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NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO

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 AUGUST 13, 2020, AT 6:00 PM BROADCASTED FROM CITY CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE AND LIVE 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 PHYSICAL PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE LOCATION DESCRIBED ABOVE.

THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT 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 AUGUST 13, 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.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

6. ***Discussion and action*** on the Master Sidewalk Plan Projects. ***Michael Medina***

CITY MANAGER

7. ***Discussion and action*** regarding adoption of Resolution 624 regarding the calculation of the voter approval tax rate. ***Adriana Rodarte***

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

8. ***Discussion and action*** to reduce Tax Rate. ***Rene Rodriguez***

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:

9. ***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***

10. ***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***

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

12. ***Adjourn***

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 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 10th DAY OF AUGUST, 2020

By: Olivia Navarro
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 8-10-2020 @ 2:37 pm
Removed: _____ Time: _____ by: _____

ITEM 6

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August 7, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and Action to remove Middle Drain Road (Section 6) and add Isabel Way and Reveles Way (Section 6) to the Master Sidewalk Plan Projects for construction.

SUMMARY

Staff is recommending adding Isabel Way and Reveles Way in lieu of Middle Drain for construction. All proposed projects are located within Section 6.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

On February 6, 2020 Council approved the allocation of $400,000 for sidewalks outside the Safe Routes to School network. On August 6, 2020 staff reported to council right-of-way concerns with project on Middle Drain Road between Ormsby Court and Tanton Road. The proposed project does not have ample right-of-way.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price):

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#):

ALTERNATIVE

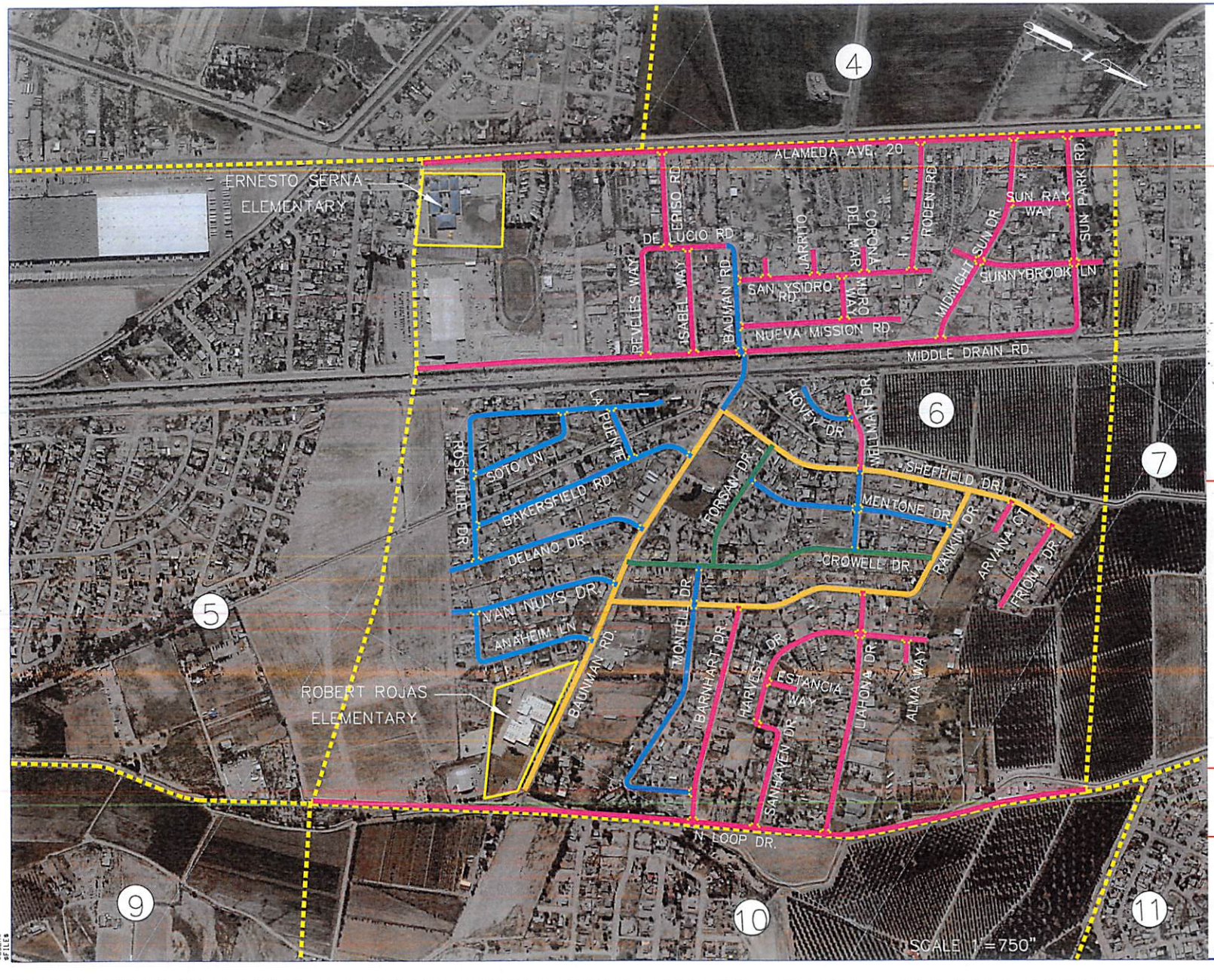
Postpone or deny.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

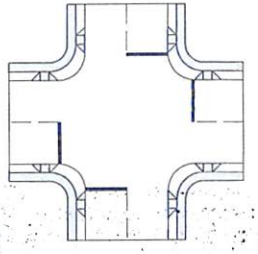
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

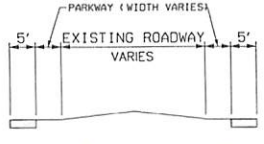


LEGEND

- SRTS PHASE I (COMPLETED)
- SRTS PHASE II (COMPLETED)
- SRTS PHASE III-A
- SRTS PHASE III-B
- SRTS PHASE IV
- SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN
- SOCORRO CITY LIMITS
- SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN
- PROPOSED ADA RAMP



TYPICAL SIDEWALK AND ADA RAMPS AT INTERSECTION



SIDEWALK TYPICAL SECTION

DANNENBAUM
ENGINEERING CORPORATION - EL PASO, LLC
T.B.P.E. FIRM REGISTRATION #14531
10737 GATEWAY BLVD. WEST, STE 112 EL PASO, TX 79935 (915)629-0401

MASTER PLAN SIDEWALK SECTION 6

SCALE: 1" = 750'

$TIMES
$DATES
$USERS
$FILES

ITEM 7

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RESOLUTION 624

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster in El Paso County pursuant to State Law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Socorro, experienced tremendous disruption caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code provides that the governing body of a taxing unit located in an area declared to be a disaster area by the Governor or by the president of the United States may direct the designated officer of the City to calculate the voter-approval tax rate in the manner provided for a special taxing unit (8 percent); and

WHEREAS, Section 26.07(b) of the Texas Tax Code gives cities the ability to avoid an automatic tax rate approval election following certain disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Socorro City Manager is the designated Budget Officer of the City.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO:

SECTION 1. That the City of Socorro, hereby directs in accordance with Section 26.04(c-1) of the Texas Tax Code, that the Budget Officer or her designee calculate the voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2020 in the manner provided for a special taxing unit at 8 percent.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to exercise any and all options available for declared emergencies in accordance with The Texas Reform and Transparency Act of 2019 (Senate Bill 2) to ensure the continued financial health of the City.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Socorro, Texas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13TH day of AUGUST, 2020.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

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Elia Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS FORM:

_____

James A. Martinez
City Attorney

City of Socorro
Tax Rate and Revenue Analysis

		2021				
		FY 2021 No Change	FY 2021 No New Revenue Rate	FY 2021 Voter Approval Rate *	FY 2021 Voter Approval Rate **	FY 2021 Voter Approval Rate ***
Tax Rate	M&O	$ 0.658530	$ 0.652640	$ 0.630605	$ 0.658023	$ 0.648023
Tax Rate	I&S	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972
Tax Rate	Combined	$ 0.837502	$ 0.831612	$ 0.809577	$ 0.836995	$ 0.826995
Assessed Valuation		$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009
Tax Revenue	M&O	$ 7,123,398	$ 7,059,685	$ 6,821,330	$ 7,117,914	$ 7,009,743
Tax Revenue	I&S	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962
Tax Revenue	Combined	$ 9,059,360	$ 8,995,647	$ 8,757,292	$ 9,053,875	$ 8,945,704
Budget Effects:						
M&O Revenues Produced - Property Taxes		$ 7,123,398	$ 7,059,685	$ 6,821,330	$ 7,117,914	$ 7,009,743
Total Other Revenues		3,548,200	3,548,200	3,548,200	3,548,200	3,548,200
Total Projected Revenues		$ 10,671,598.09	$ 10,607,885.26	$ 10,369,530.01	$ 10,666,113.81	$ 10,557,942.61
Total Budget Expenditures		$ 11,460,931.00	$ 11,460,931.00	$ 11,460,931.00	$ 11,460,931.00	$ 11,460,931.00
Projected Reserves Required		$ 789,332.91	$ 853,045.74	$ 1,091,400.99	$ 794,817.19	$ 902,988.39
Increase in Reserve Required from "No Change"		$ -	$ 63,712.84	$ 302,068.08	$ 5,484.28	$ 113,655.48
Home Owner Effects						
Home Value	$ 75,000	$ 628.13	$ 623.71	$ 607.18	$ 627.75	$ 620.25
Home Value	$ 85,000	$ 711.88	$ 706.87	$ 688.14	$ 711.45	$ 702.95
Home Value	$ 100,000	$ 837.50	$ 831.61	$ 809.58	$ 837.00	$ 827.00
Increase (Decrease) in Amount Paid Home Value $100,000			$ (5.89)	(27.93)	$ (0.51)	$ (10.51)

M&O Maintenance and Operations
I&S Interest and Sinking - Debt Service

* 3.5% increase of the M&O portion of the rate.
** 8.0% increase of the M&O portion of the rate.
*** 8.0% increase of the M&O portion of the rate less 1 cent.

City of Socorro
Tax Rate, Assessed Valuation, & New Taxable Property Comparisons

			2021					
		FY 2021 No Change	FY 2021 No New Revenue Rate	FY 2021 Voter Approval Rate	Change No New Revenue Rate vs FY 2020	Percent Change	Change Voter Approval Rate vs FY 2020	Percent Change
Tax Rate	**M&O**	$ 0.658530	$ 0.652640	$ 0.630605	$ (0.005890)	-0.89%	$ (0.027925)	-4.24%
Tax Rate	**I&S**	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972	$ 0.178972	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
Tax Rate	**Combined**	$ 0.837502	$ 0.831612	$ 0.809577	$ (0.005890)	-0.70%	$ (0.027925)	-3.33%
Assessed Valuation		$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009	$ 1,081,712,009	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
Tax Revenue	**M&O**	$ 7,123,398	$ 7,059,685	$ 6,821,330	$ (63,713)	-0.89%	$ (302,068)	-4.24%
	I&S	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962	$ 1,935,962	$ -	0.00%	$ -	0.00%
	Total	$ 9,059,360	$ 8,995,647	$ 8,757,292	$ (63,713)	-0.70%	$ (302,068)	-3.33%

Home Value	**75,000**	$ 628.13	$ 623.71	$ 607.18
Home Value	**85,000**	$ 711.88	$ 706.87	$ 688.14
Home Value	**100,000**	$ 837.50	$ 831.61	$ 809.58

M&O Maintenance and Operations
I&S Interest and Sinking - Debt Service

SB2 - 3.5% increase will require an automatic election

City of Socorro
Debt Service (Interest & Sinking Fund) Tax Rate
FYE 2021

Net Taxable Value - 2019 Estimated Certified Totals		$ 1,120,000,000
Fund Balance - Amount Available for Debt Service		(300,000)
Debt Service for FYE 2018		
Principal	$ 1,225,000	
Interest	992,575	2,217,575
Total needed from FYE 2021 Tax Revenues		1,917,575
Debt Service Tax Rate		$ 0.171212

Debt Service by Certificate of Obligation

Code	Principal	Interest	Total
11CO	$ 125,000	$ 72,213	$ 197,213
19CO	195,000	281,925	476,925
20RF	300,000	217,550	517,550
16GR	320,000	90,350	410,350
14CO	285,000	330,538	615,538
Totals	$ 1,225,000	$ 992,575	$ 2,217,575