

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
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 5th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015 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 Certificates of Appreciation.

Chief Carlos Maldonado

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 January 15, 2015. *Sandra Hernandez*

8. *Approval* of travel for Court Clerk to attend the Regional Clerks Seminar in South Padre, Texas from April 27-30, 2015. *Isela Gonzalez*

9. *Approval* of travel for Juvenile Case Manager to attend the Regional Clerks Seminar in Austin, Texas from June 28-30, 2015. *Isela Gonzalez*

10. *Approval* of travel for Municipal Court Judge to attend the Regional Judges Seminar in South Padre, Texas from May 3-5, 2015. *Isela Gonzalez*

11. *Approval* of travel for At-Large City Representative Rene Rodriguez and City Manager Willie Norfleet, Jr. to attend the TML Region IV Meeting in Balmorhea, Texas February 13, 2015. *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

12. ***Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 346, Amendment No. 1, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, adopting an amended Budget to increase FY-2015 adopted budget.

Karina Hagelsieb

13. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 360, an Ordinance amending the City of Socorro's Master Plan and changing the zoning of Tract 6-A, Leigh Clark Survey 293 Abst. 6257 at 1124 Horizon Boulevard from unclassified to M-1 (Light Industrial). Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Sam Leony

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. Discussion and action to authorize the Chief of Police to receive a dog from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in order to start a K-9 Unit, as well as a 7-8 week training course for the dog and handler from the U.S. Border Patrol. This dog and training will not cost the City of Socorro anything which is a savings of approximately \$30,000.00.

Chief Carlos Maldonado

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

15. ***Discussion and action*** to allocate capital funds for a new paver and to award Bid No. 15-001 Asphalt Paver to Wagner Equipment Company in the amount of \$159,795.00

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

16. ***Discussion and action*** to approve payment to D&H Petroleum and Environmental Services for repairs to the City's fuel dispensing system.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

RECREATIONAL CENTER DEPARTMENT

17. ***Discussion and action*** to approve a Valentine's Day Luncheon for the Rio Vista Community Center Senior Citizen Program.

Victor Reta

GRANTS DIVISION

18. ***Discussion and action*** on authorization for the submission of an application for funding under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 2015-2016 funding cycle in the amount of \$624,461 for the improvements to the Sparks Arroyo culvert on I-10 to reduce the impact of flooding in the City of Socorro.

Anibal Olague

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

19. ***Discussion and action*** on proposed right-of-way acquisition intended to be designated for public roads along Parker Road, Rio Vista Road, Sparks Road, Lippert Road, Sheryl Circle and Spur Place. Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

20. ***Discussion and action*** on proposed temporary construction easement for the Union Pacific Railroad Company to grant the right of ingress and egress to and from the construction area during the construction period for grading and staging equipment and materials. Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

21. ***Discussion and action*** on vacating the Avila-Morales Subdivision plan as defined in the Texas Local Government Code §212.013 and §212.15 and turning back the property to its original Tracts (7A, 7B, 7C, Block 27, Socorro Grant) and recording it in the El Paso County. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

22. ***Discussion and action*** on the preliminary plat approval for Jardin De Flores Subdivision Unit 2. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.
Sam Leony

23. ***Discussion and action*** on the preliminary plat approval for Dairyland Subdivision Replat "J". The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***

24. ***Discussion and action*** on the preliminary plat approval for Cielo Del Rio Subdivision Unit 1. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***

25. ***Discussion and action*** on the preliminary plat approval for Valley Ridge Unit 2 Subdivision Replat "A". The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.
Sam Leony

26. ***Discussion and action*** on the proposed cleanup and possible demolition project on 12 properties as per Ordinance 109 and 25 of the City of Socorro, Texas related to vacant and dilapidated buildings. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

27. ***Discussion and action*** to award informal bid solicitation for two rockwall projects at west side boundary at Bulldog Championship Park and city ponding area located at Ethyl Hart Street to Armando Mejia Trucking and Construction Company in the amount of \$46,203.00. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

- 28. Discussion and action** to award informal bid solicitation for the roofing project at the Administration Building located at 124 S. Horizon to Armando Mejia Trucking and Construction Company in the amount of \$13,950. The Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval.
Sam Leony

CITY MANAGER

- 29. Discussion and action** regarding waiving purchasing policy for engineering design services for Mauro Rosas Park.
Willie Norfleet, Jr.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

- 30. Discussion and action** on adding Dindinger Rd to the list of streets to be paved.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
- 31. Discussion and action** on amending the contract with City Manager Willie Norfleet.
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
- 32. Discussion and action** to instruct city manager to direct grant writer to develop a parks master plan.
Rene Rodriguez
- 33. Discussion and action** to instruct city manager to negotiate with the city attorney to reduce the cost of legal services provided to the city and bring forth any proposals to city council for discussion and approval.
Rene Rodriguez
- 34. Discussion and action** to have the city manager to negotiate or amend the services contract between the City of Socorro and Border Community Development Consultants Inc. for grant writing and grant management services. *Rene Rodriguez*
- 35. Discussion and action** to direct city manager to create a public works foreman position with a salary adjustment of \$2,500 over and above the grade of machine operator and below public works supervisor. Position is to be filled from in-house employees.
Sergio Cox
- 36. Discussion and action** on authorizing the city attorney to research federal, state, county and local statues and ordinances for the purpose of regulating or creating enforcement action on local salvage/junk yards that have become a hazard to the community.
Sergio Cox

CITY ATTORNEY

- 37. Discussion and action** to waive purchasing policy for real estate appraisal services for the Old Hueco Tanks Road Project.
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

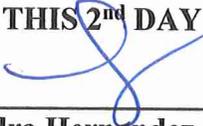
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion on the following:

- 38. *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.***
- 39. *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.***
- 40. *Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
- 41.** Israel Delgado v. Socorro Police Department; SOAH Docket No. 407-13-5912.F5; State Office of Administrative Hearings [551.071]. ***James A. Martinez***
- 42.** Jose E. Alvarez v. Socorro Police Department SOAH Docket No. 407-13-5666.F5 [551.071] ***James A. Martinez***
- 43.** Acquisition of approximately 10 acres of land known as Cougar Park from the City of El Paso and to authorize administration to engage appraisers for same and to authorize the city attorney to negotiate a purchase price for same. [551.071 and 551.072] ***James A. Martinez***
- 44. *Discussion and action*** re status of acquisition of property know as Fray Holguin Road and paving of same [551.071 and 551.072]. ***James A. Martinez***
- 45. *Discussion and action*** on purchasing a part or a full residential lot in Wilton Conner's Way (Lot 3, Block 1, Conner Subdivision) for the development of a ponding area for the Socorro Bridge. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

46. Adjourn

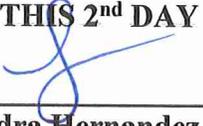
DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

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 2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

By: 

Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 2-2-15 @ 2:15 pm

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