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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 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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**

PROCLAMATION

4. ***Proclamation*** on National Night Out, on October 3, 2015 at Bulldog Park.
   Officer Linda Custic Olvera

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. **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

6. ***Presentation*** by Interim City Manager, regarding August monthly report. ***Adriana Rodarte***

7. ***Presentation*** by Anibal Olague on the status of projects and grants for the City of Socorro. ***Anibal Olague***

8. ***Presentation*** by Chief of Police regarding accomplishments for a one year anniversary. ***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

9. ***Excuse*** absent Council Members. ***Olivia Navarro***

10. ***Approval*** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2015 and Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2015 and September 2, 2015. ***Olivia Navarro***

ORDINANCES

11. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** on an Ordinance 376, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas adopting and amended Organizational Chart for the City of Socorro. ***Adriana Rodarte***

12. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for Public Hearing*** on an Ordinance amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 4, Block 15, Country Green, at 10905 North Loop Dr., from R-1 (single family residential) to C-2 (general commercial). ***Sam Leony***

13. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** on an Ordinance amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 11, Block 2, Lynn Park Replat, at 301 Tania Dr., from R-2 (medium density residential) to C-1 (light commercial). ***Sam Leony***

14. ***Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing*** on an Ordinance regulating the proper storage, handling, accumulating, transporting and disposal of scrap tires.
Sam Leony

HUMAN RESOURCES

15. ***Discussion and action*** on amending leave policy for exempt employees within the police department. ***Rosio Marin***

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

16. ***Discussion and action*** to accept the KaBOOM! Let's Play Grant award in the amount of $15,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign the Grantee Letter of Agreement. The City will contribute the amount of $10,000 as a match to the playground construction project.
Anibal Olague

POLICE DEPARTMENT

17. ***Discussion and action*** to authorize the Mayor, City Attorney and Chief of Police to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Operation Stonegarden FY2015. ***Chief Carlos Maldonado***

PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT

18. ***Discussion and action*** on the request to appeal the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission of denying the proposed amendment to the City of Socorro Master Plan, and rezoning of Lot 13, Block 6, Spanish Trail Subdivision at 10250 Conquistador Dr., from R-1 (single family residential to R-2 (medium density residential). ***Sam Leony***

CITY MANAGER

19. ***Discussion and action*** on the City of Socorro Flood Plan. ***Adriana Rodarte***

20. ***Discussion and action*** to approve the Information Technology Manual. ***Adriana Rodarte***

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

21. ***Discussion and action*** on citizens request for a (1) one hour to (1 ½) hour question and answer session during Public Comment and prior to the start of Regular Agenda Items. This hour would be an open discussion time between constituents, council representatives, legal and administration. ***Sergio Cox***

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:

22. ***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. ***Adriana Rodarte***

23. ***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. ***Adriana Rodarte***

24. ***Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. ***Adriana Rodarte***

25. ***Adjourn***

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

By: Olivia Navarro
Olivia Navarro, Assistant 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 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015.

By: Olivia Navarro
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

Agenda posted: 9-14-15 @ 1:29 pm
Removed: _____ Time: _____ by: _____

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PROCLAMATION
National Night Out 2015

WHEREAS, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is sponsoring a unique nationwide crime, drug and violence prevention program on October 3, 2015, (Texas October 7th) entitled "National Night Out"; and

WHERAS, the "31st Annual National Night Out" provides a unique opportunity for the City of Socorro to join forces with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts: and

WHEREAS, the Socorro Police Departments plays a vital role in assisting local law enforcement agencies through joint crime, drug and violence prevention efforts in the City of Socorro and is supporting "National Night Out 2015" locally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of the City of Socorro be aware of the importance of crime prevention programs and impact that their participation can have on reducing crime, drugs and violence in the City of Socorro; and

WHEREAS, Police Community Partnerships, neighborhood safety, awareness and cooperation are important themes of the "National Night Out" program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jesus Ruiz, Mayor of the City of Socorro, Texas, do hereby call upon all citizens of the City of Socorro to join the Socorro Police Department in supporting the National Night Out 2015 on October 3, 2015 (Texas: October 7th)

FURTHER, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT I, Jesus Ruiz, Mayor, do hereby proclaim Saturday October 3, 2015 (Texas: October 7th) as "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT", in the City of Socorro, Texas.

Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

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Interim City Manager

September 11, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Presentation by Interim City Manager, regarding August monthly report.

SUMMARY

Interim City Manager will provide a brief report on all City of Socorro Departments for the month of August.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

City Council requires Interim City Manager to present a monthly report.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. **City Manager** _____ **Date**_____
2. **CFO** _____ **Date**_____
3. **Attorney** _____ **Date** _____

Socorro Municipal Court

August 2015 Report

1. The Socorro Municipal Court has arraignments every Friday of the month from 8:00 am to 12:00 and from 1:30 to 5:30 pm.
2. Monday August 3rd, we had Showcause hearings all day.
3. Thursday August 6th, Cynthia Chaparro and Ashley Mota attended the TX Dot conference at 9:00 AM.
4. Thursday August 13th, the convictions/dismissals reports for the month of July, 2015 were exported to DPS; and the monthly report to the Texas Office of Court Administration was also exported.
5. Friday August 14th, three appeals were submitted to El Paso County Clerk's Office.
6. Monday August 17th, we had Ordinance, DPS and animal control Pre-trials at 9:30 AM and Attorney court at 2:30 PM all SPD officers that were subpoena showed up on time.
7. Friday August 21st, we had Ordinance, Troopers and animal control pre-trials in the morning.
8. Monday August 24th, Juvenile pre-trials were set at 4:00 PM.
9. Friday August 28th, we had ordinance pre-trials.
10. Monday August 31st, flyers for the amnesty week were finished, cut and delivered to Domino's Pizza to be placed on their Pizza boxes.

400 citations were issued by SPD for the month of August.

3 DPS,

31 Animal Control

25 Ordinance citations

$58,290.87 total collected for the month of August, 2015

City of Socorro

2015 August HR Monthly Report

Rosio Marin

Human Resources Assistant

August 31, 2015

Human Resources July Report

Human resources department provides overall policy direction on human resources management issues and administrative support functions related to the management of employees for all City departments. The mission of the department is to be a strategic partner by providing Human Resources programs that attract, develop, retain, and engage a skilled and diverse workforce.

1. Celebrated Anniversaries and Birthdates for the month of August 2015 on August 28th. Also, celebrated Employee of the Month, Moises Rosales from Public Works.

2. Vacant Positions:
   - 1 City Manager
   - 1 City Clerk
   - 1 Communication Dispatch Supervisor
   - 1 Recreations Coordinator
   - 1 Parks Laborer

3. 134 Leave Requests for the month of July
   Vacations - 77
   Sick – 38
   Training - 14
   Missing Swipes - 27

4. No injuries reported 1 currently on Workers Compensation.
   - Enrique Hermosillo – DOI 02/26/14. 6/18/19 surgery and recovery. Expected date of return 9/4/15.

5. FMLA: six employees out on leave
   - Christopher Rey began FMLA on 6/30/15 intermittently- is currently working.
   - Miguel Rosas began FMLA on 7/9/15 intermittently- is currently working.
   - Graciela Provencio began FMLA on 7/20/15 continuous for two months.
   - Ricardo Ordonez began FMLA on 8/3/15 continuous for approximately three weeks.
   - Armando Mapula began FMLA on 8/10/15 intermittently.
   - Guadalupe Almanzar Jr. began FMLA on 8/31/15 continuous for approximately four weeks.
   - David Gonzalez began FMLA on 8/25/15 continuous for approximately three weeks.

6. FMLA: two employees returned to work
   - Tomas Solano returned to work without restrictions 8/3/15.
   - Christopher Rey returned to work without restrictions on 8/24/15

7. Externship Student (Southwest University) & (International Business College)
   - Christian Escalante started his externship on 8/3/15 with the Public Works Department. Externship ended 8/21/15
   - Enrique Antunez started his externship on 8/3/15 with Administration. He did not complete the term of the externship due to personal commitments.

8. Employment Separations for the month of August 2015
   - Christian Salazar, last day 8/11/15
   - Jose Enriquez, last day 8/13/15

9. New Hires for the month of August 2015:
   No new hires.

Public Works & Parks
August Update

Socorro
Public Works Department

PW

Serving the Community with Pride
Sirviendo a la Communidad con Orgullo

City of Socorro
Parks

Agenda

- Public Works
  - September Priorities
  - Paving Rio Vista
  - Storm Water Response
  - Guard Rail Repair
  - Potholes
  - Sandbags
  - Speed Humps
- Parks
  - Park Maintenance
  - Facilities Maintenance

Public Works Priorities

September

- Flood control and response – *as needed*
- Mowing and weeds
  - 6 temps beginning 8 Sep
  - Team with 3 full-time employees
    - 2 tractors mowing, 1 truck/trailer trash pickup
  - Order: D4, D1, D2, D3
  - Estimated completion: 23 Oct
- Neighborhood Safety (speed humps)
  - Order: D3, D4, D1, D2
- Pothole backlog

August Workload

Mostly reprogramming school flashers and repainting school crosswalks

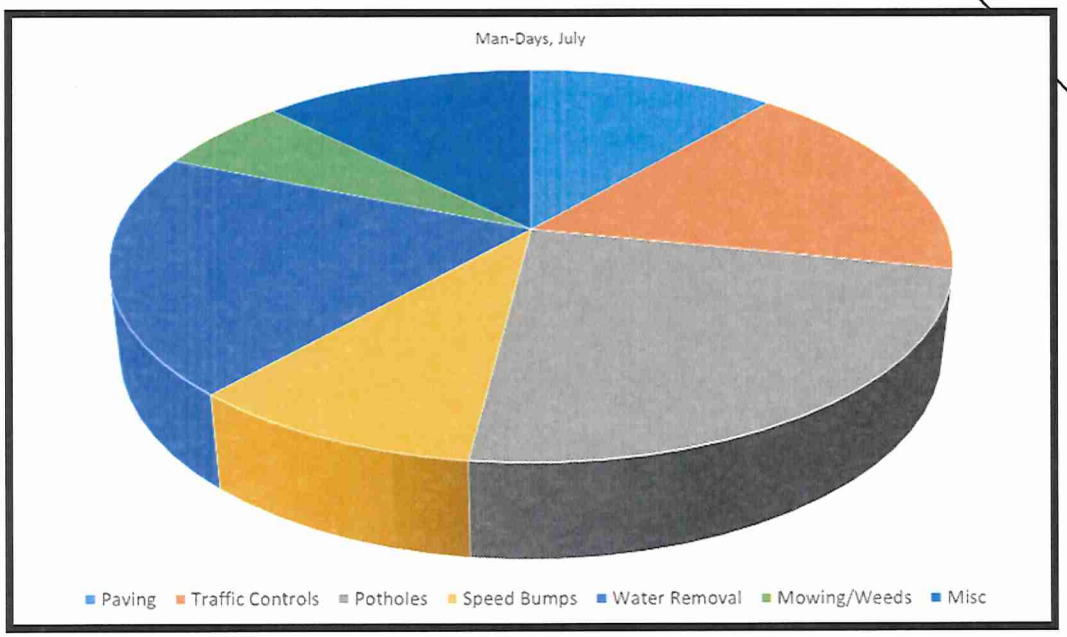
Misc work: Guard rails, support to parks, facility maint, facility upgrades, tree maint, other

Man-days by task:

Paving	Onion Field	Berm	Shoulder Maint	Special Project (Hvy)	Traffic Controls	Potholes	Speed Humps	Water Removal	Mowing/ Weeds	Cleanup	Misc
20	0	0	0	0	30	42	17	35	11	0	22

Began Neighborhood Safety: speed humps on Keagle, Marquez, & Nevarez

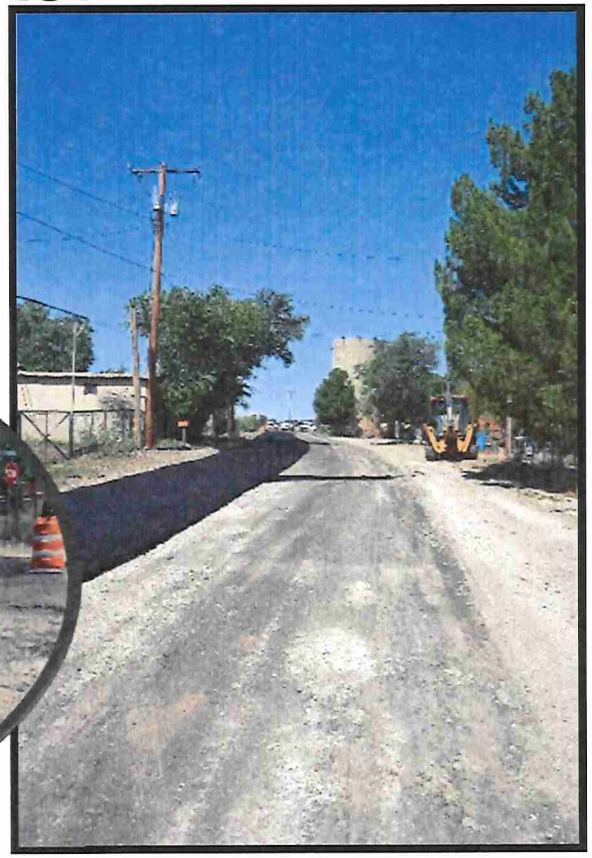
4 ½ days at McAdoo + 3 ½ days at 15 other sites. 8 sites remain



Notes:
21 work days in August
1 person at recycling every day and
1 person vehicle maint every day
(not included in totals)
2 management (Doug & Miguel)
60 man days vacation/sick
(incl 2 empl with extended sick benefits)

Paving Rio Vista

PW was finally released to pave the bad section of Rio Vista, near Sparks.



Water Removal

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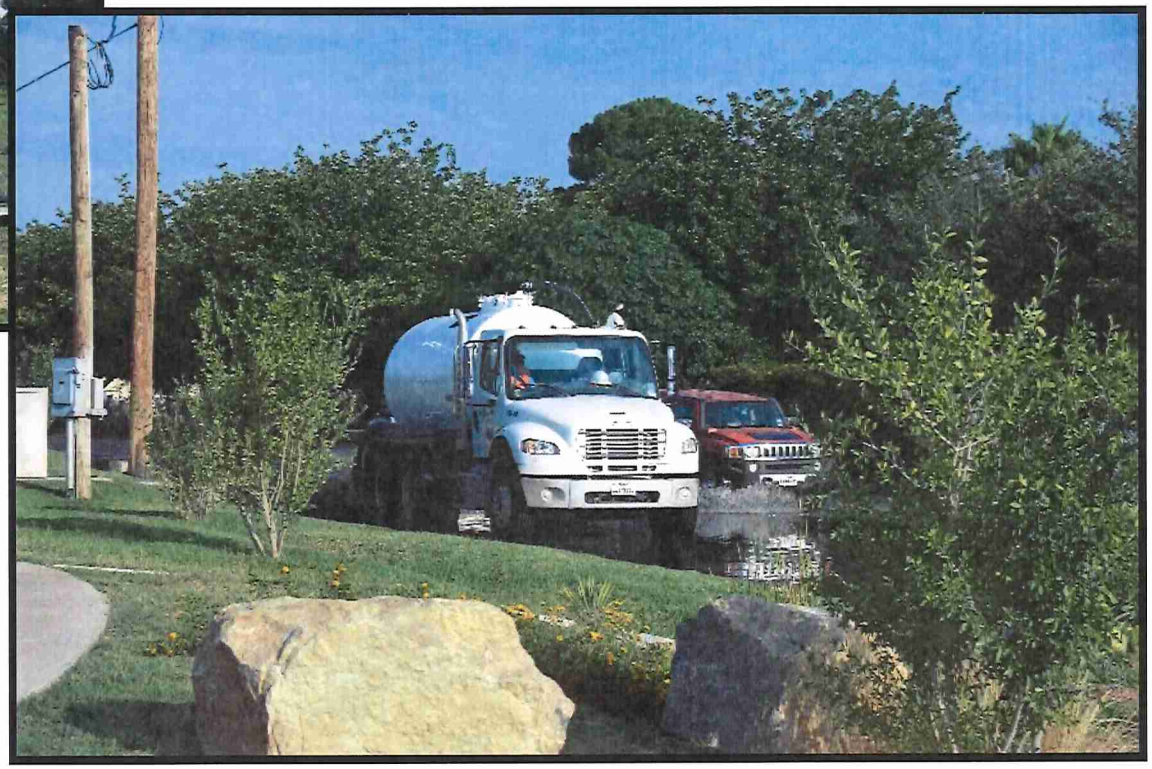
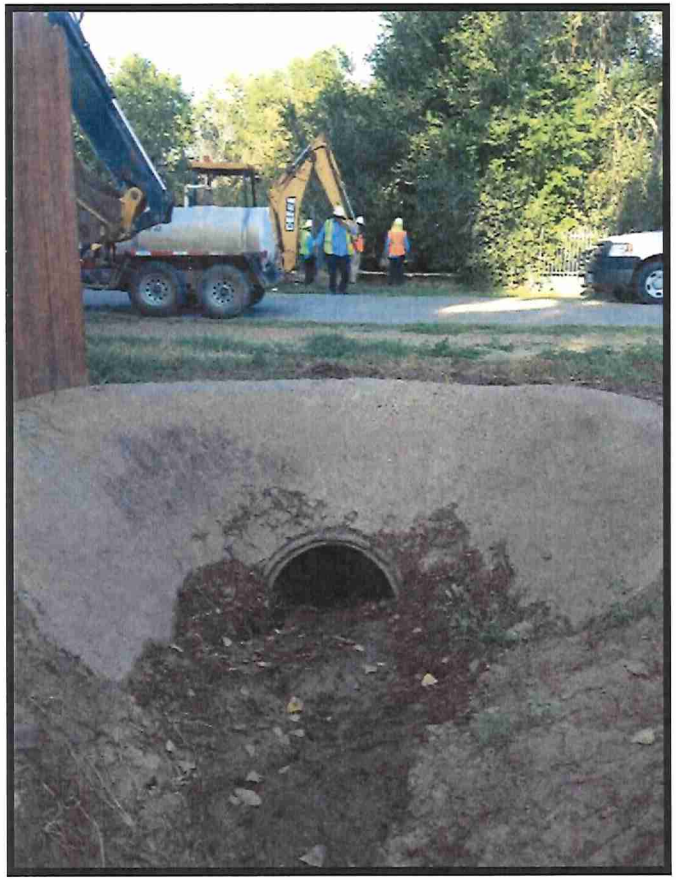


Flood Response



Public Works is responsible for cleaning culverts where irrigation laterals flow under City streets.

Ditches by Stockyard ran heavy but with no breaches. They required clearing of debris after the storm

Guard Rail Repair

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Potholes

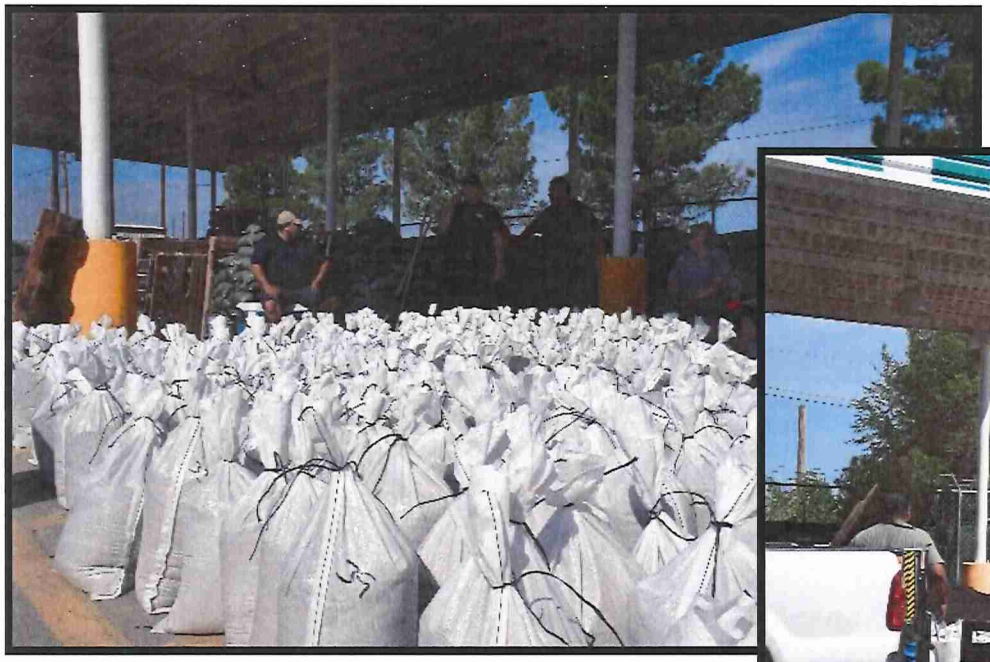
The team repaired major sections in the McAdoo neighborhood

Also:

- Delano
- Cielo Azul
- Bauman
- Russ
- Inglewood
- Soto
- Gurdev
- Rio Vista
- Alyssa
- Ethyl Hart
- Allison
- Bovee

Sandbags

- We partnering with the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo on 22 August for sandbag filling.



Speed Humps

- **PW began the 2015 Neighborhood Safety Plan in District 3**

Parks

City of Socorro
Parks

- Focus on irrigation, mowing, and weed control
- Maintenance
  - Painted lobby at admin
  - Painted walls at courts
  - Covered fences at police HQ
  - Repairs to basketball courts, Cougar Park
  - Repaired damage to wall at RVCC
  - Trimmed trees at RVCC
  - Daily repairs

Keeping Bulldog Looking Great!

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Maintenance

Painting Courts

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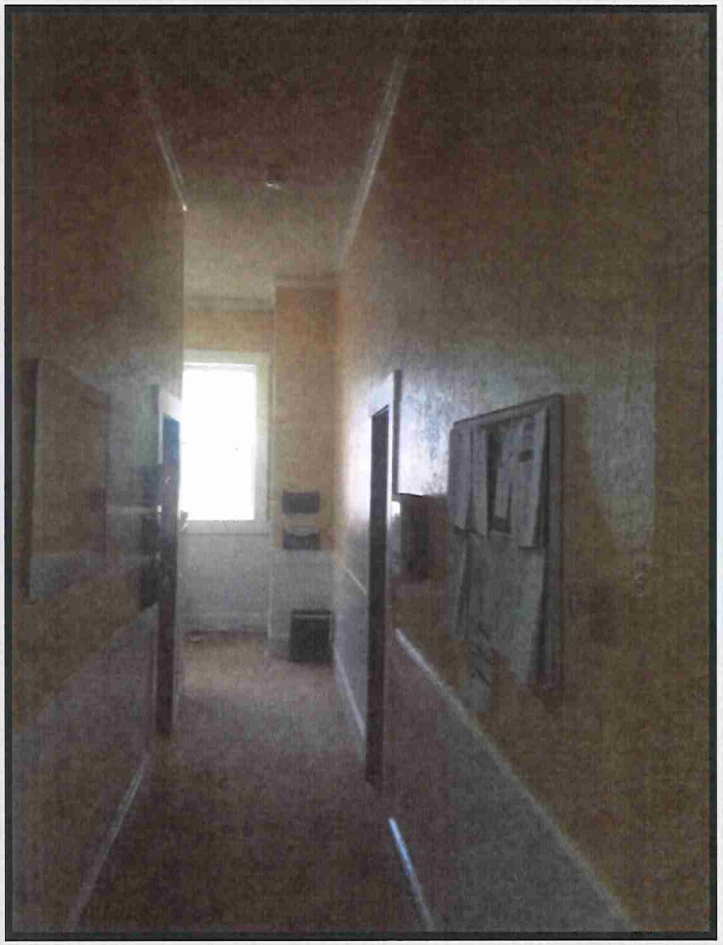

Maintenance

PD Security Screen

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SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
AUGUST 2015 MONTHLY REPORT

Date: September 2, 2015

To: Adriana Rodarte (Interim City Manager)

From: Chief Carlos R. Maldonado

SUBJECT: July 2015 Monthly Report

Attached are the crime statistics for the month of August 2015. Below are some case highlights which occurred during the month:

Case 2015-001676 at 1200 Horizon Officer was responding to a call in reference to a vehicle disturbance. On her way to locate the vehicle in question, the responding officer witnessed a hit and run accident where the vehicle struck a pedestrian and attempted to flee the scene. The officer followed and stopped the vehicle and detained the driver. The victim of the accident was tended to by the Socorro Fire Department and LIFE ambulance. The victim was taken to the hospital. The male driver of the vehicle involved was taken to Del Sol for medical clearance and then booked into the El Paso County Jail.

Case 2015-001685 at 10150 Alameda Reporter advised of a vehicle obstructing traffic. The vehicle was described at a blue Cobalt occupied by a male and a female. The caller stated the couple appeared to be asleep, or intoxicated. The officer made contact with the vehicle in question, as well as with its occupants. The officer , with the assistance of our K9 officer, searched the vehicle and located a small amount of marijuana Both the occupants were taken into custody and booked into the El Paso County Jail. The case is being investigated as a possession of narcotics.

Case 2015-001721 at 200 N. Rio Vista While patrolling, a Socorro PD officer conducted a traffic stop on an orange Mitsubishi Eclipse. The officer requested a K9 unit to assist in searching the vehicle. Once the K9 arrived and searched the vehicle, a controlled substance was located. Both the driver and passenger were placed under arrest. The subject's vehicle was impounded by Socorro Towing and the subjects were taken to the Rio Vista Substation for processing. Once processed and magistrated, both subjects were booked into the El Paso County Jail. The case is being investigated as a possession of controlled substance.

Case 2015-001813 at I10 East exit 42 Reporter advised of a vehicle that was involved in an accident. The vehicle involved struck the cables in the median between I10 east and I10 west.

The reporter also stated that the driver of the vehicle might have been intoxicated. TXDOT was dispatched along with the Socorro Police unit, to evaluate any damage caused by the vehicle. The police units at the scene conducted a field sobriety test, and determined that the driver was not intoxicated. The case is being investigated as a motor vehicle accident.

August 2015 Officer Training

On August 04-06, 2015 Sgt. Moore, Sgt. Flores, and Sgt. Salinas attended Intermediate Risk Analysis Training Hosted by the El Paso PD Fusion Center.

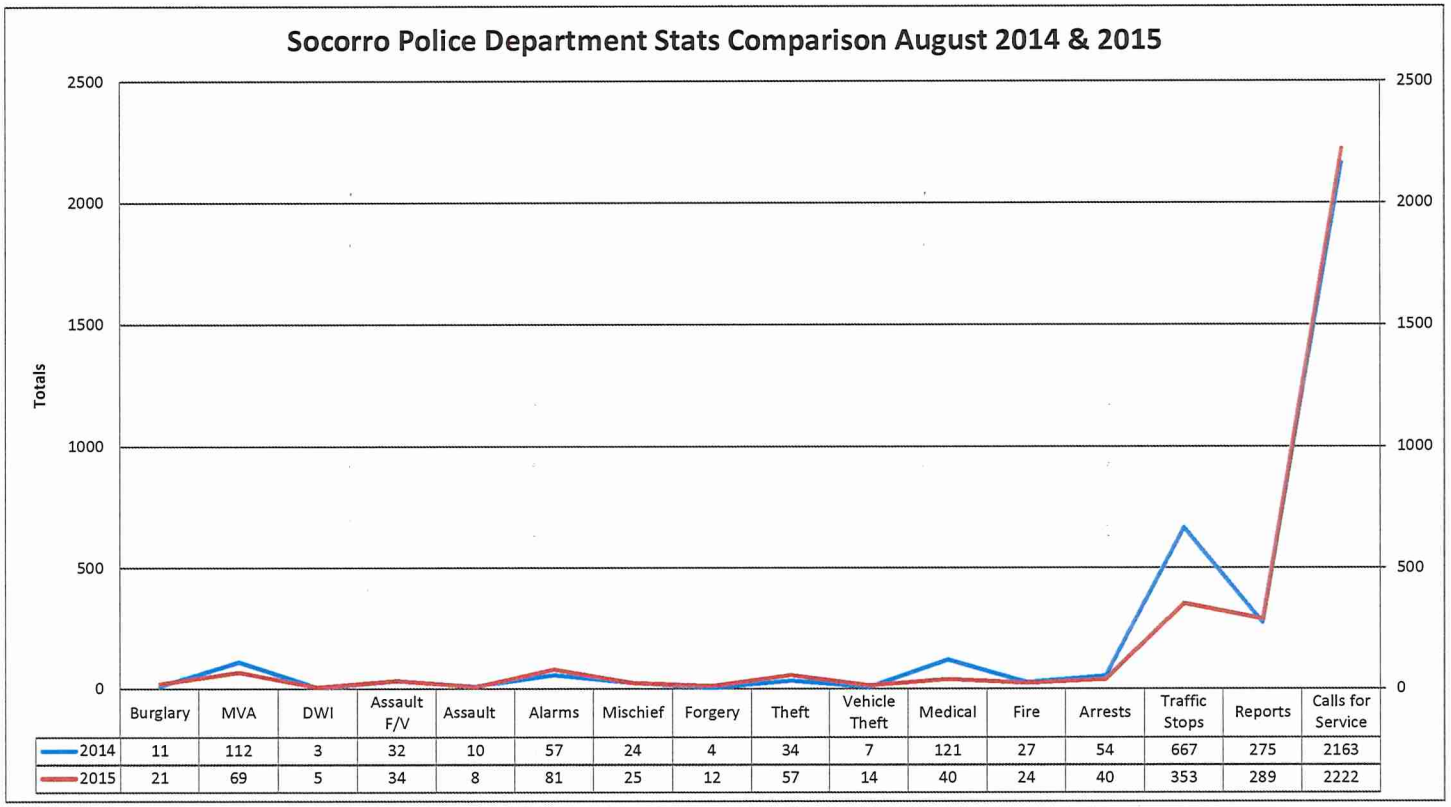
On August 10-11, 2015 Sgt. Moore instructed Officer Hernandez on TCOLE mandated training, Arrest, Search and Seizure and Identity Theft at PD HQ. Officer Hernandez has completed all required TCOLE mandated Training and has moved into his Intermediate Certification.

On August 12, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Active Shooter Training at EPCC/LETA for 12 Officers from various agencies. Sgt. Flores assisted with the training.

On August 19, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Active Shooter Training at EPCC/LETA for 2 of our Officers and 12 Officers from various agencies. Sgt. Flores assisted with the training.

On August 24-25, 2015 Officer Saldana attended a Tactical Medic/Trauma Medic course hosted by S.I.S. at the Tigua Tactical Ranch. Officer Saldana is now certified as a Tactical/Trauma Medic.

Call Type		
Burglary	11	21
MVA	112	69
DWI	3	5
Assault F/V	32	34
Assault	10	8
Alarms	57	81
Mischief	24	25
Forgery	4	12
Theft	34	57
Vehicle Theft	7	14
Medical	121	40
Fire	27	24
Arrests	54	40
Traffic Stops	667	353
Reports	275	289
Calls for Service	2163	2222



	Burglary	MVA	DWI	Assault F/V	Assault	Alarms	Mischief	Forgery	Theft	Vehicle Theft	Medical	Fire	Arrests	Traffic Stops	Reports	Calls for Service
2014	11	112	3	32	10	57	24	4	34	7	121	27	54	667	275	2163
2015	21	69	5	34	8	81	25	12	57	14	40	24	40	353	289	2222

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City Manager

DATE: September 20, 2015

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – August 2015

1. **Council Meeting August 6, 13, 20 and 26**
2. **Prepared minutes for 4 meetings**
3. **14 Publications**
4. **Received 8 Open Records Requests**
5. **Responded to 9 Open Records**

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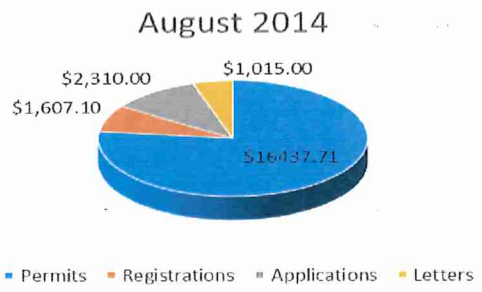

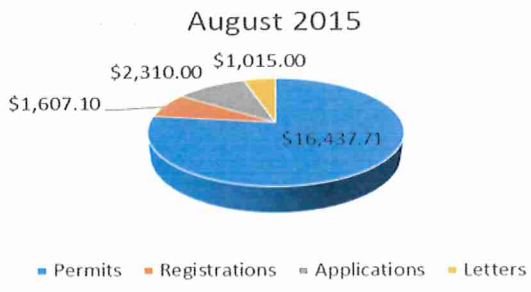

Planning & Zoning Department
Monthly Report

Permits	August 2014		August 2015	
Residential Permits	26	$12,583.35	27	$8,102.50
Commercial Permits	1	$250.00	4	$1,237.50
Excavation and Grading Permits	0	$0.00	3	$5,164.23
Demolition Permits	0	$0.00	0	0
Utility Gas Permits	11	$550.00	6	$325.00
Utility Water Permits	2	$100.00	2	$100.00
Utility Sewer Permits	1	$50.00	4	$241.66
Utility Plumbing Permits	7	$350.00	14	$1,050.00
Utility Electric Permits	14	$750.00	26	$1,700.00
Utility Mechanical Permits	9	$475.00	13	$1,050.00
Re-Inspection Fees	0	$0.00	6	$270.00
Vendor Permits	3	$225.00	13	$1,530.00
Event Permits	1	$125.00	3	$300.00
Sign Permits	1	$144.36	4	$883.47
Special Use Permits	0	$0.00	0	$0.00
Special Inspections	0	$0.00	0	$0.00
Park Fees	4	$330.00	5	$390.00
Beer & Wine	1	$505.00	1	$425.00
Returned Check Fees			0	$0.00
Building Card Replacement			1	$25.00
Solar Panel Permit			4	$200.00
Trailer Parking Permit	0	$0.00	1	$437.50
Total	81	$16,437.71	137	$23,431.86

Registrations				
Business Registrations	6	$220.08	13	$898.80
Business Renewals	19	$1,262.02	23	$1,217.25
Car Dealership Annual Applications	1	$125.00	9	$1,350.00
	26	**$1,607.10**	**45**	$3,466.05
Applications				
Conditional Use Applications			0	$0.00
Rezoning Applications	3	$2,050.00	4	$1,700.00
Lot Split Applications			0	$0.00
Re-Plat Applications			0	$0.00
Subdivision Applications			0	$0.00
BOA Applications	2	$200.00	2	$200.00
Mobile Office			0	$0.00
Mobile Home Placements	1	$60.00	2	$120.00
Mobile Home Transporters			1	$45.00
Total	**6**	**$2,310.00**	**9**	**$2,065.00**
Letters				
Official Address Changes	8	$120.00	1	$15.00
Zoning Confirmation Letters			5	$75.00
Certificate of Occupancy	14	$700.00	18	$900.00
Letters Of Zoning Compliance	13	$195.00	2	$90.00
Flood Determination Letter			0	$0.00
Total	**35**	**$1,015.00**	**26**	**$1,080.00**
Grand Total		**$21,369.81**		**$30,042.91**

City of Socorro
Planning & Zoning Activity Report August 2015

INSPECTIONS

The Planning & Zoning Department conducted the following inspections during the past month:

Structural Inspections:	27
Mechanical	46
Electrical	78
Plumbing/Gas/Sewer	91
Concrete Work *(Incl. rock walls, footings, driveways & sidewalks*	103
Building Final	24
Change of Address	1
Zoning Compliance	2
TOTAL	**372**

CODE COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

The code compliance personnel accomplished the following activities during the past month:

Notices of Violation issued	101
Number of cleared cases (through voluntary compliance)	86
Citations Issued	17
TOTAL	**198**

Boards & Commissions

The following number of cases were brought before these boards and commissions during the past month:

City Council.....12
Planning & Zoning.....17
Historical Landmark Commission.....4
Board of Adjustments.....0
Museum Commission.....0

TOTAL CASES = 33

City of Socorro
Planning & Zoning Activity Report August 2015

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

1. Leadership Bridge project.
2. Safe Routes To School project.
3. Annexation project.
4. ROW acquisition projects (Regina Dr., Fray Olguin Rd, Rio Vista Rd., Sparks Cir., Lippert Rd., Sheryl Cir., Spur Pl., San Miguel Rd., Varela Subdivision,etc.)
5. Flood Mitigation and Preparedness project (existing and future storm water structures)
6. Road widening projects (Horizon-Buford, North Loop, and Old Hueco Tanks Blvd.)
7. Connectivity and Traffic Master Plan.

City of Socorro

Department of Recreation

Centers

August Monthly Report

Issued by:

Victor Reta-Recreation

Centers Director

September 8, 2015

Goals:

- The Recreation Centers' goal is to establish themselves as a resource center in the community aimed at encouraging, educating, & empowering others through social, civic, and betterment opportunities for the people of Socorro.

- As Recreation Centers Director it is my ultimate goal that I meet the needs of the public in the City of Socorro, with solutions & answers; by creating good standing overarching partnerships I aim to provide an easily accessible network of aid. As such, I expect to have a highly effective team of employees who will receive continuing education & training so that they are capable of executing & facilitating the demands of the department with polite & welcoming community service.

- Goal of the month: Endurance

RVCC (Rio Vista Community Center):

- August monthly report (supporting documentation attached)
- Contacted IT regarding single functioning phone line, awaiting VOiP transition
- Community Garden Upkeep
- Senior Citizen's BBQ 8/14
- Citizenship Classes Began
- Suffered Damage to Bld. #3 Back Wall
- Public Works Leveled Parking Lot Awaiting Paving
- Received (1) New Senior Citizen Registration

CACC (Chayo Apodaca Community Center):

- August Monthly Report Attached
- Arcade Received Maintenance; however vendor mailed us wrong parts.
- IT Worked w/ Curry Atkins for Trouble Shooting
- Began discussing creating different schedules for high & low traffic times of the year.
- Addressed major electrical issues outside the building w. lighting. Researching possibility of switching to LED Bulbs.

Department Supervisory, Staff, and Cross Department Collaboration

- Meeting coordinating with Mission Trail on the Chile War Festival 8-24
- Submitted agenda items for: City Events Budget,
- Attended TML Leadership Academy 8/26-8/28 w/ Rec. Leader & Became Certified TML Fellows

- Met w/ Supporting Depts. Regarding Capital Improvement Plan & Frank Dalbin 8-11
- Opened Rec. Coord. Position
- Attended West TX Prevention Coalition Mtg & BPDNC Steering Committee Mtg.
- Received Requests to Reserve Bulldog Park 10/3 & 10/10
- Assisted in Socorro High School Homecoming Parade 8/27

Events:

- Assisted in Socorro High School Homecoming Parade 8/27
- Chile War Festival
    - Saturday September 12
    - Cougar Park
    - 11 AM-12AM
    - Free Admission:
        - Farmers Market
        - Fresh Chile Available
        - Live Music/ Entertainment
        - Rides/ Games
        - Face Painting
        - Prize Giveaways
        - Jumping Balloons
        - Food & Drink Vendors
- 1st Annual Border Professionals Development & Networking Conference
    - Wednesday September 23, 20125 8AM-5PM
    - City Council Chambers
    - 125 Participants
    - Food Truck Lunches
    - Topics: Domestic Violence, Building a Better Leader, No Te Dejes, iGuardian, Crime Victims, & LGBT Awareness

Rio Vista Community Center

MONTHLY REPORT August 2015

Fitness and Wellness

Class:	Instructor	Time(s):	Month Total:
Aerobics	Adriana	M-F 8-9am	279
Zumba	Alejandra	MTWR 6-7pm	175
Senior Fitness	Mary	TTR 10-10:30am	17
Yoga	Nenna	MTWR 6-7pm	36
			507

Community Enrichment

Class:	Instructor	Time(s):	Month Total:
Family Violence Support		W 1-2pm	18
Al-Anon		F 12:30-2:30	42
GED		MWTR 9am-12am	158
		MWTR 5pm-7pm	44
Citizenship		TTR 6:30pm-8pm	122
Nutrition Class		Varies	5
ESL		WF 9am - 12pm	121
Senior Nutrition		M-F 9am-1pm	581
			1091

Transportation

		Month Total:
Pick Ups		112
Drop Offs		124
Other		17
Church		16
		269

Calls & Visitors

		Month Total:
Phone Calls		184
Visitors		22
		206

Events

Total Events		Total Turnout
1		9
		9

Volunteers

	Month Total:
Volunteers / Community Service	4
	4

Total RVCC Visitor/Participant Traffic:

2086

City of Socorro

E.G. "Chayo" Apodaca Community Center

August Monthly Report

Day	Computer Use	Laptop Use	Arcade	Volunteers	Visitor	Conference	Total
1	18	0	2	0	3	0	23
2							0
3							0
4	42	2	18	0	7	0	69
5	58	3	7	0	4	0	72
6	49	0	15	0	6	0	70
7	43	1	11	0	5	0	60
8	28	0	14	0	4	0	46
9							0
10							0
11	41	3	14	0	4	0	62
12	46	3	21	0	5	0	75
13	51	0	18	0	3	0	72
14	37	1	10	0	5	0	53
15	38	2	12	0	3	0	55
16							0
17							0
18	28	2	12	1	4	0	47
19	49	2	7	0	3	0	61
20							0
21	20	3	8	0	8	0	39
22							0
23							0
24							0
25	45	4	6	1	4	0	60
26	53	2	25	1	4	0	85
27	32	4	4	0	8	6	54
28	33	5	6	0	11	0	55

IT Projects and Improvements August, 2015.

Projects.

Tested Fiber bandwidth in all City's Buildings.

Presidio will assist in the Fiber Transfer Project.

Surveillance Camera Install for Public Works.

Disaster Recovery Project to be implemented.

Administration

Setup Interim CFO as Administrator in Sage.

Managing the City's website.

Managing the work phones for the City.

Managing the Network.

Police Department

Installed Office 2013 in two computers.

Helped Officers with Ileads issues.

Installed Abila Update for Rosa Hernandez

Court.

August Scofflaw records were processed successfully.

Updated Abila for Isela and Cynthia.

Updated Server.

Planning and Zoning

Updated and Scan Computers.

Installed Abila Update for Sonia and Luis.

Recreations Center

Installed Keyboard and mouse for Julissa.

Installed Abila Update for Victor.

Chayo Apodaca

Fixed Two out of three computers with Hard Drive Issues.

Fixed, updated and scanned Laptops.

#7

DATE: August 18, 2015

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Anibal Olague, Special Projects

SUBJECT:

Presentation by Grants Department

SUMMARY

Department will make a presentation on the status of projects and grants for the City of Socorro

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. **City Manager** _____ **Date**_____
2. **CFO** _____ **Date**_____
3. **Attorney** _____ **Date** _____

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#8

September 11, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Carlos Maldonado

SUBJECT: Presentation by Chief of Police, regarding Accomplishments for a one year anniversary.

SUMMARY

Chief of Police Carlos Maldonado will provide a brief report on all accomplishments for one year anniversary with the Socorro Police Department.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Chief of Police Carlos Maldonado will provide a brief report on all accomplishments for one year anniversary with the Socorro Police Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1. **City Manager** _____ **Date**_____
2. **CFO** _____ **Date**_____
3. **Attorney** _____ **Date** _____

SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date: August 21, 2015

To: Interim City Manager, Ms. Adriana Rodarte

From: Chief Carlos R. Maldonado

SUBJECT: Accomplishments for one year anniversary

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I have been the Chief of Police for the Socorro Police Department since July of 2014. This correspondence will detail accomplishments during this year and also provide a glimpse of my vision for the future of the Socorro Police Department.

It is with a tremendous degree of pride that we, as a community, embrace the award offered by Safe Wise naming the City of Socorro as one of the safest cities in the State of Texas for 2015. The Socorro Police Department is comprised of very dedicated and passionate officers and civilian employees who are devoted to improving the quality of life of our citizens. I have endeavored to enhance the number of officers for the department. A statistical analysis of past calls for service have doubled (16,000 to 30,000), yet staffing levels have remained the same. While the City of Socorro ranked the 28th safest city in Texas, additional resources would, without question, improve our ability to be one of the top 10 safest cities, a goal that I am determined to achieve.

ONE WEAPON SYSTEM AND RIFLE RECOMMENDATION

An issue I noted when first arriving is that officers were required to purchase their own sidearm. It is my understanding that this was a cost saving measure for the city; however, I suggested that a one weapon system be considered to reduce liability and enhance officer safety. A survey/inventory of firearms used by Socorro Police Officers revealed that almost half were carrying weapons of different calibers and various manufacturers. I presented the "one weapon system" proposal to City Council, which was well received and funding was appropriated to purchase firearms for our officers. Furthermore, city council appropriated funding for the purchase of long rifles. I argued that U.S. Border communities along the U.S./Mexican border have witnessed and experienced unprecedented levels of violence in the country of Mexico. Intelligence information suggests that drug cartels and transnational gangs have developed

refined operations with a level of tactical sophistication that has proven alarming. In addition, these nefarious criminal gangs have equipped themselves with tactical gear that rivals that of the best equipped law enforcement agencies in our country.

Then City Manager, Mr. Willie Norfleet and City Council supported this initiative authorizing the purchase of fifteen (15) M4/AR 15 long rifles. The remaining fifteen (15) will hopefully be authorized for the next fiscal year.

4/10 WORK SCHEDULE

Socorro Police Department officers were working shifts that comprised of combined 8 hour and 12 hour assignments. The work shifts proved to be unpredictable and difficult for officers. We have transitioned to a 4/10 work schedule that when fully staffed, works well. The officers prefer the 4/10 work schedule and studies have shown that 4/10's allow for greater coverage.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Graduation ceremonies provide newly appointed officers and family members alike, an opportunity to embrace and recognize this momentous occasion. The graduation ceremonies have proven quite successful. Officers who have attended the ceremonies stated that they wished such a celebration would have been available for their swearing in. One of the components consists of the "human chain." This element of the ceremony requires the lead cadet to place his/her left hand on the bible while raising his/her right hand; the other officers then place their left hand on the shoulder of the cadet next to them while raising the right hand for the swearing in. This link between officers during the swearing in demonstrates to the community, and family members that we, as a profession, are collectively sworn to protect and serve our community and are forever united in our mission. The Chief's inspection symbolizes my commitment to our citizens that I will do everything in my power to ensure that our officers remain professional in their appearance and duties as a Socorro Police Officer. The graduation ceremony has been a popular component of this administration.

CANINE PROGRAM

I have endeavored to form partnerships with my colleagues from various law enforcement agencies. I have discussed organizational objectives and my vision for this organization. One such conversation with the Sheriff's Department resulted in the acquisition of a canine. The canine, "OTTO," was provided at no cost to the city. The canine is on loan until the City of Socorro decides Otto's services are no longer required. Canine require extensive training that is very costly. Partnerships, like that formed with Director Damian E. Montes, CBP Canine Program, Office of Training and Development, made it possible for Socorro Police Officer Johnny Harrelson and Otto to attend one of the most prestigious and extensive canine training programs in the country. Director Montes and the generosity of the Department of Homeland Security, have afforded the community of Socorro the ability to diversify its crime fighting arsenal with an exceptionally well trained team. The savings to the City of Socorro for establishing the very first canine program, is estimated at around $30,000.00. I recently contacted U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, Special Agent in

Charge, Will R. Glaspy to participate in a multi-agency task force that will enhance our capacity to protect the citizens of Socorro. The canine program will increase asset forfeiture opportunities, which can then be used for equipment and training, thus reducing the fiscal burden for the City of Socorro.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION NATIONAL ACADEMY

I have had the incredible fortune of attending the FBI National Academy in 1993 (Session # 175) as well as participate in a Federal Bureau of Investigation sponsored Leadership Fellows Program (2002). Upon arriving to Socorro, I visited with FBI Special Agent in Charge Douglas E. Lindquist, to discuss the Socorro Police Department. During our conversation I mentioned just how valuable it would be for Lt. Eddie Smith to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy. I discovered that a member of the Socorro Police Department has never attended the National Academy. Attendees are typically upper management, but because of the size of our agency and rank structure, newly appointed Lt. Eddie Smith qualified. It is with tremendous pride that Lt. Smith will be the first member of the Socorro Police Department to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy thanks to FBI Special Agent in Charge Douglas E. Lindquist. This high level of training will further serve to illustrate to our constituency our ability to lead our organization in an exemplary fashion.

NATIONAL FORENSIC ACADEMY

The National Forensic Academy, located in Knoxville, Tennessee is world renowned for training crime scene specialists in the most contemporary and advanced forensic developments. As Chief of other agencies, I have assigned crime scene specialists to attend this noteworthy institution. The rewards for our investment has proven invaluable. I have identified funds and Officer James Urquidi will be attending the next session which will be in December 2015 and end in February of 2016. Another first for the City of Socorro, Officer Urquidi will be exposed to many facets of crime scene processing and investigation. NFA is affiliated with the University of Tennessee's "cadaver school," which serves as the backdrop for many novels by noted author, Patricia Cornwell. Upon returning, Officer Urquidi will be required to develop training curriculum in an effort to impart newly acquired skills and knowledge. The NFA will also serve to build on our investigative capacity as we continue to demonstrate to the District Attorney that the Socorro Police Department is committed to improving our investigative aptitude.

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has painstakingly researched officer deaths. The research has included candid and very detailed interviews with cop killers. A common theme throughout the research is that these killers targeted certain types of officers. The profile suggested that overweight, sloppy, unkempt, and careless officers were more prone to attacks. I have been familiar with this research for a number of years. During my tenure as Chief of Police in other agencies, I have either developed or somehow maintained high physical fitness levels for officers. Socorro Police Department is no exception. The Vineyard Training Facility has been mostly equipped by donations and most recently, the generosity of the El Paso Sheriff's Department. While I have encouraged officers to participate in a cross fit style exercise program

designed by Sergeant Mario Flores, attendance has been disappointing. However, this is a work in progress and new to the officers. Mandatory testing has allowed us to benchmark physical fitness levels and with resolve our officers will continue to improve. The wellness program is intended to encourage voluntary participation with the emphasis that testing physical fitness levels is mandatory. The goal is to significantly improve fitness levels and reduce the potential for injury as we introduce self-defense programs. The overarching goal is officer safety.

ASSESSMENT CENTER TESTING

The literature in executive development programs suggests that leadership is often defined by the manner in which employees are promoted. Appointments and promotions for the Socorro Police Department, according to officers, has historically been at the discretion of the Chief. This type of process leaves the employees with the impression that they have no control over their careers and many perceive the appointments as purely subjective.

I have participated in the research and design of assessment testing processes while employed with the New Mexico State Police. By applying numerous principles, the assessment center testing methodology is arguably one of the most effective means of establishing a valid and reliable testing process. El Paso County Resource Administrator Melissa Carrillo, assisted in the design and administration of the Socorro Police Departments Sergeant Assessment Center. The testing process was established by identifying core competencies associated with the responsibilities of a sergeant position. Assessors included Lt. Eddie Smith, and two others from local law enforcement agencies. Ms. Carrillo coordinated, scheduled, and briefed all assessors and participants. Scoring was based on performance in relation to a scale, which was later combined for a final score. Candidates were ranked, based on performance. Promotions were made from a list of candidates scoring the highest. The assessment center process was introduced to Civil Service Commission and adopted as Socorro Police Department's testing methodology. The promotional list will be in effect for one year and testing will take place every July. This will allow those eligible for promotion to test every year and compete for positions as they become available. One very important aspect of assessment centers is the opportunity to not only measure performance, but identify training that will improve leadership potential.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

2014 marked Socorro's very first National Night Out. Law enforcement agencies from the area displayed equipment and a wide assortment of vehicles to our citizens. The large number of agencies who participated illustrates our collective effort to continue serving and protecting our citizens. This collaborative effort, including our citizenry, serves as a vital and integral component for making the City of Socorro one of the safest cities in Texas. National Night Out is a national effort to encourage communities to "take back" their neighborhoods from the grasp of criminals. It further demonstrates the importance of working together to be more effective. Future programs designed to engage our community will include a citizen's academy and (contingent on additional resources) adopting Socorro High Schools Criminal Justice Program as we begin to establish Socorro Police Department's Explorer Program.

Recognizing and implementing best practices is a central theme for the Texas Chiefs of Police Association Recognition Program. The Recognition Program is a state accreditation program designed to adopt a systems approach for establishing a professional law enforcement agency that embraces best practices. The Socorro Police Department will participate in the Recognition Program and receive accreditation within the next year.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIPS

Two Socorro Police Officers have been accepted to participate in an FBI multi-agency task force. Participation affords the investigators an opportunity to engage in complex, sophisticated investigations requiring advanced techniques surpassing Socorro Police Department's capabilities. This partnership allows our officers to receive advanced training specializing in a variety of subjects. Officers will rotate which provides opportunities for other officers as well. Upon completion of the assignment the officers will return to Socorro Police Department. The exposure to complex investigations, advanced training, and networking provides a means for investing in our departments future, in addition to enhancing and improving our capacity to best serve our citizens.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved by City Council, which allows our canine officer to participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) multi-agency task force. Coordination is currently under way for participating in a task force organized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The reputation of the Socorro Police Department has been sullied over the years; however, my efforts and the hard work and professionalism of our officers, serve to build credibility and legitimacy with our community. Participation in the FBI's National Academy, National Forensics Academy, and other multi-agency task forces are vital to ensuring that the Socorro Police Department performs services at an optimal level. The collective efforts of management and our dedicated officers will ensure a bright and productive future for the City of Socorro.

Respectfully submitted.

Xc: Mayor Jesus A. Ruiz
City Council Members

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF ABSENT:
Anthony Gandara *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.)*

STAFF PRESENT:
Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
James Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

STAFF PRESENT:
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Supervisor
Omar Guevara. IT
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director
Lt. Eddie Smith
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief
Karina Hagelsieb, Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Juan Prado, Rafael Salcedo, Jesus Yamaguchi, Margie Perez, Ruth M.Rascon, Luisa Yamaguchi, Sergio Jaime, Marina Yamaguchi and Luis Sigala spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. *PRESENTATION* ON OPENGOV APPLICATION. ***MAYOR JESUS RUIZ***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number five (5).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Anthony Gandara

6. *PRESENTATION* BY INTERIM CITY MANAGER REGARDING MONTHLY REPORT. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *suspend the rule and allow one more speaker for Public Comment.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Anthony Gandara

Jasmin and Alex Miranda spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING

7. *FIRST PUBLIC HEARING* REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 0.727555 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

Hilario Silva, Al Gutierrez, Maria Rivas, Rafael Salcedo, Irene Villalobos, Sergio Jaime and Jesus Yamaguchi spoke during Public Comment.

Public Hearing closed at 6:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move up item number twenty-two (22).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Anthony Gandara

22. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve September 10,2015 for final action on the tax rate and the municipal budget.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent: Anthony Gandara

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

8. *PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION* REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. *EXCUSE* ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

10. *APPROVAL* OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 2, JULY 16, AUGUST 6, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2015. ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

11. *APPROVAL* OF CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2015. ***KARINA HAGELSIEB***

12. *APPROVAL* OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR JULY 2015. ***KARINA HAGELSIEB***

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox
Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez
Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING

13. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF $16,200.00 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT.** ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone item number thirteen (13).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

14. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES OF DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CO. FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT.** ***SAM LEONY***

Sam Leony and Jesus Reyes, Engineer for Dannenbaum Engineering Co., spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number fourteen (14).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Sergio Cox
Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez
Absent:

15. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF UNDERGROUND METAL CULVERT PIPE AND BRIDGE EXPANSION AT BAUMAN RD., AND YSLA LATERAL, TO BE DONE EPCWID#1 AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara, seconded by Victor Perez to *approve and include SISD.* Motion passed.

Sam Leony and Rafael Salcedo spoke on this item.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

16. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A CHILD CARE HOME ON LOT 8, BLOCK 16, VALLE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION UNIT 3 AT 10381 VALLE FERTIL DR.** ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number sixteen (16).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

17. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON THE EVENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR A CHRISTMAS TOY FUNDRAISER/CAR SHOW ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2015 AT 669 HORIZON BLVD. ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number seventeen (17).*

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete item number seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* OF THE PROPOSED CONNECTIVITY AND TRAFFIC MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING DIRECTOR. ***SAM LEONY***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Gloria M. Rodriguez stepped back into the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Rene Rodriguez stepped out of the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Rene stepped back into the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVING THE UPDATED PURCHASING POLICY. ***KARINA HAGELSIEB***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY WHITE, SAMANIEGO & CAMPBELL. ***KARINA HAGELSIEB***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty (20).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent:

21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVING THE UPDATED TRAVEL POLICY AMENDMENT NO. 5. ***KARINA HAGELSIEB***

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

CITY MANAGER

23. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2016 BUDGET PLAN. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

24. *RECONSIDERATION* OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Item postponed.

25. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox
Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez
Absent

26. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY 2015. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

27. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ALLOW DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE AND OTHER CITY STAFF TO TML ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2015 IN SAN ANTONIO TEXAS. *MAYOR JESUS RUIZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-seven (27).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

28. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPOINTING SUKY RAMOS TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION. *RENE RODRIGUEZ*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox
Nays: Gloria M. Rodriguez
Absent

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:09 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.

32. ***Discussion and action*** regarding claim submitted by Refugio Orta [551.071].

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *postpone item number thirty-two (32) for the next Regular Meeting of September 3, 2015.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

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. ***Adriana Rodarte***

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. ***Adriana Rodarte***

31. ***Discussion and action*** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation. ***Adriana Rodarte***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Victor Perez to *delete items twenty-nine, thirty (30) and thirty-one (31).* Motion passed.

33. ***ADJOURN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:41 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

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Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

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Date minutes were approved

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Sergio Cox
District 1

Gloria M. Rodríguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

BUDGET WORKSHOP
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF ABSENT:
Rene Rodriguez *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.)*
Anthony Gandara *(Arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.)*

STAFF PRESENT:
Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
James Martinez, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:
Omar Guevara. IT
Douglas Lobdell, Public Works Director
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Department
Karina Hagelsieb, Chief Financial Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Orta and Refugio Orta spoke during Public Comment.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

5. *DISCUSSION* ON A BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Rene Rodriguez arrived to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Presentation by Adriana Rodarte.

6. *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. ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

7. *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.
ADRIANA RODARTE

8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *delete items six (6) six, (7) seven and eight (8).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

9. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *adjourn at 8:27 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox, and Gloria M. Rodriguez
Nays:
Absent

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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

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Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

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Date minutes were approved

Jesus Ruiz
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District 2

Victor Perez
District 3 / Mayor-Pro Tem

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
Interim City Manager

BUDGET WORKSHOP
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez *(Sat in as Mayor Pro-Tem)*

STAFF ABSENT:
Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Anthony Gandara

STAFF PRESENT:
Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
David Mirazo, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:
Victor Reta

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Gloria M. Rodriguez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Carlos Maldonado.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with four members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment

PRESENTATION

5. ***PRESENTATION* ON CITY EVENTS.** ***VICTOR RETA***

Presentation by Victor Reta.

SERGIO COX WALKED OUT OF THE MEETING AT 6:08 P.M. AND QUORUM WAS BROKEN.

6. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

Discussion by Adriana Rodarte.

7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON A BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

8. ***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.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

9. ***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.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

10. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

11. ***ADJOURN***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:12 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez and, Rene Rodriguez
Nays: Anthony Gandara, Sergio Cox
Absent

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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

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Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

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Date minutes were approved

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Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodríguez
Representative At-Large

Sergio Cox
Representative District 1

Gloria M. Rodríguez
Representative District 2

Victor Perez
Representative District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Anthony Gándara
Representative District 4

Willie Norfleet, Jr.
City Manager

ORDINANCE 376

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the City Council amend and update the City's Organizational Chart; and,

WHERAS, it appears that it is necessary and desirable for the City Council to amend the City's Organizational Chart as set for the below.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

That the matters and facts stated in the preamble hereof be, and same are hereby found and adjudicated to be true and correct.

SECTION 2. AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

That the Organizational Chart for the City of Socorro, which is attached here as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes, is hereby approved and adopted by the City Council to be effective immediately.

SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.

That all Ordinances of the City of Socorro, or parts thereof, that conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of said conflict hereby repealed, but only to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of adoption.

SECTION 5. PREREQUISITES.

That this ordinance was duly enacted with all requisites and formalities incident to the enactment of ordinances and any existing ordinance of amendments is hereby repealed and such is evidenced by the signatures below.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

This 1st day of October 2015.

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Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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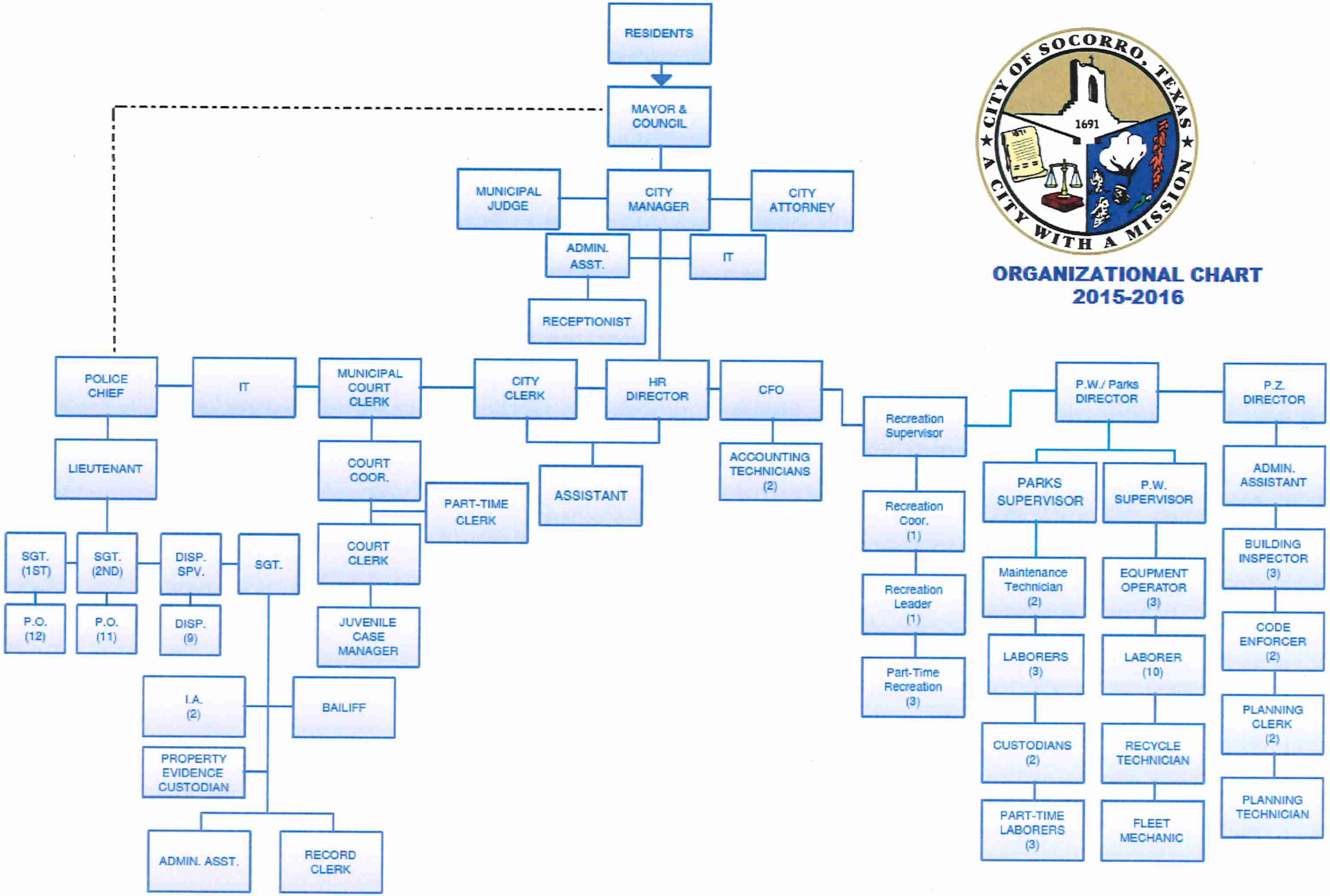
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

First Reading: September 17, 2015
Second Reading: October 1, 2015

Exhibit "A"

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART 2015-2016



October 1, 2015