

**Jesus Ruiz**  
Mayor

**Rene Rodriguez**  
At Large

**Sergio Cox**  
District 1



**Gloria M. Rodríguez**  
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 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 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** by Willie Norfleet, Jr., City Manager, regarding monthly report.  
**Mayor Jesus Ruiz**
6. **Presentation** by Anibal Olague regarding CDBG grant.  
**Mayor Jesus Ruiz**

7. **Presentation** of certificates of appreciation for participating in the Socorro Police Department Induction Ceremony on December 5, 2014 to Mayor Jesus Ruiz, city manager Willie Norfleet, Jr., Councilman Sergio Cox and Judge Elia Garcia.

*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**

8. **Excuse** absent Council Members. *Sandra Hernandez*
9. **Approval** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2014. *Sandra Hernandez*
10. **Approval** for authorizing Civil Service Commissioners and Human Resources staff to attend the Texas Public Employer Labor Relations Association Annual Workshop and 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Service Workshop in Sugarland, Texas February 12-30, 2015.

*Adriana Rodarte*

**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**

11. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** 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***

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

12. ***Discussion and action*** on approving the updated Purchasing Policy. ***Karina Hagelsieb***
13. ***Discussion and action*** on approving the updated Travel Policy. ***Karina Hagelsieb***
14. ***Discussion and action*** on approving the engagement letter with White, Samaniego, and Campbell, LLP for Fiscal Year 2014 Audit. ***Karina Hagelsieb***

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

15. ***Discussion and action*** on the Civil Service Commission recommendation to approve Employee Handbook revisions. ***Adriana Rodarte***

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

16. ***Discussion and action*** to allow the Socorro Police Department to purchase Glock Model 22 .40 caliber handguns in order for the department to have a one weapon system and for them to be compatible in the event of a shooting incident. The cost is \$9,200.00 ***Chief Carlos Maldonado***
17. ***Discussion and action*** to allow the Socorro Police Department to purchase Bushmaster A3 M-4 rifles for every police officer. This will enhance our officers' capacity to protect our community members. The cost is \$33,000.00 ***Chief Carlos Maldonado***

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

18. ***Presentation*** regarding Annual Streets Report. ***Douglas Lobdell, Jr.***
19. ***Discussion and action*** accepting the recommendation by Public Works Director regarding street overlay project to identify streets to be paved and priority listing for same. ***Douglas Lobdell, Jr.***

**RECREATIONAL CENTER DEPARTMENT**

**20. Discussion and action** regarding Mission Trail Association TABC License.

***Victor Reta***

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**21. Discussion and action** on the approval of waiver request of fee for the Annual San Felipe De Jesus Catholic Church Kermes at 401 Passmore. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval.

***Sam Leony***

**CITY MANAGER**

**22. Discussion and action** on the status report of Mauro Rosas Park.

***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

**23. Discussion and action** on the update of the Capital Improvement Plan.

***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

**24. Discussion and action** on approving the Unaudited General Fund Budget vs Revenues and Expenditures Report for the period ending December 31, 2014.

***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**25. Discussion and action** to contribute funds to the Lower Valley School Nurses Association to support the 33<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lower Valley Health Fair for Socorro residents.

***Mayor Jesus Ruiz***

**26. Discussion and action** on directing City Manager to work with staff to provide a report on possible security additions to the City Administration Building.

***Mayor Jesus Ruiz***

**27. Discussion and action** to create a job description for a labor foreman and amend the organizational chart and to set salary.

***Sergio Cox***

**28. Discussion and action** to acquire right of way along Parker Road and Lippert Road located between Parker Road and Sparks Circle.

***Sergio Cox***

**29. Discussion and action** to acquire right of way acquisition of Rio Vista Road between Parker Road and Sparks Circle to Sheryl Circle.

***Sergio Cox***

**30. Discussion and action** regarding abandoned dwellings.

***Gloria M. Rodriguez***

- 31. Discussion and action** regarding policies and procedures for city employees to observe when citizens visit city offices, request information or documents or seek to meet with city employees and/or to direct the city manager or his designee to develop and enforce such policies and procedures. ***Gloria M. Rodriguez***
- 32. Discussion and action** regarding Ordinance 316, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas regulating street and house number signs for the use of emergency services. ***Gloria M. Rodriguez***
- 33. Discussion and action** to terminate current city attorney contract and to provide a 60 day notice effective January 16, 2015; and to solicit request for qualifications for a new city attorney immediately. ***Gloria M. Rodriguez***
- 34. Discussion and action** to amend the title and job description for the information technology specialist position to the director of information technology and to discuss a salary increase for the position. ***Gloria M. Rodriguez***
- 35. Discussion and action** on approving and reauthorizing all upgrades to Mauro Rosas Park as originally presented during initial construction; to include delegating and authorizing city staff to accept and approve all contracts, bids and/or any other documentation needed to complete Mauro Rosas Park without downgrades to original scope of work; including authorizing city staff to divert and prioritize funding for completion of Mauro Rosas Park. ***Anthony Gandara***

### **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.***

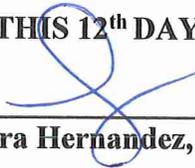
**37. Discussion and action** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, real estate acquisition and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters.  
*Willie Norfleet, Jr.*

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

**39. Texas Gas Service rate adjustment procedures and methods, including GRIP and EPARR. [551.071].**  
*James A. Martinez*

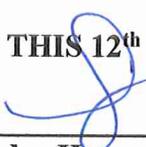
**40. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2015.**

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 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2015.**

By:   
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**Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 1-12-15 @ 10:00am

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