

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Salome led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 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. October 2, 2017

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Lisa Baca, from the South Central Council of Governments, stated that she attended the meeting in the event that the City need any services from the SCCOG. Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks thanked Ms. Baca for attending the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Romero and Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated that the recent Socorrofest event was well attended. Councilor Jaramillo thanked the City employees for their work at the Socorrofest event.

Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated that the Senior Food Program would be at the City's Youth Center on October 17th at 12:00 noon. Councilor Chavez-Lopez stated that anyone age 55 and older can participate in the program.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Lloyd Martinez, Division Director, stated that Parks Department crews are busy picking up leaves and aerating and fertilizing City parks. Mr. Martinez stated that City staff worked at the recent rodeo and Socorrofest events. Mr. Martinez stated that upgrades continue at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Martinez stated that Water Department crews continue to work on water leaks, if any. Mr. Martinez stated that City crews are developing another parking lot at the rodeo arena. Mr. Martinez stated that high school soccer teams and AYSO soccer continue to utilize the City's soccer fields. Mr. Martinez stated that City crews will be working on improvements to City wells in the fall to include painting.

Jay Santillanes, Division Director, stated that a power surge or lightning damaged the fuel master system at the airport and it is in the process of being repaired. Mr. Santillanes stated that the runway lights at the airport are also inoperable and are in the process of being repaired. Mr. Santillanes stated that he will be attending training regarding the CDBG project and transportation department matters next week. Mr. Santillanes stated that repairs were recently done on 5th Street, 6th Street, Otero Street and Spring Street by Kirkland Construction.

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Joe Gonzales, Fire Chief, stated that all autos/equipment are up and running. Chief Gonzales stated that employee training is ongoing. Chief Gonzales stated that one Fire Department employee will be retiring at the end of October.

Demecio Silva, Street Department Director, did not attend the meeting but had previously provided a written update of Street Department activities.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

a. Personnel Changes

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

Ray Calkins – 9-30-17 – Fire – Retirement
Victor Chavez – 10-13-17 – Police - Resignation

Temporary New Hires: Wade Dixon

Temporary Renewals: Elias Jacquez, Chris Carrillo, Paul Foulfont, Jerry Griego, Pat Silva, Sebastian Alvarado, Marcella Alvarado, David Chavez, Zach Anaya, Tiara Jojola, Justin Lopez, Ray Aragon, Placido Chavez, James Chavez, Steven Chavez, Gabriel Lopez, Deekota Chavez, Student Workers: Taylor Saavedra, Ryan Lopez, Ambriel Mauldin, Lucas Madril, Malorri

Martinez, Nicole Crespin, Amanda Torres

Referees (4), Zumba/Yoga (5)

Seconded by Councilor Jaramillo, motion passed unanimously.

b. Business Registrations

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the business registration as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Hicks:

General Hydronics Plumbing LLC – Out of Town – Alamogordo, NM – Shannan Wright - Construction

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

c. Voucher Run

Councilor Fleming made a motion to approve vouchers 142620 to 142900 in the amount of \$662,340.02 plus Payroll Transfers (\$328,632.32), for a total of \$990,972.34. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

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d. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Date and Time – Monday, November 6, 2017
@ 6:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:23 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