

City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
December 16, 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 Toby Jaramillo, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Michael Olguin and Councilor Nick Fleming. Mayor Ravi Bhasker, Councilor Ernest Pargas and Councilor Anton Salome were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Donald Monette, City Administrator, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2016 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. December 5, 2016

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

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Naming of Rodeo Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the Administration would like to name the road that goes from State Road 1 into the new Rodeo Arena & Sports Complex "Rodeo Road". Mable Gonzales, City Clerk/Treasurer, stated that naming the road will allow the people to locate the road on GPS.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve naming the road that goes from State Road 1 into the new Rodeo Arena & Sports Complex "Rodeo Road". Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

b. RFP Award – Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant & Collection System

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that bids for engineering services for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and collection system were opened on November 17, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that Polo Pineda, the City's Procurement Officer, is recommending that the bid be awarded to Dennis Engineering Company.

Councilor Jaramillo made a motion to award the bids for engineering services for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant and collection system to Dennis Engineering Company. Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

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

Michael Padilla – 12-15-16 – Finance – Completed Probation – A-30 to A-32

Christopher Gonzales – 12-22-16 – Transportation – Completed Probation – A-27 to A-29

Temporary New Hires: Ray Aragon, Vivika Blea, Placido Chavez, Koshmen Carson

Temporary Renewals: Elias Jacquez, Felipe Romero, Billy Romero, Chris Carrillo, Paul

Foulenfont, Jerry Griego, Pat Silva, Sebastian Alvarado, Marcella Alvarado, David Chavez, Jeriana

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Contreras, Zach Anaya, Mariah Jaramillo, Tiara Jajola, Erin Melendrez, Justin Lopez, Ramiro Garza

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

Referees (2), Zumba (2)

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

b. Voucher Run

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve vouchers 139695 to 139928 in the amount of \$656,412.85, plus Payroll Transfers (\$323,501.83), for a total of \$979,914.68. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Olguin stated that the Economic Development Association recently received \$20,000 and that the first annual meeting will be held in January. Councilor Olguin stated that the association will now move forward with developing a full board.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that the annual food drive will be held on December 17th at Finley Gym beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Councilor Romero stated that the public is invited to attend a Christmas dinner at the DAV on December 18th between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

c. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:08 p.m., Councilor Romero motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk