

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor
Rene Rodriguez
At Large
Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2
Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem
Joseph E. Bowling
District 4
Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

**NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE
PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION
FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO
THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915)
858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY
HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH
TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. **Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

PRESENTATION

5. **Presentation** by Mary Kozak from 911 District regarding 911 District Budget.

Willie Norfleet, Jr.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **First public hearing** regarding the City of Socorro's Proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.688558 for fiscal year 2015.

Willie Norfleet, Jr.

7. **Presentation and discussion** regarding tax rate calculations, revenues and expenditures for the City of Socorro's proposed budget for fiscal year 2015.

Willie Norfleet, Jr.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **Excuse** absent Council Members. *Sandra Hernandez*
9. **Approval** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 31, 2014 and August 3, 2014. *Sandra Hernandez*
10. **Approval** of travel for Mayor Jesus Ruiz, At-Large Representative Rene Rodriguez and Willie Norfleet, Jr. to attend the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference in Houston, Texas September 30, 2014 – October 3, 2014. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
11. **Approval** of travel for Mayor Jesus Ruiz, At-Large Representative Rene Rodriguez and Willie Norfleet, Jr. to Pecos City on August 8, 2014 for a Texas Municipal League Region IV Meeting. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
12. **Approval** of the unaudited Expenditure and Revenue Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2014. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
13. **Approval** to award informal bid solicitation for the purchase of security camera system for Bulldog Championship Park and Public Works Department to Tigua Inc. in the amount of \$12,959.20. *Omar Guevara*

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 320.

ORDINANCES

14. ***Public Hearing*** Ordinance 320, Amendment No. 4, An ordinance amending Ordinance 320, Amendment No. 3, of the City of Socorro, an Ordinance establishing procedures and rules for City Council meetings and agendas as provided by Section 3.08 of the Socorro City Charter, and establishing procedures and rules for conduct of the Socorro City Council and all of the City of Socorro Boards and Commissions and repealing Ordinance No. 304 as amended and Ordinance 280 as amended.
Rene Rodriguez
15. ***Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 320, Amendment No. 4, An ordinance amending Ordinance 320, Amendment No. 3, of the City of Socorro, an Ordinance establishing procedures and rules for City Council meetings and agendas as provided by Section 3.08 of the Socorro City Charter, and establishing procedures and rules for conduct of the Socorro City Council and all of the City of Socorro Boards and Commissions and repealing Ordinance No. 304 as amended and Ordinance 280 as amended.
Rene Rodriguez
16. ***Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 343, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, prohibiting the use of wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle and creating and offense.
Gloria M. Rodriguez
17. ***Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 343, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, prohibiting the use of wireless communications devices while operating a motor vehicle and creating and offense.
Gloria M. Rodriguez
18. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 322, Amendment No. 3, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, adopting an amended Budget to decrease FY-2014 adopted budget.
Karina Hagelsieb
19. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 344, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 29-f, Block 8, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.
Sam Leony
20. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 345, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 1-E, Block 26, Socorro Grant (No address available) from A-1 (Agricultural) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

CITY MANAGER

21. **Discussion and action** to announce the date on which City Council will take final action on the Tax Rate and on the Municipal Budget. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
22. **Discussion and action** to approve the Supplemental Agreement to the main contract for Dannenbaum Engineering Company which includes a Time Extension, Additional Scope and fees for the development of the Socorro Bridge. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT

23. **Discussion and action** regarding the City's sponsorship and funding of the Chili War Festival. *Victor Reta*

GRANTS DIVISION

24. **Discussion and action** approving Resolution 478, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas, authorizing the submission of a grant application for the *Transportation Alternative Program, Safe Routes to Schools* to the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization in the amount of \$500,000 and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the program. *Anibal Olague*

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

25. **Discussion and action** on the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed residential project for La Purisima Socorro Mission located at 328 S. Nevarez Road. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. *Sam Leony*
26. **Discussion and action** on the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed affordable housing development to be located at Tract 1-E, Block 26, Socorro Grant (No address available). The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. *Sam Leony*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

27. **Discussion and action** on directing staff to create an ordinance that would require new businesses to landscape 10% of the property. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
28. **Discussion and action** on update from City Manager, Willie M. Norfleet, Jr., regarding school fair for employees. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
29. **Discussion and action** to defund assistant city clerk position and human resources assistant position. *Rene Rodriguez*
30. **Discussion and action** regarding grant writer position. *Rene Rodriguez*

31. **Discussion and action** to combine Parks Department with Public Works Department.
Rene Rodriguez
32. **Discussion and action** regarding Fray Holguin Road.
Rene Rodriguez
33. **Discussion and action** regarding tires.
Rene Rodriguez
34. **Discussion and action** regarding stop signs.
Rene Rodriguez
35. **Discussion and action** to reconsider the previous decision made by City Council in regards to taking over the running of the Chili War Festival and in exchange, giving the beer sales proceeds to the Mission Trail Association.
Sergio Cox

CITY ATTORNEY

36. **Discussion and action** re Old Hueco Tanks Road roadway project, funding mechanisms for same and participation by other governmental entities, including the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, the State of Texas, El Paso County, El Paso community college, the El Paso County Water Improvement District and the Lower Valley Water District.
James A. Martinez

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion on the following:

37. **Discussion and action** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.
38. **Discussion and action** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate

acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

39. *Discussion and action* regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

40. *Discussion and action* regarding Municipal Court Judge contract. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

41. *Consultation with legal counsel concerning legal issues relating to Bobby D. Correa v. The City of Socorro; SOAH Docket No. 407-13-5911.F5.*

James A. Martinez

42. *Consultation with legal counsel concerning legal issues relating to Refugio Orta v. The City of Socorro; SOAH Docket No. 407-13-5909.F5*

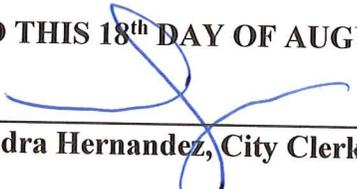
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43. *Consultation with legal counsel concerning legal issues relating to Javier Varela v. Socorro Police Department; SOAH Docket No. 407-13-5925.F5*

James A. Martinez

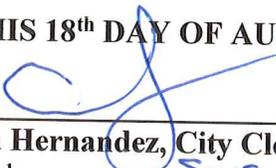
44. *Adjourn*

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

DATED THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 8/18/14 @ 3:30 AM

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