

*Jesus Ruiz*  
Mayor

*Rene Rodriguez*  
At Large

*Sergio Cox*  
District 1



*Gloria M. Rodríguez*  
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 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 Ghostlight Creative regarding the opening of a Corn Maze.  
*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
6. **Presentation** by Lori Diaz, Socorro Middle School Principal, regarding OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Kick-Off event.  
*Gloria M. Rodriguez*
7. **Presentation** regarding August Monthly Report by City Manager, Willie Norfleet, Jr.  
*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

8. ***Second public hearing*** regarding the City of Socorro's Proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.688558 for fiscal year 2015. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
9. ***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**

10. ***Excuse*** absent Council Members. ***Sandra Hernandez***
11. ***Approval*** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2014. ***Sandra Hernandez***

**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**

12. ***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***

13. **Second Reading and Adoption** 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*
14. **Public Hearing** of Ordinance 344, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 29-f, Block 8, Socorro Grant at 10401 Alameda Avenue from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.  
*Sam Leony*
15. **Second Reading and Adoption** of Ordinance 344, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 29-f, Block 8, Socorro Grant at 10401 Alameda from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.  
*Sam Leony*
16. **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 Commission recommends approval.  
*Sam Leony*
17. **Second Reading and Adoption** 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 Commission recommends approval.  
*Sam Leony*
18. **Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of Ordinance 346, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting a budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015 for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
19. **Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** on Ordinance 347, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting an amended organizational chart for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
20. **Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of Ordinance 348, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, authorizing the assessment and collection of property taxes within the City of Socorro, Texas and further authorizing the El Paso City Tax Office to perform the actual assessment and collection of said property taxes on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on September 30, 2015.  
*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*
21. **Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of Ordinance 349, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 1, Block 5, and Tract 7, Block 4, Socorro Grant, from A-1 (Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.  
*Sam Leony*

- 22. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of Ordinance 350, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 1, Block 1, Moon Addition No. 4 at 10175 Armstrong from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. **Sam Leony**
- 23. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of Ordinance 351, An Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 20, Block 3, Hillcrest Manor at 10832 Arlene Circle from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. **Sam Leony**
- 24. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of an Ordinance changing the zoning of Tracts 4-B, 4-C, and 4-D, Block 14, Socorro Grant at 116 Buford Road from LNC-C-2 (Legal Non-conforming Light Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industrial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial. **Sam Leony**
- 25. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing** of an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 3, Block 3, Angie Subdivision at 550 Lisa Diane Road adding to existing SU-1 (Special Use), A C-2 (General Commercial) zoning for a commercial building. Planning and Zoning recommends denial. **Sam Leony**

#### **CITY MANAGER**

- 26. 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.**
- 27. Discussion and action** to approve Resolution 477, A Resolution of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program pursuant to Sections 5.08 and 5.09 of the Socorro City Charter. **Willie Norfleet, Jr.**
- 28. Discussion and action** regarding flood control plan. **Willie Norfleet, Jr.**
- 29. Discussion and action** to approve El Paso County 911 District FY 2015 Budget Plan. **Willie Norfleet, Jr.**
- 30. Discussion and action** to approve engineering report concerning Sparks Arroyo. **Willie Norfleet, Jr.**

#### **GRANTS DIVISION**

- 31. Discussion and action** to authorize the City of Socorro to submit grant application in the amount of \$300,000 to the Department of Agriculture, Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Program and to approve Resolution 479, A Resolution, of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the disaster relief fund; and authorizing the Mayor to

act as the city's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the county's participation in the TXCDBG Disaster Relief Program.

*Anibal Olague*

### PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

**32. Discussion and action** to award informal bid solicitation for a new roof at 860 Rio Vista, Socorro, Texas to De Leon Contractors Corporation in the amount of \$48,412.00

*Sam Leony*

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**33. Discussion and action** on using Council discretionary funds to purchase books for the City of Socorro.

*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**34. Discussion and action** on reducing the amount of discretionary funds each Council member is allocated from \$1000 to \$500 and allocating \$3,000 for the purchase of books throughout the year.

*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**35. Discussion and action** on ending Movies under the Stars this year.

*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**36. Discussion and action** regarding update on recycle bin cost analysis.

*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**37. Discussion and action** to approve Municipal Court Judge's two year contract.

*Mayor Jesus Ruiz*

**38. Discussion and action** to defund assistant city clerk position and human resources assistant position.

*Rene Rodriguez*

**39. Discussion and action** regarding grant writer position.

*Rene Rodriguez*

**40. Discussion and action** to combine Parks Department with Public Works Department.

*Rene Rodriguez*

**41. Discussion and action** regarding Fray Holguin Road.

*Rene Rodriguez*

**42. Discussion and action re** used tire disposal and storage, hazards and nuisances arising from same and enforcement of existing ordinances and policies and development of new ordinances and policies to regulate same.

*Rene Rodriguez*

**43. Discussion and action** regarding reserving some portion of stop signs previously authorized and allocated by city council for installation at a later date and development of procedures to identify locations for signs so reserved.

*Rene Rodriguez*

## **CITY ATTORNEY**

44. ***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:***

45. ***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.*

46. ***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.*

47. ***Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation.

*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

48. ***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*

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

*James A. Martinez*

**50. 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*

**51. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**

By:   
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**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 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2014.**

By:   
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**Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 8-29-14 @ 2:15 pm  
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