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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL 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.

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY VIRTUAL SERVICES**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ISSUED MARCH 16, 2020, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO WILL CONDUCT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 6:00 PM BROADCASTED FROM CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 860 RIO VISTA., RD. SOCORRO, TEXAS VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AND LIVED STREAMED IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT OUR LOCATION (ALSO CALLED "SOCIAL DISTANCING") TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19). THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION DESCRIBED BELOW.

THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT [HTTP://CI.SOCORRO.TX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE](http://ci.socorro.tx.us/city-clerk-public-notice) THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610.

THE PUBLIC MUST CALL IN 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610 BY 5:30 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME (MST) ON DECEMBER 17, 2020 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

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1. Call to order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 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.)

**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**

- 5. *Excuse*** absent council members.

***Olivia Navarro***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 6. *Discussion and action*** to approve the use of CARES Act Funding for the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program and enter into a service agreement with the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).  
***Alejandra Valadez***
- 7. *Discuss and action*** on 184 Santa Paula Dr, to see what can be done on implementing safety measures. It has been many accidents over the years.  
***Rene Rodriguez***
- 8. *Discussion and action*** to approve Resolution 630 canvassing the returns of the Runoff Election held December 12, 2020.  
***Adriana Rodarte***
- 9. *Swear In Ceremony*** for incoming elected officials.  
***Adriana Rodarte***



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:***

10. ***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*

11. ***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*

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


13. ***Adjourn***

**DATED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, 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 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 12-14-20 on 4:15  
Removed: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

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December 14, 2020

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, Grants Coordinator**

Discussion and action to approve the use of CARES Act Funding for the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program and enter into a service agreement with the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).

**SUMMARY**

City Council will approve the use of CARES Act Funding to establish a Utility Assistance Program for Socorro residents and enter into a service agreement totaling \$16,000 with the Lower Valley Water District.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The use of CARES Act funding for utility assistance programs is an eligible expense. There are a minimum of 33 households that have applied for utility assistance through Project Bravo, but have not received assistance due to a lack of funding. The El Paso County General Assistance Office also provides utility assistance but does not have funding to assist these residents at the moment. The COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program will assist Socorro residents who are eligible to receive utility assistance but have not been able to receive assistance due to lack of funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): N/A**

**Funding Source: COVID-19 CARES Act Funding**

**Amount: \$16,000**

**Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price): N/A**

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City will **not** approve the use of CARES Act Funding for the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program and enter into a service agreement with the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPROVE** – The City **will** approve use of CARES Act Funding for the COVID-19 Utility Assistance Program and enter into a service agreement with the Lower Valley Water District (LVWD).

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. CFO \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Service Agreement

### I. Overview

The purpose of the COVID-19 Water Assistance Program is to assist eligible low-income and COVID-impacted households with their water service bills including fees as part of the regular monthly bill.

For the purpose of this Service Agreement, a Water Provider is defined as a provider or conveyor of water service that furnishes water service to more than one customer certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The Water Provider (or "Vendor") agrees to honor the purpose of the COVID-19 Water Assistance Program and to administer funding provided by the City of Socorro (the "City") only for certified customers to whom Vendor continues to provide water services. The Water Assistance Provider agrees to make payments only for eligible low-income and COVID-impacted clients.

### II. Agreement

This Service Agreement, (the "Agreement") is by and between:

**The City of Socorro, Texas**

Agency (City)

(and the "Vendor")

**Lower Valley Water District**

Water Provider (Vendor)

The Vendor and the City agree to assist customers in the following service area: areas within the city limits of the City of Socorro. This agreement shall be effective from the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, until December 30, 2020. Either party may terminate this agreement by written notice. Such written notice of termination shall not affect any obligation by either party incurred prior to the receipt of such notice. Notice shall be sent via certified mail with return receipt requested.

Lower Valley Water District

(Vendor Name)

P.O. Box 909, Clint, TX 79836

(Vendors Mailing Address)

City of Socorro, Texas

(Name of Agency)

124 Horizon Blvd., Socorro, TX 79927

(Agency Mailing Address)

### **III. Disclosures**

The City named above represents and warrants to Vendor that it is a sub-recipient of the CARES Act Funding and as such is authorized to provide bill payment assistance service for eligible low-income households.

The Vendor named above is a Water Provider certified by the Public Utility Commission of Texas and represents and warrants that it is authorized to receive payments from City on behalf of a customer that has been determined to be eligible under the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) guidelines and as such is a "Certified Customer".

### **IV. Deliverables**

#### **A. Vendor will, with reference to Certified Customer:**

1. Provide a list of program-eligible Certified Customers who have been determined to be eligible pursuant to the funding guidelines to the City.
2. Provide documentation and records related to Certified Customer eligibility, and all financial backup to the City.
3. Continue or restore water service to Certified Customer with no increases in charges, service charges, or other charges, affecting the total cost of the bill, except as allowed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "PUCT").
4. Invoice the Certified Customer in accordance with Vendor's normal billing practices.
5. Not discriminate against Certified Customer in price or services, including the availability of deferred payment plans, level or average payment plans, discount, budget, advance payment or other credit plans.
6. Rates offered to Certified Customer must be in accordance with the current approved tariffs by the PUCT.
7. Not refuse to provide water service or otherwise discriminate in the marketing and provision of water service to any Certified Customer because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, lawful source of income, level of income, disability, financial status, locations of customer in an economically distressed geographic area, or qualification for low-income services.
8. In the event that the Certified Customer no longer resides where the water utility is serviced or if the water assistance pledge is not utilized for other reasons, the Vendor agrees to return all funds to the City in the form of a reimbursement check with Certified Customer/s payment detail provided. The City will not accept credits for unused water assistance funds.

#### **B. The City will:**

1. Provide payment to the vendor in one lump sum of up to **\$16,000**, for all Certified Customers who are residents of Socorro, Texas that are eligible for the program, up to the amount indicated herein.

### **V. Authorization**

The terms of any confidential transaction under this Agreement or any other information exchanged by the City and Vendor relating to any transaction shall not be disclosed to any person

not employed or retained by the City or Vendor, their affiliates, or brokers, except to the extent disclosure is (1) required by law; (2) is permitted by written consent of the other party; or (3) is information which is or has been previously published, or becomes publicly known through no action of the City or the Vendor.

**VENDOR**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Vendor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Agreement Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

Lower Valley Water District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Water Provider

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) Telephone Number

**AGENCY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Vendor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Agreement Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

City of Socorro, Texas

\_\_\_\_\_  
Agency Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Area Code) Telephone Number



## ITEM 7

**From:** [atlarge](#)  
**To:** [onavarro@ci.socorro.tx.us](mailto:onavarro@ci.socorro.tx.us)  
**Subject:** Item  
**Date:** Friday, December 4, 2020 4:48:56 PM

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Its before 5pm.

Discuss and action on 184 Santa Paula Dr, to see what can be done on implementing safety measures. It has been many accidents over the years.

Back up: we can take measurements on speeders or placing lighting , speed bump or guardrail.

Cost: \$800- \$1,800.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



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**RESOLUTION 630**

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF THE RUNOFF ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ON SATURDAY, THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MAYOR AND AT-LARGE AND DISTRICT NO. 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Socorro ordered a Runoff election to be held on December 12, 2020, for the purpose of electing the City of Socorro Mayor and At- Large and District No. 4 Representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the election officers who held said election have duly made returns of the results thereof and said returns have been duly delivered to the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:**

1. That the City Council officially finds and determines that notice of said runoff election was duly given, that proper election officers were duly appointed prior to said election, that said election was duly held, that due returns of the results of said election have been duly made and delivered, that the runoff election charter amendment election returns have properly been made out and duly certified by the officers of said runoff election in the different voting precincts of the City, and that the City Council has duly canvassed said returns, all in accordance with law and the resolution and amendments thereto calling said election.

2. That the City Council officially finds and determines that the following votes were cast at said runoff election for the following offices by the resident, qualified electors of said City, who voted at the election:

**MAYOR RESULTS**

<b>Ivy Avalos</b>	624 votes	(60.64%)
Jesus S. "Chuy" Hernandez	405 votes	(39.36%)

**AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

<b>Ruben Reyes</b>	548 votes	(54.37%)
Jesse Montelongo	460 votes	(45.63%)

**DISTRICT NO. 4 REPRESENTATIVE**

<b>Yvonne Colon-Villalobos</b>	148 votes	(52.30%)
Jaime Huereca	135 votes	(47.70%)

3. That for the offices of Mayor, At-Large Representative and District No. 4 Representative, Ivy Avalos, Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos, respectfully, received more than a 50% majority of all votes cast for such office and that the number of votes cast for each person who was a candidate for such office, according to the returns, is shown in paragraph 2 hereof.

4. That on file in the City Clerk's Office and made a part hereof by reference are copies of the mechanical precinct tabulations of the votes cast at the runoff election held on December 12, 2020, to elect the offices of Mayor, At-Large Representative and District No. 4 Representative, showing the number of votes cast in each precinct for each candidate.

5. That this Resolution is adopted subject to the right of any candidate to contest such general election as provided by law.

6. That this Resolution was acted upon in accordance with the law by the Presiding Officer and City Council and was deemed that upon passage, it shall take effect immediately.

SO RESOLVED in open meeting by vote of the City Council this day of December, 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cesar Nevarez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE: December 17, 2020