

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 7th 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.)

PRESENTATIONS

5. **Presentation of Life Saving Award** to Ruth A. Soto, Elsa Peralta, Elena Keene, Diego Sarinana, Jesus Gutierrez, Bernardo De Luna, Ofelia Cordero, and Luis Ramos.
Chief Carlos Maldonado

6. **Presentation** by Paul Garcia regarding a Children's Book Day in Socorro.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz

7. **Presentation** by Velo Paso regarding bicycle and pedestrian outreach.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz

8. **Presentation** by Anibal Olague, Special Projects Department, regarding grant activity.

Anibal Olague

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

9. **Excuse** absent Council Members.

Sandra Hernandez

10. **Approval** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2014. *Sandra Hernandez*

11. **Approval** of travel for Sergeant E. Smith, and Records Clerk, Anna Robles, to attend the Public Information Act and Records Training in San Marcos, Texas October 21-23, 2014.

Chief Carlos Maldonado

12. **Approval** of travel for Chief Carlos Maldonado and Lieutenant Edmundo Montoya to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Orlando, Florida October 25-28, 2014.

Chief Carlos Maldonado

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

13. *Public Hearing* of Ordinance 342, an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Socorro, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.
Sandra Hernandez

14. *Second Reading and Adoption* of Ordinance 342, an Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Socorro, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.
Sandra Hernandez

15. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* 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. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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 an offense.
Gloria M. Rodriguez

CITY MANAGER

17. *Discussion and action* to approve the anticipated proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015 for the City of Socorro, Texas.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

18. *Discussion and action* to approve the scheduling of two (2) public hearings on August 21, 2014 and September 4, 2014 for the anticipated proposed tax rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

19. *Discussion and action* on the Civil Service recommendation to approve employee handbook.
Adriana Rodarte

RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT

20. Discussion and action to approve the purchase of one vehicle for the Recreation Centers Department through the Region 19 Purchasing Cooperative Program, RFP 12-6846, 2015 Ford Transit Wagon F-350 12 Passenger Van w/ high roof.

Victor Reta

21. Discussion action to renew the warranty for 14 laptops and 17 towers & monitors in the amount of \$6,775.51.

Victor Reta

POLICE DEPARTMENT

22. Discussion and action to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police to sign an amended Interlocal Agreement with the County of El Paso, the City of El Paso, the City of Anthony, Texas, and the City of Horizon, Texas, amending the previous Interlocal Agreement between said parties dated July 22, 2013 relating to the application and administration of an Operation Stonegarden grant from the Department of Homeland Security, to allow the transfer from the City of Socorro Police Department to El Paso Police Department.

Chief Carlos Maldonado

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

23. Discussion and action to approve a proposed Fuel Accountability Policy.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

24. Discussion and action to approve a Public Works Disposal Plan.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

25. Discussion and action to recommend a change to the required date for submission of the Annual Streets Report to sync with the new Annual Calendar.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

26. Discussion and action to approve a Public Works Annual Calendar.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

27. Discussion and action to waive the event permit fee for Socorro High School Homecoming Parade on September 10, 2014.

Sam Leony

28. Discussion and action to adopt Policy 380 related to incentives for new businesses in Socorro, Texas.

Sam Leony

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

29. ***Discussion and action*** approving evaluation procedures for City Manager, Willie Norfleet.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
30. ***Discussion and action*** to direct City Manager to present to City Council a list of events coordinated by Parks and Recreation Departments for FY 2015.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
31. ***Discussion and action*** regarding becoming a member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
32. ***Discussion and action*** to approve the purchase of ad space in the Greater El Paso Magazine.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
33. ***Discussion and action*** to direct City Manager to perform a cost analysis of purchasing recycling bins for all parks and City of Socorro buildings.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz

CITY ATTORNEY

34. ***Discussion and action*** to direct the City Attorney and staff to prepare a new subdivision ordinance, to retain an engineering firm to develop technical standards for the new subdivision ordinance, and to decide whether final authority for plat approvals should be vested in City Council or delegated to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
James A. Martinez
35. ***Discussion and action*** to direct the City Attorney and staff to prepare a new nuisance abatement and demolition ordinance providing for appropriate notice and hearing procedures, and authorizing the city to take action for violation of the same.
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:

36. 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.***

37. 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.***

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

39. Adjourn

DATED THIS 4th 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 4th DAY OF AUGUST 2014.

By: _____
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 8-4-14 @ 2:45pm

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