

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Vacant
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 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 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.)

PRESENTATIONS

5. **Recognition** of volunteers. **Douglas Lobdell, Jr.**
6. **Presentation** by Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager, regarding monthly report. **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

7. *Excuse* absent Council Members. ***Sandra Hernandez***
8. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2014. ***Sandra Hernandez***
9. *Approval* of appointment and swearing in of *Ethel Tellez* to the *Civil Service Commission for Place 5 and to replace current Place 5 Commissioner*. ***Rene Rodriguez***

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 amendment #5 to Ordinance 186 relating to Civil Service Commission of the City of Socorro, Texas. ***Bruce A. Koehler***
11. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of Ordinance 358, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, regulating and declaring a nuisance the collection of water in a manner in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed and creating an offense. ***James A. Martinez***

12. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of Ordinance 359, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Tract 3-D-1-A, Block 27, Socorro Grant, from C-1 (Light Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial). The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

13. *Public Hearing* of Ordinance 357, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 20, Block 3, Hillcrest Manor Subdivision (10852 Arlene Circle) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial.
Sam Leony

14. *Second Reading and Adoption* of Ordinance 357, an Ordinance changing the zoning of Lot 20, Block 3, Hillcrest Manor Subdivision (10852 Arlene Circle) from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial.
Sam Leony

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

15. *Discussion and action* to approve payment for LER & Associates, Inc.

Adriana Rodarte

16. *Discussion and action* to approve options made available to city employees and exercise city's option to renew health coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas RM02, RM43 and RMH1 with HSA Banking for a (12) month period pursuant to existing contract, in connection with the approval of bid proposals for voluntary dental, vision, life and voluntary accident, critical illness hospital indemnity, group disability insurance, Section 125 Pre Tax Services for FY 2014-2015 for employees of the City of Socorro.
Adriana Rodarte

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

17. *Discussion and action* on the approval of the conditional use permit to sell beer and wine for Lot 6A, Block 1, Horizon Shopping Center Replat "A" at 10750 North Loop Drive Ste. A-1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Sam Leony

CITY MANAGER

18. *Discussion and action* on approving the Unaudited General Fund Budget vs Revenues and Expenditure report for the period ending October 31, 2014.

Willie Norfleet, Jr.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

19. *Discussion and action* on employee performance evaluation for City Manager.

Mayor Jesus Ruiz

- 20. Discussion and action** of appointing Mayor Pro-Tem effective November 21, 2014 pursuant to Section 3.03 (B) & (D) of the Socorro City Charter. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 21. Discussion and action** regarding having City Attorney or his designee present at all the meetings of boards and commissions for the City of Socorro. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 22. Discussion and action** regarding reassigning office spaces at the City Administration building. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 23. Discussion and action** regarding appointing an acting City Manager and establishing a chain of command for when City Manager is not in Socorro. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 24. Discussion and action** regarding possible donation from the El Paso Electric Company. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 25. Discussion and action** regarding street selection process. *Mayor Jesus Ruiz*
- 26. Discussion and action** to allocate 1.2 million dollars for future grant projects to be utilized for matching funds. *Rene Rodriguez*

CITY ATTORNEY

- 27. Discussion and action** regarding options for establishing landscape ordinance, to provide direction to staff re variables and standards to include in ordinance and to establish a procedure and timeline for inviting input from public and property owners re same. *James A. Martinez*
- 28. Discussion and action** on possible annexation of additional property to the City of Socorro. *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:

29. ***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.***
30. ***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.***
31. ***Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
32. ***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 [551.071 and 551.072). ***James A. Martinez***

33. Adjourn

DATED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014.

By: 
Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 11-17-14 @ 1:36pm

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