

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 19th 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* 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

6. *Excuse* absent Council Members. *Sandra Hernandez*

7. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2015. *Sandra Hernandez*

8. *Approval* of travel for Officer James Urquidi to attend the Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings (IRTB) and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents Course (PRSBI) at the Energetic Research and Testing Center (EMRTC) in Socorro, New Mexico. This training will mostly be reimbursed by New Mexico Tech. The training will take place February 24-27, 2015 for (IRTB) and March 2-6, 2015 for (PRSBI). *Chief 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 – *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*

9. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of Ordinance 361, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, adopting a new ordinance regarding substandard buildings; establishing standards for all buildings and structures; providing for the declaration of substandard buildings and structures as a public nuisance; providing for notice to property owners, occupants, mortgagees, and lienholders of substandard buildings and structures; providing for a public hearing on the substandard building or structure; providing for the abatement of nuisances; providing for the recovery of costs; providing a penalty clause; providing for judicial review; repealing all conflicting ordinances; providing a severability clause; and providing for publication. *James A. Martinez*

- 10. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 362, An Ordinance of the City of Socorro, regulating credit access businesses.

James A. Martinez

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing, Second Reading and Adoption

- 11. *Public Hearing, 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

- 12. *Public Hearing, Second Reading and Adoption*** 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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 13. *Discussion and action*** on accepting the fixed assets agreed upon procedures report from White, Samaniego, & Campbell, LLP.

Karina Hagelsieb

GRANTS DIVISION

- 14. *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

- 15. *Discussion and action*** to authorize the City of Socorro to enter into a contract agreement with ECivis to access web-based grant search database for the purpose of improving the City's effectiveness in accessing viable grant funding opportunities at a cost of \$2,750.00

Anibal Olague

MUNICIPAL COURT DEPARTMENT

- 16. *Discussion and action*** on approving Amnesty Week from March 23, 2015 through March 27, 2015 and waiving the Failure to Appear Fee (FTA).

Judge Garcia

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 17. *Discussion and action*** regarding the Park Commission.

Douglas Lobdell, Jr.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

18. ***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***
19. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed cosmetic interior improvement to the Rio Vista Community Center Facilities located at 901 N. Rio Vista Road, Socorro, Texas 79927. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
20. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for a child care home on Tract 8, Block 23, Socorro Grant, located at 10400 Socorro Road. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
21. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed restoration and repair project to the property located at Tracts 3-B, 4-C and 4-D, Block 21, Socorro Grant, located at 10180 Socorro Road. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
22. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for a home addition and color selection at Block 14, Socorro Grant, Tract 33-B-6, located at 645 Anahi Ct. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
23. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed restoration and repair project to the property located at Tracts 18-B-2, Block 17, Socorro Grant, a.k.a. "El Mercadito" located on 10179 Socorro, Road. The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***
24. ***Discussion and action*** approving the Certificate of Appropriateness for the restoration and repairs at Tract 18-A, Block 17, Socorro Grant located at 10167 Socorro Road; also known as "The Bookery". The Historical Landmark Commission recommends approval. ***Sam Leony***

CITY MANAGER

25. ***Discussion and action*** on approving the Unaudited General Fund Budget vs Revenues and Expenditures Report for the period ending January 31, 2015. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

26. ***Discussion*** on building a library within the City of Socorro. ***Mayor Jesus Ruiz***
27. ***Discussion*** on adding laptops to Council chambers. ***Mayor Jesus Ruiz***

- 28. Discussion and action** on donation by SHS Senior Class. **Mayor Jesus Ruiz**
- 29. Discussion and action** on selecting a Picture Day for the City of Socorro Council and staff. **Mayor Jesus Ruiz**
- 30. Discussion and action** on amending the contract with the Public Relations Coordinator. **Mayor Jesus Ruiz**
- 31. Discussion and action** to remove city council representatives from all bank signatories and have city manager appoint administrative staff for bank signatories. **Rene Rodriguez**
- 32. Discussion and action** to establish a procedure to develop proposals for amendments to the city charter and to call for a charter amendment election. **Rene Rodriguez**
- 33. Discussion and action** to create an ordinance imposing an 18 month moratorium on the submission, acceptance, processing and approval of any application for a City of Socorro junk yard permit or license, scrap metal yard permit or license; tire shop permit or license and import/export of vehicles permit or license related to the operation of a business that processes such; directing the investigation of such businesses; and declaring the city council to consider the adoption of appropriate city regulations with respect to such businesses if permitted by law. **Rene Rodriguez**
- 34. Discussion and action** regarding status of future annexation plans. **Rene Rodriguez**
- 35. Discussion and action** on directing the Planning and Zoning Department to begin proceedings to rezone the property at 266 Horizon Boulevard from M-2 to proper commercial status and to amend the Comprehensive Master Plan to reflect the zoning. **Sergio Cox**
- 36. Discussion and action** regarding dissemination of information to a city councilmember when he or she requests such information in his or her official capacity. The Public Information Act (Act) is not implicated when a request is made in a mayor or councilmember's official capacity, as the release of the documents is not viewed as a release to the general public. **Sergio Cox**
- 37. Discussion and update** on the process for a skate park for District 2. **Gloria M. Rodriguez**
- 38. Discussion and action** to approve the paving of Passmore Road; to include prioritizing funding, waiving the City of Socorro's Purchasing Policy, and giving Passmore Road priority status on overlay lists. **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

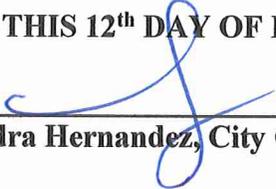
of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open 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:

- 39. *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.***
- 40. *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.***
- 41. *Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. ***Willie Norfleet, Jr.***
- 42. *Approval and adoption*** of resolution requesting action on the offer listed in the backup, pursuant to Section 34.05 (i) of the Texas Property code. ***James A. Martinez***
- 43. *Discussion*** regarding a proposed ch. 380 agreement and tax and financial incentives for a potential employer [551.071 and 551.087]. ***James A. Martinez***
- 44. *Adjourn***

DATED THIS 12th 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 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2015.

By: 

Sandra Hernandez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 2-12-15 @ 4PM

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