

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 18th 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:
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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. **Recognition** of Mr. Joseph "Chito" Bowling for his dedicated services to the City of Socorro.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz

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

6. *Excuse* absent Council Members. *Sandra Hernandez*
7. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2014. *Sandra Hernandez*
8. *Approval* of travel for City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk to attend the Texas Secretary of State's 26th Annual Election Law Seminar for Cities, Schools, and Other Political Subdivisions in Austin, Texas December 2 – 5, 2014. *Sandra Hernandez*
9. *Approval* of the unaudited expenditure and revenue financial report for the period ending August 31, 2014. *Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

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

10. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of Ordinance 352, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Leigh Clark Survey 298 Abst.6262, Tract P-3 (Out of Tract 15) at 15495 Gateway Boulevard West from unclassified zoning to M-2 (Heavy Industrial) with a conditional use permit for a junkyard. Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. *Sam Leony*

11. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of Ordinance 353, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 13, Block B, Vinedo Acres Subdivision at 376 Tokay Avenue from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Sam Leony

12. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of Ordinance 354, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 12, Block 6, Delip Subdivision at 845 Delhi Drive from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (Light Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Sam Leony

13. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of Ordinance 355, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 13, Block 7, Gurdey Subdivision at 10391 Nirmal Drive from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (Light Commercial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Sam Leony

14. 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

15. Second Reading and Adoption 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

16. 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

17. Second Reading and Adoption 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

18. 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

19. Second Reading and Adoption 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

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

20. **Discussion and action** to acknowledge vacancy in District 4 due to the death of District 4 Representative Joseph E. Bowling on September 9, 2014 and to schedule a special election to fill vacancy in District 4. **Sandra Hernandez**
21. **Discussion and action** on an Order Scheduling a Special Election for an Unexpired Term to be held in the City of Socorro, Texas on Saturday, December 20, 2014, for the purpose of electing City Council Member for District 4. **Sandra Hernandez**
22. **Discussion and action** to authorize City Manager/Mayor to sign a contract with the El Paso County Elections Administrator to provide election services to the City of Socorro, Texas for the December 20, 2014 election. **Sandra Hernandez**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

23. **Discussion and action** on approving the accounting manual for the City of Socorro. **Karina Hagelsieb**
24. **Discussion and action** on approving the fixed asset manual for the City of Socorro. **Karina Hagelsieb**
25. **Discussion and action** on approving opening a separate bank account for 2014 Certificate of Obligation Funds. **Karina Hagelsieb**
26. **Discussion and action** on approving Resolution 480, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas authorizing the designation for bank signatories. **Karina Hagelsieb**

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

27. **Discussion and action** to waive the event permit fee for an evangelistic event to be held at the Bulldog Championship Park located at 316 Buford Road on October 18, 2014. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval. **Sam Leony**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

28. **Discussion and action** regarding Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Water Compliance for City of Socorro. **Douglas Lobdell, Jr.**

RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT

29. **Discussion and action** to allow El Paso Mission Trail Association to sell alcohol at Cougar Park for the Chili War Festival September 20, 2014. **Victor Reta**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 30. Discussion and action** on paving streets near or on McAdoo Acres Subdivision before 2014 comes to a close.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
- 31. Discussion and action** on accounting controls adequate to protect the assets of the City of Socorro.
Sergio Cox
- 32. Discussion and action** on Financial Audit for Year Ended September 30, 2012 and Year Ended September 30, 2013.
Sergio Cox
- 33. Discussion and action** on findings and recommendations from the forensic audit by Weaver LLP.
Sergio Cox

CITY ATTORNEY

- 34. Discussion and action** regarding 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:

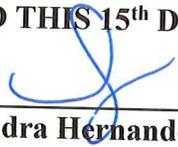
- 35. Discussion and action** on advice received from City Attorney in closed session, and action to approve real estate transaction; authorize filing or settlement of legal action; authorize employment of expert witnesses and consultants, and employment of special counsel with respect to pending legal matters.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.
- 36. 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.

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

38. Adjourn

DATED THIS 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 9-15-14 @ 3:00 pm
Removed: _____ Time: _____ By: _____