

City of Socorro Regular City Council Meeting
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801
August 7, 2017

Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk, took roll call. Members present at roll call were: Mayor Pro-Tem Gordy Hicks, Councilor Peter Romero, Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Nick Fleming and Councilor Toby Jaramillo. Mayor Bhasker, Councilor Michael Olguin and Councilor Anton Salome were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Josh Walsh, a member of the HOT Squad Robotics Team, led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7, 2017 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. July 24, 2017

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Stone, the NM Tech liaison, stated that the summer session ended on August 4th and the new semester will begin in two weeks. Mr. Stone stated that enrollment should be similar to that of last year. Mr. Stone stated that he, along with Dr. Wells, represent NM Tech on a state committee for strategic planning for higher education. Mr. Stone stated that NM Tech has recently been featured in the news for research efforts in various departments.

Georgia Otero-Kirkham introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Middle Rio Grande Economic Development Association. Ms. Otero-Kirkham thanked the City for supporting the association.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

a. Swearing In of Animal Control Officer

Magistrate Judge, Felix Saavedra, swore in Patrick Gonzales as a City Animal Control Officer which will allow Mr. Gonzales to write citations for violations of the City's Animal Control Ordinance.

b. HOT Squad Robotics Team – Delilah Walsh

Delilah Walsh, introduced the Heroes of Tomorrow (HOT) Squad Robotics Team as well as parents Greg & Gwen Valentino and Jim Jackson. Ms. Walsh thanked the City of Socorro for providing a \$500 sponsorship and giveaways to the team. Ms. Walsh stated that the team recently attended the Mountain State Invitational in West Virginia. The students each introduced themselves and told the Mayor and Council about their experience at the competition. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks and the City Council congratulated the team on their achievements.

c. Airship Pirates Robotics Team – Demetria Fenzi-Richardson

Ms. Fenzi-Richardson was unable to attend the meeting and the item will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

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d. Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP) – Discussion & Public Hearing – 2nd Hearing

Donald Monette, City Administrator, stated that the City is currently working on its ICIP and asked anyone who would like a project added to the ICIP to present their information to the City for consideration.

Councilor Fleming made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

There was no input from the public.

Councilor Fleming made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Monette asked the Mayor and City Council to consider which projects they would like to see as the top five priorities and deliver the information to him on the form provided at the previous City Council meeting.

e. Resolution No. 17-08-07 – Surplus Equipment

Mr. Monette presented Resolution No. 17-08-07 which, if approved, deems a used, uncertified 8x16, 6,000 gallon single wall steel tank as surplus equipment.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 17-08-07. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

f. Updates to City of Socorro Zoning Code – Information/Discussion

Mr. Monette presented proposed changes to the City's Zoning Code. Mr. Monette asked the Council to review the changes and provide him with comments or suggestions. Mr. Monette stated that the proposed changes will first go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then to the City Council for consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Reporting on Personnel Changes

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the personnel changes as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks:

Charles Contreras – 8-7-17 – Police - Resignation

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Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

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

Rio Grande Defense LLC - C-2 - 1313 State Road 1 - Joseph Padilla - Manufacture of Small Metal Parts
Socorro Dental LLC - C-1 - 204 B Neel Ave - Dr. George Hanna - Dental Clinic
Metro PCS Tomorrow Talk LLC - C-2 - 803 California St - Jong Park - Wireless Service Provider
High Voltage Dance Stage LLC - C-2 - 123 Plaza - Noah & Savannah Jaramillo - Dance Instruction
Sign Art of New Mexico Inc - Out of Town - Albuquerque, NM - Larry Moran - Electric Signs
Tractor Supply Company #2221 - C-2 - 1101 State Road 1 – Corporation - Retail Farm Supply

Seconded by Councilor Fleming, motion passed unanimously.

c. Next City Council Meeting Announcement

Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks stated that the next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m., Councilor Fleming motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation

/s/
Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/
Stephanie Saavedra, Deputy Clerk