termination

Alfredo Garza – 11-9-16 – Police – Resignation

Demecio Silva – 11-16-16 – Road – Additional Job Duties – H-47 to H-49

Alan Roane – 11-16-16 – Police – Completed Probation – A-35 to A-37

Temporary New Hires: Ramiro Garza

Temporary Renewals: Elias Jacquez, Felipe Romero, Billy Romero, Chris Carrillo, Paul Foulfont, Jerry Griego, Pat Silva, Sebastian Alvarado, Marcella Alvarado, David Chavez, Jeriana Contreras, Zach Anaya, Mariah Jaramillo, Tiara Jojola, Erin Melendrez, Justin Lopez

Student Workers: Serena Perez, Maya Cordova, Chris Altamirano, Taylor Saavedra, Wesley Mauldin, Alondra Gomez, Deekota Chavez, Sistine Dunn

Referees (2), Zumba (2)

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Business Registrations**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registrations as read by Mr. Monette:

Heart & Soul In-Home Care – Out of Town – Magdalena, NM – Kimberly Meyer – Assist with In-Home Supports (Meds, Hygiene, Self-Care, Housecleaning, Cooking, Laundry, Transport, Errands & Ensure Safety)

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**c. Voucher Run**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 139335 to 139694 in the amount of \$1,765,040.18, plus Payroll Transfers (\$314,689.98), for a total of \$2,079,730.16. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

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**d. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – Monday, December 5, 2016**  
**@ 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:24 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, 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**