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City Manager

**NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LA INSTALACIÓN ES ACCESIBLE PARA SILLAS DE RUEDAS Y HAY PLAZAS DE ESTACIONAMIENTOS DISPONIBLES. LAS SOLICITUDES DE ADAPTACIÓN PARA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION DEBEN HACERSE 48 HORAS ANTES DE ESTA REUNIÓN. COMUNÍQUESE CON LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD AL (915) 858-2915 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN

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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 16TH, DAY OF JUNE, 2022 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:

THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT [HTTP://COSTX.US/REGULAR-CITY-COUNCIL-MEETING](http://costx.us/regular-city-council-meeting) THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610.

THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610 BY 5:30 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME (MST) ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022 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.)

PRESENTATIONS

- 5. Recognition** to the Tropicana Homes for their sponsorship to the Veterans Memorial.

Rudy Cruz, Jr.

- 6. Presentation** by City Manager, regarding May 2022 Monthly Report.

Adriana Rodarte

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320

- 7. Excuse** absent council members.

Olivia Navarro

- 8. Approval** of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2022.

Olivia Navarro

9. ***Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a Public Hearing*** of an ordinance adopting the proposed draft map for redistricting thereby revising City Council member district boundaries in response to the 2020 Census. ***Adriana Rodarte***

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

10. ***Discussion and action*** to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Socorro and LiftFund, Inc. to foster small business and entrepreneurship programs and support in Socorro, Texas. ***Alejandra Valadez***
11. ***Discussion and action*** to enter into a grant agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward to City of Socorro, Texas in the amount of \$50,000. ***Alejandra Valadez***
12. ***Discussion and action*** to approve Resolution 701 and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Bovee Bridge Replacement project in Socorro, Texas. ***Alejandra Valadez***
13. ***Discussion and action*** to approve Resolution 702 and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Rio Vista Bridge Replacement project in Socorro, Texas. ***Alejandra Valadez***
14. ***Discussion and action*** to approve the ratification of Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Passmore Shared-Use Path project in Socorro, Texas. ***Alejandra Valadez***
15. ***Discussion and action*** to approve the detailed budget for the ARPA Economic Recovery Program. ***Alejandra Valadez***

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

16. ***Discussion and action*** to approve Resolution 703 approving a preliminary and final plat for Calle De la Bosque Del Piro Subdivision, being Tracts 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, AND 11E, Block 20 SOCORRO GRANT, Socorro, Texas and approving two variances: 1. A variance to allow for a lot smaller than the required one acre in an A-1 (Agricultural) Zoning and 2. A variance to allow for a reduction in the front yard setback. ***Carlos Gallinar***

- 17. Discussion and action** Resolution 704 approving a request from the City of Socorro to the El Paso Electric Company to relocate items due to Roadway and Shared Use Path Improvements: 1. relocation of electrical pole at the corner of Rio Vista and Alameda 2. relocation of electrical pole at the corner of Bovee Road and Alameda Avenue and 3. relocation of Two Guy Wires along Passmore Road. **Carlos Gallinar**

CITY MANAGER

- 18. Discussion and action** to approve Resolution 705, a resolution directing publication of Notice of Intension to issue Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation to provide funds for flood control projects; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. **Adriana Rodarte**
- 19. Discussion and action** to approve Mayor, Council members, City Manager, and staff members to attend the TML 110th Annual Conference and Exhibition from October 5th through October 7th, 2022, in San Antonio Texas. **Adriana Rodarte**
- 20. Discussion and action** on approving the issuance of the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021, Annual Financial Report by SBNG Certified Public Accountants. **Adriana Rodarte**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 21. Discussion and action** to direct staff to research options and develop proposals to impose or revise setback requirements for properties with swimming pools. **Mayor Ivy Avalos**
- 22. Discussion and action** to expand the participation of IDEA students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and experience the local government function at council meetings. **Ruben Reyes**
- 23. Discussion and action** to approve the appointment of Ricardo Avalos to the Ethics Commission Place 5. **Ruben Reyes**
- 24. Discussion and action** to approve the appointment of Alberto Lagunas to the Board of Adjustments Place 3. **Rudy Cruz, Jr.**
- 25. Swearing in** of newly appointed commissioner.
- 26. Discussion and action** to approve Resolution 706 and letter urging Governor Greg Abbott to call a Special Emergency Session to address gun violence. **Rudy Cruz, Jr.**

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:


27. 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

28. 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

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

30. Adjourn

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE, 2022

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 13th OF JUNE, 2022

By: 

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 6-13-22 @ 2:31 pm
Removed: _____ Time: _____ by: _____

ITEM 5

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City Manager

June 9, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: District 3 Representative, Rudy Cruz Jr.

SUBJECT: Recognition to the Tropicana Homes for their sponsorship to the Veterans Memorial.

SUMMARY

Tropicana Homes has graciously sponsored a total of \$25,000 to the Veterans Memorial. I'd like to recognize them for their partnerships and active role in our community.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source: N/A

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

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City Manager

June 13, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Presentation by City Manager, regarding May 2022 monthly report.

SUMMARY

City Manager will provide a brief report on all City of Socorro Departments for the month of May 2022.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

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ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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



**Socorro Municipal Court
May 2022**

1. SMC has arraignments every Mondays of the month, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM and from 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM.
2. April 27th submitted the April 2022 DSC report to our City Clerk.
3. May 2nd thru May 4th Mrs. Gonzalez and Mrs. Chaparro-Candelaria went to the TMCEC clerks training.
4. May 3rd Code Enforcement showcase & pre-trials.
5. May 4th submitted the collection report to the Collections Law Firm.
6. May 10th FTA Hearings in the morning and Juveniles pre-trials in the afternoon via Zoom.
7. May 11th Submitted the monthly Omni Base report (defendants with active warrants will not be able to renew their DL).
8. May 17th FTA Hearings in the morning via Zoom.
9. May 18th Submitted the DPS and OCA dismissals and convictions report.
10. May 26th and May 27th Mrs. Chaparro-Candelaria went to the TMCEC Fundamentals training.
11. May 31st Showcase hearings all day (defendants and attorneys).
12. 7 cases were closed with jail time credit.

29 Capias Pro Fine.

3 Partial Satisfaction with community service.

7 Full Satisfaction with community service.

8 Alcohol offences, 3 Paraphernalia, 7 Curfew and 12 Traffic citations were issued to minors under 21 years old.

No Felony warrants, Magistrates were signed by the Honorable Judge Velarde Reyes.

1 indigent hearing; \$698.10 fine and court cost waived.

316 citations were issued by SPD: 12 DPS, 55 animal control and 62 Code Enforcement.

\$71,755.76 total collected the month of May 2022.



Parks & Public Works Monthly Report MAY 2022

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Thunder Rd Culvert Cleaning
- Assist with Website Launch
- Assist with Candlelight Vigil
- Clean up City own property at 110 N. Nevarez 5/12
- Maintenance at Cougar Park
- Aerator repaired / replaced at Bulldog Park
- Prepare for opening of Splash Park

SIGNAGE:

- Stop - Raincloud 5/6
- Stop – Raincloud/ Grijalba 5/6
- Stop – Datsun / Telop 5/13
- Speed Hump Ahead – Bovee 5/13
- Speed Limit 30 – Bovee 5/13
- Stop – Bovee 5/13
- Stop – Bovee 5/13
- No Semi Trucks – Sudan / N. Loop 5/13
- Speed Bump – Thunder Rd 5/13
- Ditch Marker – Passmore 5/17
- Stop – Brisa del Valle / Joya del Valle 5/17
- Street Names – Stockyard / Cielo Mar 5/20
- Stop – Moon / Montreal 5/24
- Left Curve – Stedham 5/24
- Speed Limit 25 – Delhi 5/25
- Slow Children Playing – Delhi 5/25
- Stop – Delhi / Calcutta 5/25



**Parks & Public Works
Monthly Report
MAY
2022**

WEED CONTROL:

- Nuevo Hueco – 5/25
- Rio Vista Dr – 5/25
- Jesus de Barrera – 5/23-5/27
- Flor Margarita
- Flor Cipres
- Flor Achelia
- Telop
- Flor Fresia
- Flor Gloriosa
- Flor Veronica
- Flor Liatris

DECEASED ANIMAL PICKUP:

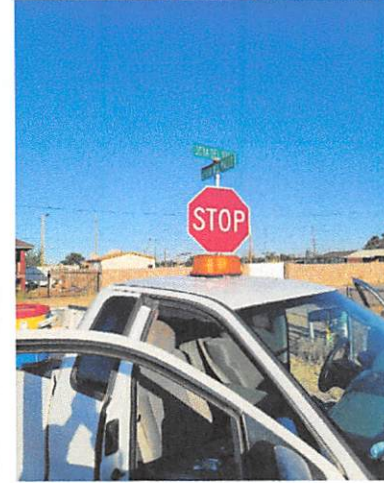
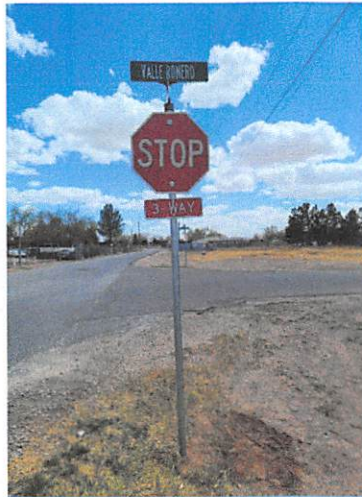
- Bauman / Middle Drain - Dog 5/3

POTHOLE:

- Flor Bonita 5/11
- Jewel & Dindinger

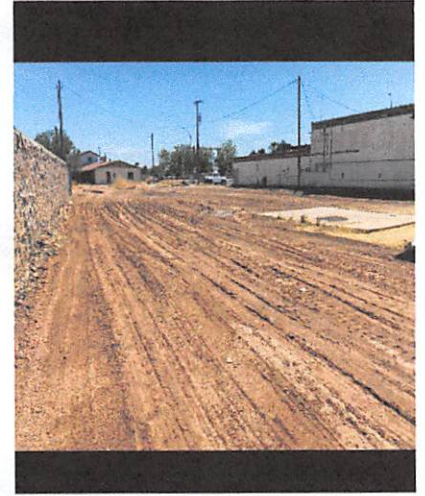
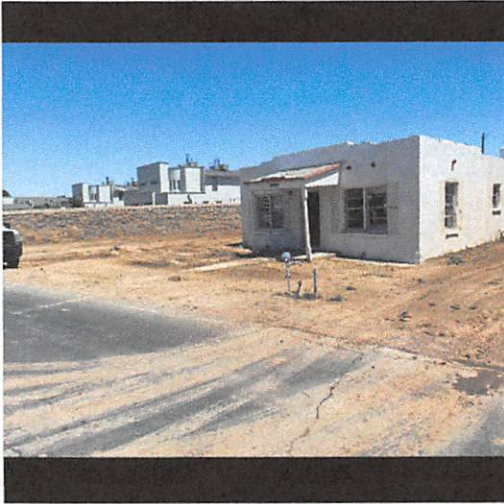


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SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY 2022 MONTHLY REPORT

Calls for Service

Total	2,095
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Arrest

Charge	Total
Assault / Family Violence (Misdemeanor)	7
Assault / Family Violence (Felony)	3
Assault Non-Family Violence (Misdemeanor)	1
Assault Non-Family Violence (Felony)	4
Driving While Intoxicated (Felony)	2
Driving While Intoxicated (Misdemeanor)	9
Robbery	1
Possession of Controlled Substance (Felony)	3
Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor)	0
Possession of Marijuana (Felony)	0
Fail to Comply with Sex Offender Registry	1
Wanted Subjects Arrest (Warrant Executions)	5
Class C Traffic Arrest	5
Violation of Protective Order	2
Burglary of Vehicles	1
Theft	0
Abandoning / Endangering a Child	0
Burglary of Vehicle	0
Evading Arrest	0
Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon	1
Interference with Emergency Request for Assistance	0
Unauthorized use of a Motor Vehicle	0
Interference with Child Custody	0
Sexual Assault	1
Deceptive Business Practice	1
Disorderly Conduct Discharge of a Firearm	0
Harassment by a person in a correctional facility	0
Unauthorized use of Vehicle	1
Stalking	0
TOTAL	48

Training

Officer Name	TCOLE Course	Date
BENAVIDEZ, MARIO L.	3737 - New Supervisor's Course	05/13/2022
CASTANEDA, ADRIAN	6048 - Canine Handlers Training	05/06/2022
MUNOZ, JASIEL	2531 - Military Service Time Training Credit	05/18/2022
MUNOZ, JASIEL	2531 - Military Service Time Training Credit	05/18/2022
RIVERA, SOFIA M.	3187 - 87th Session State and Federal Law Update	05/05/2022
RIVERA, SOFIA M.	3702 - Field Training Officer	05/11/2022

Police News

- The Socorro Police Department is proud to announce the start of the Citizen's Academy.
- The Citizen's Academy is an 8-week program that runs from May 25th to July 13th, 2022, every Wednesday from 6:30PM to 8:30 PM.
- Participants meet once a week, every Wednesday to learn about Police Department Operations. Participants will interact with Police Personnel ranging from the Chief of Police to Detectives.
- Topics of discussion include Patrol Operations, K-9, Narcotics, Investigations, Firearms/Officer Survival, Use of Force, Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Response Team.

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TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – May 2022

Attended Council Meetings: May 5 and 19, 2022

Prepared minutes for May 5 and 19, 2022 meetings

Received 33 Open Records Requests

Responded to 28 Open Records requests.

Prepared 4 publications

**End of Month Report
5/2/2022 through 5/31/2022**

Permits		Fees Paid
Residential Permits	53	\$38,149.88
Commercial Permits	3	\$2,192.39
Excavation and Grading Permits	6	\$1,766.88
Demolition Permits	0	
Utility Gas Permits	2	\$100.00
Utility Water Permits	1	\$50.00
Utility Sewer Permits	0	
Utility Plumbing Permits	51	\$5,225.00
Utility Electric Permits	87	\$7,250.00
Utility Mechanical Permits	46	\$4,875.00
Re-Inspection Fees	58	\$2,610.00
Vendor Permits	10	\$1,310.00
Event Permits	0	
Sign Permits	2	\$187.71
Special Use Permits	0	
Special Inspections	0	
Park Fees	1	\$90.00
Beer & Wine	0	
Returned Check Fees	0	
Building Card Replacement	4	\$100.00
Solar Panel Permit	32	\$2,125.00
Trailer Parking Permit	0	
Security Alarm Permit	0	
TOTALS	356	\$66,031.86
Registrations		Fees Paid
Business Renewals	47	\$3,065.00
Car Dealership Annual Applications	2	\$300.00
Tire Management Registration	0	
Color Run Participants	0	
Event Sponsor	0	
TOTALS	49	\$3,365.00
Applications		Fees Paid
Conditional Use Applications	0	
Rezoning Applications	4	\$2,606.34
Lot Split Applications	0	
Re-Plat Applications	0	
Subdivision Applications	1	\$2,483.20
BOA Applications	0	
Mobile Office	0	
Mobile Home Placements	0	
Mobile Home Transporters	0	
TOTALS	5	\$5,089.54
Letters		Fees Paid
Official Address Changes	12	\$180.00
Zoning Confirmation Letters	2	\$90.00
Certificate of Occupancy	44	\$2,200.00
Letters of Zoning Compliance	53	\$798.00
Flood Determination Letter	0	
Zoning Map Printable	0	
TOTALS	111	\$3,268.00
Grand Totals	521	\$77,754.40



City of Socorro

860 N. Rio Vista
Socorro, Texas 79927
915-872-8673



Animal Control

CODE COMPLIANCE AND ANIMAL CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2022

INSPECTIONS

The code compliance personnel accomplished the following activities:

Notices of Violation issued	217
Number of cleared cases (through voluntary compliance)	123
Citations Issued	49

Total 389

The animal control personnel accomplished the following activities:

Animal Control calls	209
Impounded animals	31
Citations Issued	25

Total 265

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

1. Business registration support to Planning Dept.
2. Removal of signage on public right of way and utility poles.
3. Coordination and Involvement with external agencies (Lower Valley Water District)
Community and Tire Clean Up- 300 properties inspected
Country Green Subdivision
Mary Lou Park
Socorro Grant Tracts
4. Animal Services neighborhood sweeps- Distribution of information
Country Green Subdivision
Mary Lou Park
Socorro Grant Tracts



Information Technology Department Monthly report May 2022



Projects and Goals:

- Phase 3 Park Restroom Magnetic door project with Parks & Public Works.
- Return of Western Tech Internship program.
- Planning for June Live stream training for staff and interns.
- Start Network cable installation for New Dispatch building.
- Training Interns and staff on proper website posting, calendar, and page updates.
- Begin Google authentication for city website
- Begin Google maps address repair for all City building and locations.
- Training Interns and staff on drone operations and deployment.

Completed Projects and Goals:

- Migration of Abila and Microix to new server for system update.
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- New Network lines for Body cam Wi-Fi link and desktop system.
- New Body Cameras and Server installation and Implementation for Police department
- New City website launched
- City Source Application Link with New website and Domain.
- Western Tech internship program orientation and operations training.
- Live stream mobile setup for Uvalde Vigil at Bulldog Park.
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.

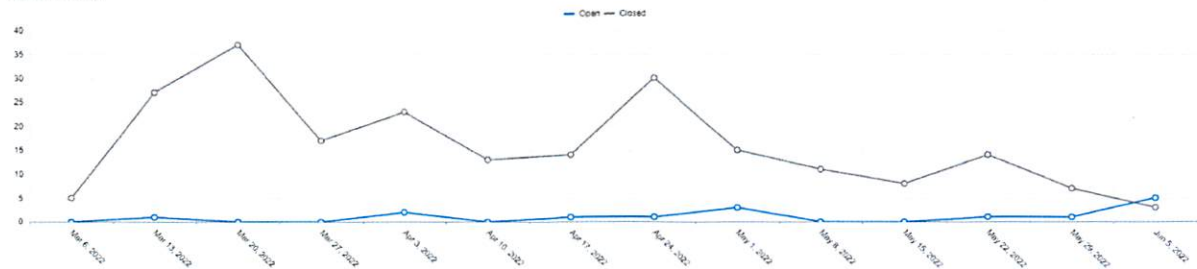
Work Order System, City Source App Analytics updates:

Service Request Metrics: All My Requests

Action Menu

Request Types: All Status: All Boundaries: All Date Range: All Time Manage Views

Open/Closed by Day



Statistics

Total Reports Created	239
Total Reports Open	15
Total Reports Closed	224
Average Reports Created per Day	2.60
Average Reports Closed per Day	2.43
Average Time to Close	3.39 Days
Fastest Closed Request Type	IT Work Order (0.00 Days)
Slowest Closed Request Type	IT Work Order (40.25 Days)



Information Technology Department

Monthly report

May 2022



Mission-critical:

Administration

- Added, Deactivation, and Maintained City email exchange for new and old employees.
- Added, Deactivation, and Maintained New & Expired Employees in Time clock and Network Access.
- Updated and maintained the city website and City Source app.
- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.
- Running live stream equipment and software for City Council meetings
- Training for on daily operations and facility tour.
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers

Courts

- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.

Recreation

- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- Assist with Uvalde vigil.
- Ran live stream for vigil.
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.



Information Technology Department Monthly report May 2022



Police Department

- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Completed New network cabling
- Completed New Body Camera Server installation and Implementation for Police department
- Inventory all equipment for new body cam server.
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.

Parks & Public works

- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Started Phase 3: Park Restroom Magnetic door project at Cougar Park & Rio Vista Park
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.

Planning & Zoning

- Updated and maintained workstations and Domain networks.
- Work order issues
- Running live stream equipment and software for Planning & Zoning Commission meetings
- Update new Workflow web link on all staff computers
- Inventory check of City Tagged IT equipment in all departments.

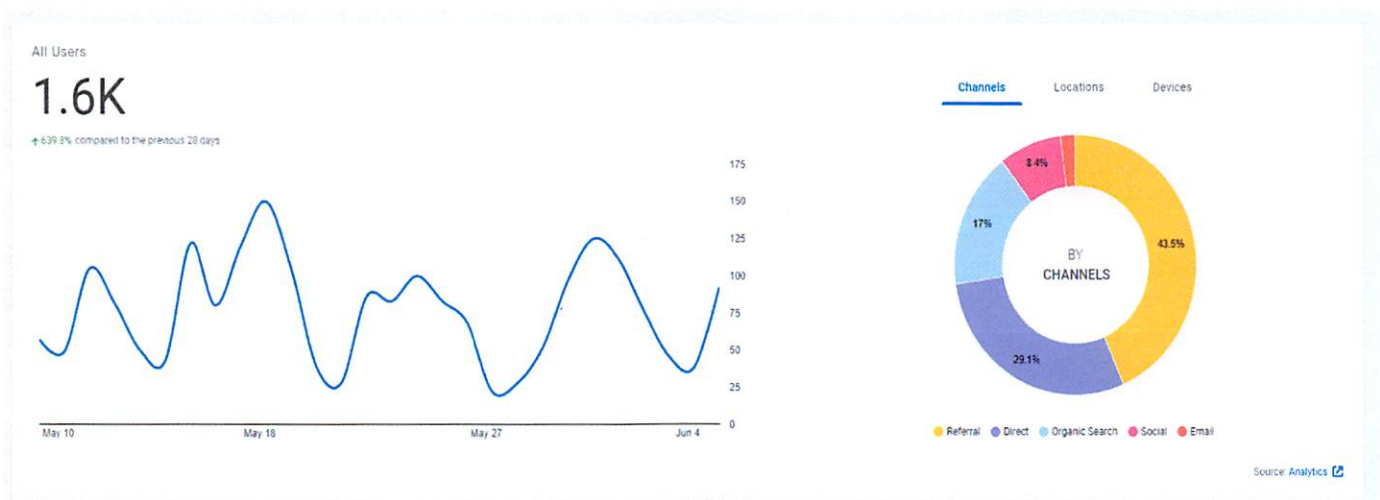


Information Technology Department Monthly report May 2022



New Website Analytics

WWW.COSTX.US





City of Socorro, Texas
Grants & Special Projects Department

May 2022 Monthly Report

[May 1, 2022 - May 31, 2022]

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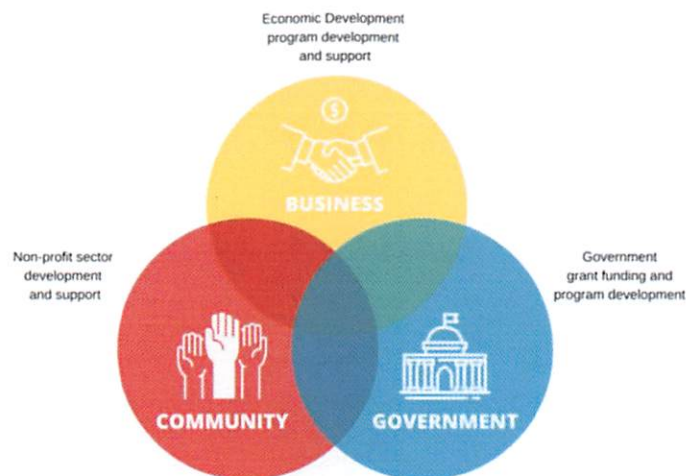
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Executive Summary

The primary function of the Grants & Special Projects Department (GSPD) is to assist City Departments and the City's non-profit partner organization in meeting our City's Mission and Vision to better serve the residents of Socorro, Texas. To this end, the GSPD has identified the following department goals:

- **Local Government grant funding and program development**
- **Non-profit sector development and support**
- **Economic Development program development and support**

Figure 1 – The GSPD fosters and supports development and collaboration between the Government, Community and Business Sectors in Socorro, Texas



The GSPD, which is composed of the City Development Director, one (1) full time Grants Accounting Specialist, and the Economic Recovery Coordinator, spearheads new grant projects and special projects across various City departments, the City's nonprofit partner organization, and small business community. **Department Highlights** during this reporting period (May 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022) include:

- **Grant Administration** - Prepared and submitted reimbursement requests to funding agencies totaling \$79,728.17, including \$19,800 via the NPS Underrepresented Communities Grant Program, \$12,431.15 via the West Texas HIDTA Program, and \$47,497.02 via the USDOJ Cops Hiring Program.

- **Annual Audit** - Responded to all external auditors' requests for information regarding grant contracts and reimbursements, and submitted Single Audit samples as requested.
- **CARES Act** - Responded to El Paso County's requests for information regarding the City's CARES Act allocation.
- **Nonprofit** - Coordinated CSCI Board of Directors meeting on May 25, 2022, and developed, published and promoted the Executive Director position for the CSCI nonprofit
- **Economic Recovery** - Coordinated the Socorro Small Business Meeting on May 2, 2022 at Moonlight Adobe Hall. Assisted eight (8) Socorro small businesses via the City's ESBRA Program providing \$4,400.05 in financial assistance to small businesses. Prepared RFP for future Small Business Recovery grant program.

As always, it is the goal of the GSPD to continue to meet the funding needs and priorities of each department in order to enhance our capacity to serve the residents of Socorro.

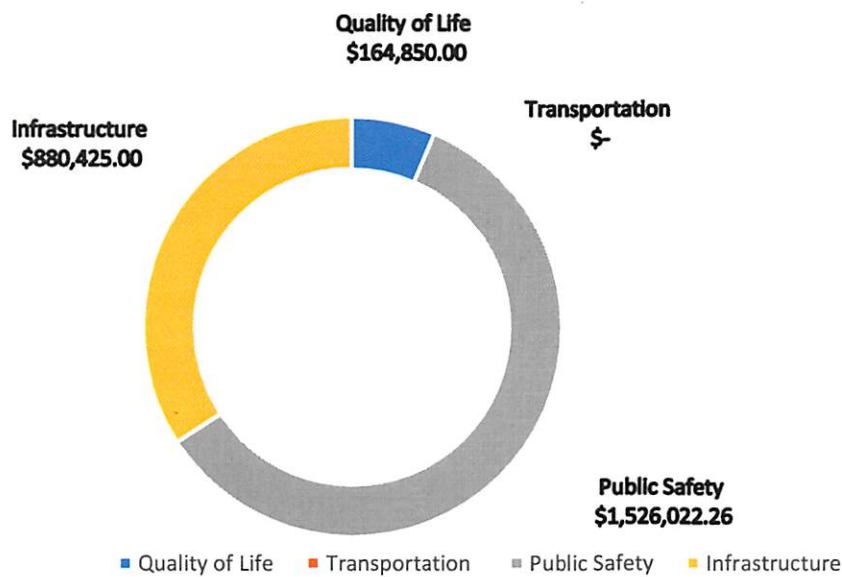
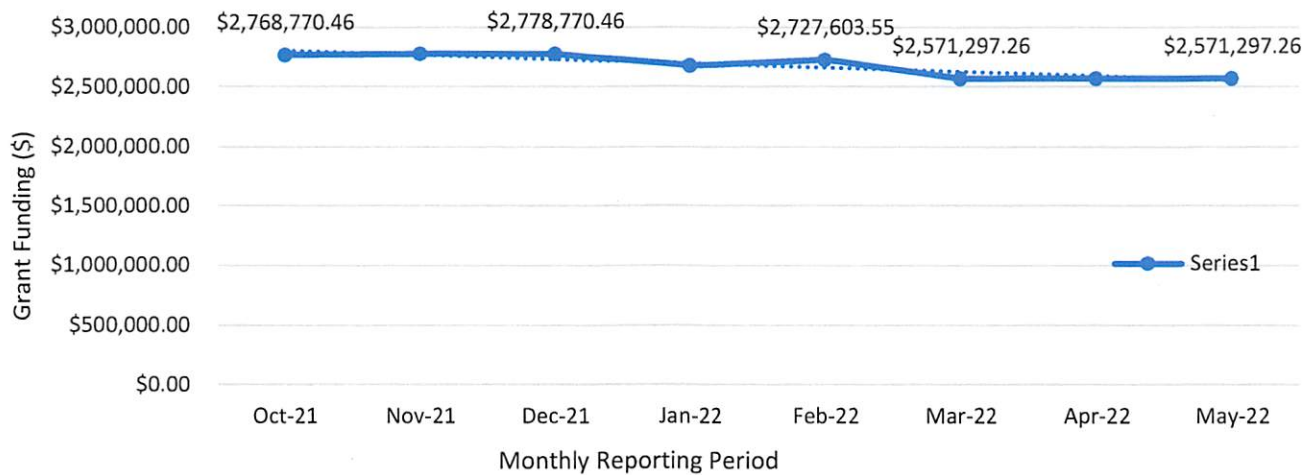
New Grant Awards

The following new grants were awarded during this reporting period. Total new grant funding awarded during this reporting period is \$0.00.

Financial Overview

The following is a general overview of the grant funding available to City Departments since the start of the new 2021-2022 fiscal year on October 1st, 2021. The Active Grants Funding table below represents the **net amount** of grant funding available to active grant projects since the start of the new 2021-2022 fiscal year. As of this reporting period, active grant funding awards total **\$2,571,297.26**. Please note that this total does not include funding awards to the CSCI nonprofit. There was **no change in total award funding for the month of May**.

FY 2021 - 2022 Active Grant Funding



Graph 1. The total amount of grant funding awarded to City Departments as of May 2022 is \$2,571,297.26. The largest public service categories receiving grant funding are Public Safety (56%), and Infrastructure (37%).

Active Grants

Projects that have been awarded grant funds are listed in Table 2 below. Currently, the GSPD assists City departments with the administration of seventeen (17) grant projects across various departments totaling **\$2,571,297.26** in federal, state, or foundation dollars.

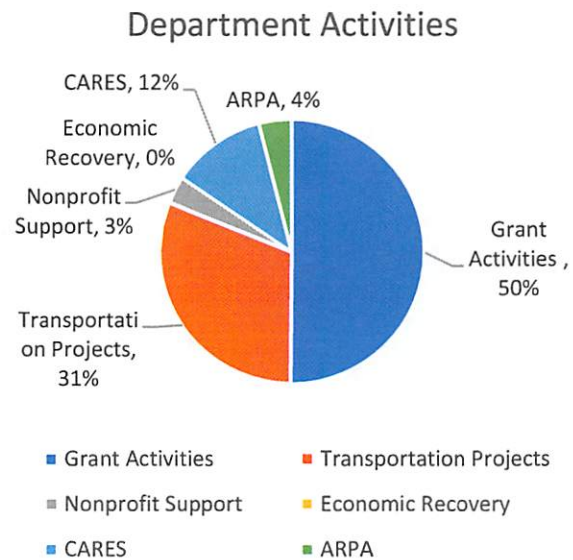
Table 1. Summary of FY 2021 – 2022 Grant Funding Awards

				Financial Information			Project Information		
#	City Department	Funding Agency	Grant Program	CFDA	Contract No.	Funding Awarded	Funding requested for...	Project Start Date	Project End Date
1	Planning & Zoning	HUD - Texas Department of Agriculture	FY17-18 TxCDBG Community Development Fund	14.228	7218460	\$275,000.00	Flood and Drainage Improvements	11/1/18	10/31/20
2	Recreation Centers	Texas Historical Commission	Texas Preservation Trust Fund	Foundation	TPTF-002-P-0	\$30,000.00	Rio Vista Architectural Plans and Specifications	1/15/20	6/30/22
3	Police Department	Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division	Juvenile Justice & Truancy Prevention Grant Program, FY2021	State	3997901	\$26,313.74	Socorro Police Athletics League (PAL)	9/1/20	7/31/22
4	Police Department	USDOJ - COPS Office	FY 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP)	16.710	2020UMWX0203	\$742,237.00	Hiring of six (6) officers for SPD Community Policing	7/1/20	6/30/23
5	Planning & Zoning	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) via pass-through to EPMPO	Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA)	20.205	E502X	\$605,425.00	Passmore Shared-Use Path	7/16/20	TBD
6	Recreation Centers	Texas Historical Commission	FY 2021 Certified Local Government Grant	15.904	THC21	\$7,500.00	Rio Vista Farm 360 Virtual Tour	4/29/21	9/30/22
7	Police Department	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)	High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program	95.001	ONDCP	\$74,844.00	West Texas HIDTA Anti-Gang Task Force initiative	1/1/21	12/31/22
8	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division	BL22 Local Border Security Program (LBSP)	State	3000907	\$76,000.00	Overtime for officers and dispatchers supporting the border initiative	9/1/21	8/31/22
9	Police Department	USDOJ - COPS Office	COPS Office Community Policing Development (CPD) Program	16.710	15JCOPS-21-GG-02315-SPPS	\$204,000.00	SPD Crisis Intervention Team - mental health professionals	9/1/21	8/31/23
10	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division	FY21 HS-Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)	97.067	4302401	\$166,783.10	Funding for Emergency Response Team	9/2/21	9/1/22
11	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Criminal Justice Division	FY22 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program	State	4301301	\$18,504.00	Rifle-Resistant Body Armor for the SPD	9/1/21	8/31/22
12	Recreation Centers	Paso del Norte Health Foundation	Healthy Kids Initiative - FY22	Foundation	TBD	\$37,350.00	Socorro Youth in Culture Art Program - Year 3	12/1/21	11/30/22
13	Recreation Centers	National Endowment for the Arts	NEA - Challenge America FY22	45.024	1891345-78	\$10,000.00	Socorro History Art Walk	2/1/22	1/31/23
14	Recreation Centers	Texas Historical Commission	FY 2022 Certified Local Government Grant	15.904	TBD	\$30,000.00	Rio Vista Farm Rehabilitation	TBD	TBD
15	Recreation Centers	National Trust for Historic Preservation	Telling the Full History	Foundation	TTFH	\$50,000.00	Public Humanities Coordinator	4/1/22	3/31/23
16	Police Department	Homeland Security Grant Program (HGSP)	EP 2022 OPSG	TBD	3007207	\$71,863.30	OTH for officers supporting the border initiative and M&A	3/1/22	2/28/23
17	Police Department	Office of the Governor (OOG) Homeland Security Grants Division	BL20 Local Border Security Program (LBSP)	TBD	3000908	\$85,000.00	Overtime for officers and dispatchers supporting the border initiative	9/1/22	8/31/23

18	Police Department	Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division	FY 20 State Homeland Security Program - LETPA	97.067	9101	\$60,477.12	Regional Tactical Team	9/1/20	12/31/21
Total in Active Grant Funds*						\$2,571,297.26			

Department Activities

Between May 1, 2022 to May 31, 2022, approximately 293 service hours were logged across various projects and departments. Department staff focused 50% of logged hours on Grant Activities including grant writing and grant administration; 31% of logged hours on transportation projects administrative support, advance acquisition, and project coordination activities; and a cumulative 19% on Nonprofit Support, CARES act assignments, and ARPA assignments.



In addition to its general Grant Writing and Grants Administration functions, the GSPD also spearheads special projects as needed. **Special Project activities during this reporting period are described in the sections below.**

Transportation Projects Coordination

- Socorro Projects Environmental Coordination Meeting on 5/10/2022 and 5/24/2022. Discussed Rio Vista and Bovee Bridge Expansion Projects, and Passmore Shared-Use Path projects.
- Project Readiness Report submitted to EPMPO for May 2022 TPAC Meeting Report.

Non-profit support

- Non-profit Sector Development
 - Project management for Bracero Project Management for Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant award for the Bracero Museum Project
 - Stakeholder meetings on May 25th 2022, including ESD #2 Fire Assistant Chief, City of Socorro administration and staff, TreanorHL (architects), and Dr. Yolanda Levy and UTEP research team.
 - Coordination of Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022
 - Posting and promotion of Executive Director position opening via Indeed, UTEP Job Mine, Work in Texas, City of Socorro website and social media, and CSCI website and social media.

Economic Recovery

- Small Business Support Activities
 - Coordination and execution of Small Business Support Meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022. Attendees: 11
 - Deployment of Socorro Small Business Resources Newsletter:
 - Email Campaigns: 5
 - Subscribers: 708
 - Average rate of opens: 30.2%
 - Average rate of clicks: 1.6%
 - Small Business resources shared: 8
 - Development of Client Relationship Management (CRM) platform:
 - Leads: 36
 - Contacts: 15
- Small Business Assistance Programs
 - ESBRA Program:
 - Number of small businesses assisted to date: 8
 - Cumulative financial assistance provided to small businesses: \$4,400.05
 - Types of local, County, and State permits assisted with: TABC license, Food Inspections, County registration, Socorro business registrations.

CITY AUDITOR

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2022



The Mission of the City Auditor is help the City of Socorro, Texas achieve its objective by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. In addition, promote transparency, accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

- Finalized Review of Bank Reconciliations and Journal Entries for the month of April 2022.
- Deactivated access to removed City Staff. Updated City Master Fleet list. Reviewed April 2022 GPS invoice and submitted for processing.
- Re-Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 9 invoices – Bovee Road Bridge for March 2021 Inv#493505-07-XVI REV on May 2, 2022.
- Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 11 invoices- Bovee Road Bridge for May 2021 (Inv#493505-09-XVI REV), June 2021 (Inv#493505-10-XVI) and July 2021 (Inv#493505-11-XVI) on May 2, 2022.
- Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 12 invoices – Bovee Road Bridge for August 2021 (Inv.#493505/12/XVI) and September 2021 (Inv#493505/13/XVI) on May 3, 2022.
- Coordinated visit from Nextraq Project Manager and Fields Sales Director, meet with Nextraq personnel on May 4, 2022.
- Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 8 invoices – Rio Vista Bridge for March 2021 (Inv#493506-07-XVI REV), April 2021 (Inv#493506-08-XVI REV) and May 2021 (Inv#493506-09-XVI REV) on May 5, 2022.
- Prepared and Presented Resolution 698 “Internal Audit Awareness Month” to City Council on May 5, 2022.
- Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 10 invoices – Rio Vista Bridge for June 2021 (Inv#493506-10-XVI REV), July 2021 (Inv#493506-11-XVI REV) and August 2021 (Inv#493506-12-XVI REV) on May 10, 2022.
- Forwarded finding to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 12 invoice – Rio Vista Bridge for September 2021 (Inv#493506-13-XVI REV) on May 10, 2022.
- Assisted external auditors regarding the Single Audit for the TX DOT Projects from May 11, 2022 to May 20, 2022.
- Submitted for reimbursement package for Arterial I, Inv#563-06 for February 2021 services to TX DOT with a total of \$104,699.21 on May 12, 2022.

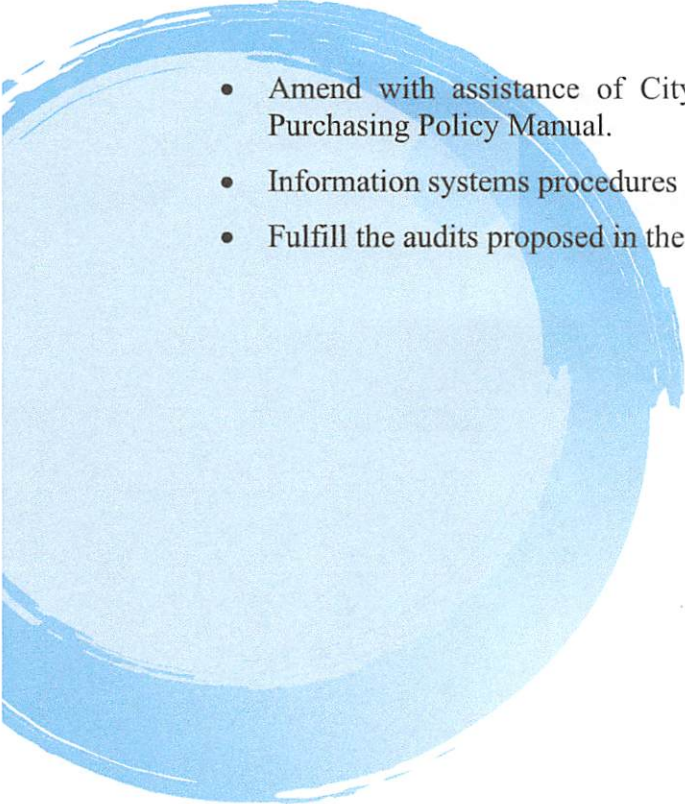
- Forwarded revised invoices to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 1 invoice – Arterial 1 March 2021 (Inv#493503-07-XVI REV) on May 12, 2022.
- Forwarded revised invoices to Dannenbaum Engineering for Group 3 invoices – Arterial 1 for April 2021 (Inv#49353/08/XVI), May 2021 (Inv#493503/09/XVI), June 2021 (Inv#493503/10/XVI) on May 16, 2022.
- Submitted reimbursement package for Arterial 1, Inv#563-07 for \$149,023.36 on May 17, 2022.
- Requested a status update to Dannenbaum Engineering for all the pending revised invoices with new finding addressed on April 8, 2022, to May 10, 2022 in May 18, 2022 and May 25, 2022.
- Forwarded findings to Dannenbaum Engineering for invoices - Passmore Shared Used Plan for October 2021 (Inv#493507-14-XVI), November 2021 (Inv#493507-15-XVI) and December 2021 (Inv#493507-16-XVI) and January 2022 (Inv#493507-17-XVI) on May 20, 2022.
- Forwarded finding to Dannenbaum Engineering for invoice - Passmore Shared Used Plan for February 2022 (Inv#493507-18-XVI) on May 31, 2022.

SHORT TERM GOALS

- Review Bank Reconciliations and Journal Entries for May 2022.
- Continue reviewing revised Dannenbaum Engineering invoices from Arterial I, Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road, Bovee Road Bridge Project, Rio Vista Bridge Project and Passmore Share Use Plan.
- Submit for reimbursement to Texas Department of Transportation the engineering services for part of Group3 to Group 12 once findings have been addressed by Dannenbaum.
- Continuation of testing for Fuel Management System internal audit for fiscal year 2021, Project No. CA02-002 and finalize project.
- Finalize City of Socorro Fleet Operations Manual.
- Finalize City of Socorro Uniform Policy that includes feedback from all departments per City Managers instructions and present to council.
- Finalize 4th draft of City of Socorro Fleet Operations Manual (Phase 6 of GPS implementation-personnel to submit maintenance request via app).

LONG TERM GOALS

- Finalize the Planning and Zoning Standards Operations Manual in conjunction with City Planner and City Manager.
- Assist on the update the Employee Manual based on previous audit reports and changes of internal procedures.

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- Amend with assistance of City Manager and Finance Director the City of Socorro Purchasing Policy Manual.
 - Information systems procedures and controls internal audit.
 - Fulfill the audits proposed in the Audit Plan for FYE 2022.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

2022

May

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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

As the City continues to rebuild after the effects of the global pandemic, the Department of Recreation aims to be the community's resource for assistance and information by providing services: over the phone, via e-mail, & in person as the community feels comfortable.

FRONT OFFICE:



22	TOTAL OPERATIONAL DAYS
746	TOTAL VISITORS
245	AEROBICS
5	AL-ANON
111	ART PROGRAM
10	BOOK CLUB
42	CITIZENSHIP
11	CITY BUSINESS
15	COLONIAS CARES
5	HAF PROGRAM
8	HISTORIC PRESERVATION
12	INFORMATION
26	MAS CUENTA
8	MEAL PICK UP
0	MUJER A MUJER
3	PRINTS/COPIES
0	REDUCE THE RISK
0	SNAP
1	SANDBAGS
170	SENIOR PROGRAM
3	WIC



SENIOR PROGRAM

The Rio Vista Community Center is home to the Senior Citizen Community Program. Services and activities include aerobics, art & crafts, cinema appreciation, outings to activities of daily living and special events through their transportation program. Due to the ongoing pandemic we are following social distancing and health precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Please call us for more information.

- **REGISTERED SENIORS: 40**
- **SENIORS TRANSPORTED: 102**
- **SENIOR OUTINGS: 2**
- **SENIOR NUTRITION MEALS: 840**
- **SENIOR TRANSIT TRIPS: 64**
- **SENIOR WELFARE CALLS: 52**
- **SENIOR COVID VACCINES: 0**



TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

RC-01

TRIPS: **19**
MILES DRIVEN **228**
PASSENGERS: 28
GALLONS FUELED: **30.6**
MECHANIC WO: 1
OPERATIONAL: **YES**
REGISTRATION DUE: **MARCH**
COVID PASSENGER CAPACITY: **4**
NEXTRAQ NOTIFICATIONS: **1**

RC-02

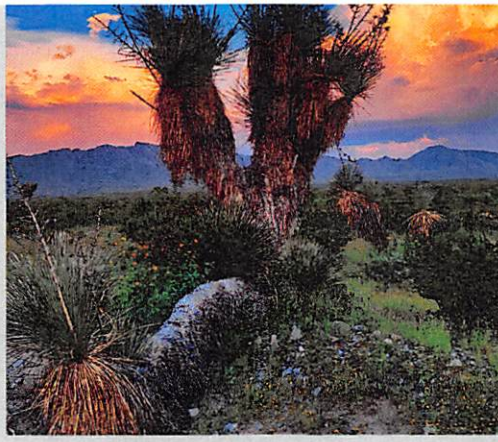
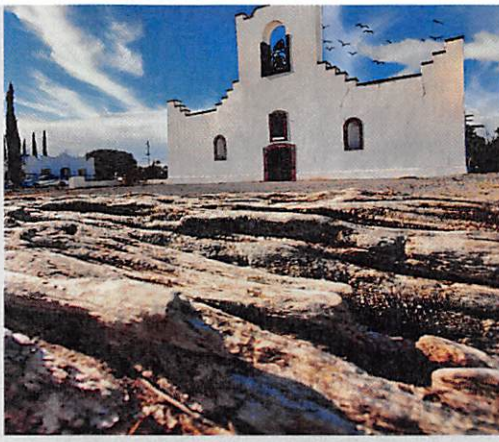
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MILES DRIVEN: **0**
PASSENGERS: **1**
GALLONS FUELED: **0**
MECHANIC WO: **0**
OPERATIONAL: **YES**
REGISTRATION DUE: **NOV**
COVID PASSENGER CAPACITY:
NEXTRAQ NOTIFICATIONS: **1**

RC-03

TRIPS : **29**
MILES DRIVEN : **337**
PASSENGERS: **37**
GALLONS FUELED: **31.2**
MECHANIC WO: **0**
OPERATIONAL: **YES**
REGISTRATION DUE: **MAY**
COVID PASSENGER CAPACITY: **2**
NEXTRAQ NOTIFICATIONS: **3**

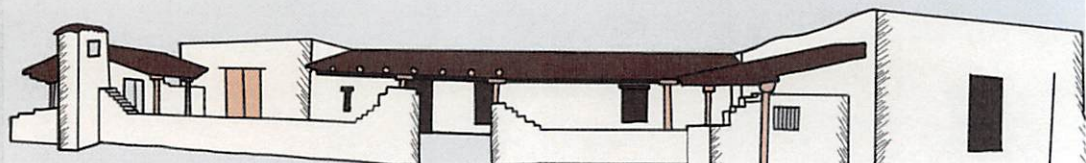
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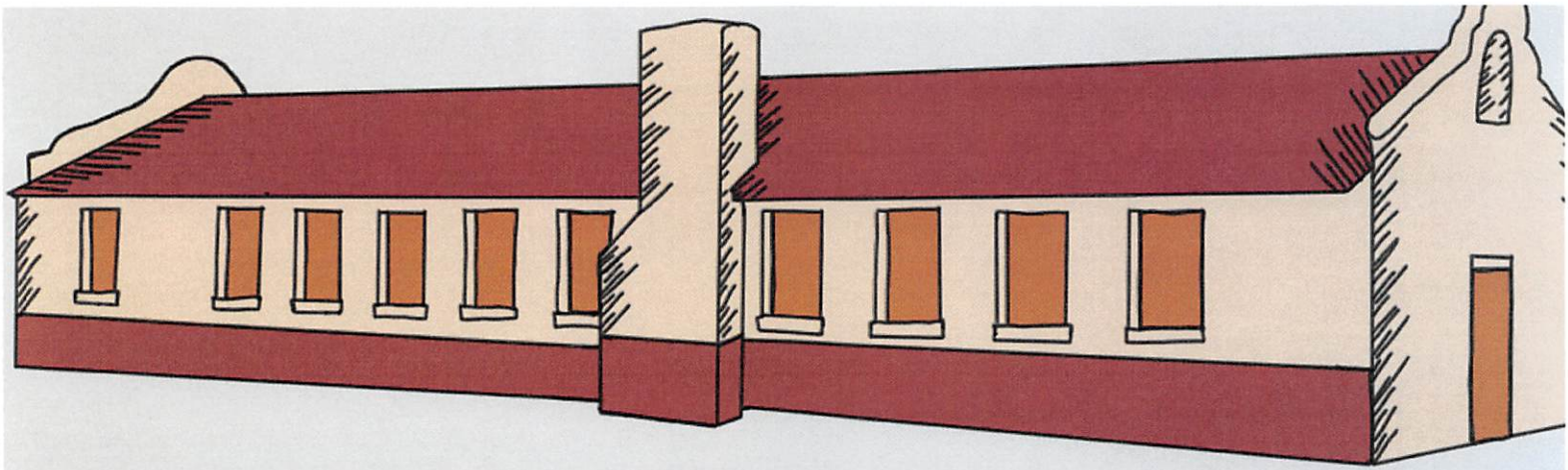
TRIPS: **23**
MILES DRIVEN: **353**
PASSENGERS: **37**
GALLONS FUELED: **35.2**
MECHANIC WO: **0**
OPERATIONAL: **YES**
REGISTRATION DUE: **AUG**
COVID PASSENGER CAPACITY **4**
NEXTRAQ NOTIFICATIONS: **1**



HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION

- The city has established the historic landmark commission (HLC). To the extent possible, the city council shall appoint members to the HLC who have a background in architecture, urban design, history, or similar professions, or have an interest in historic preservation. The purpose of the HLC shall be as follows:
 - (1) To review and approve historical sites as provided in Article XIII of the City Charter;
 - (2) To ensure the protection, enhancement, preservation and use of historic areas, places, buildings and structures as provided in Chapter 20 of this Code;
 - (3) To establish policy and direction for the city museum and to work towards the establishment of same through the city, surrounding county, state, and federal governments, the city community, and the general public; and
 - (4) To collect, preserve, and exhibit objects valuable to the art and history of the city community.
- The commission consists of seven members appointed to four-year terms by the members of the city council as follows:
 - Mayoral Appointee 1 - Vice Chair Ricardo Rocha Term Expires February 2026
 - Mayoral Appointee 2- Andrew Apodaca Term Expires February 2026
 - At-Large Appointee- Al Borrego Term Expires March 2026
 - District 1 Appointee- Sgt, Jesse Montelongo Term Expires February 2026
 - District 2 Appointee- Angelica Barrera Term Expires April 2026
 - District 3 Appointee- Maria Angeles- Term Expires March 2026
 - District 4 Appointee- Chair David Estrada Term Expires February 2026
- **Meeting: May 11, 2022**
 - Presentations: 0
 - Items Approved: 3
 - Items Denied: 2
 - Items Tabled: 1





PUBLIC HUMANITIES PRORAM

Through a grant made possible by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; the grant: Telling the Full History Preservation Fund is a one-time grant program to interpret and preserve historic places of importance to underrepresented communities across states and territories of the United States. This program is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' American Rescue Plan Humanities Grantmaking for Organizations and, as such, is subject to federal rules for award selection and reporting. The City received \$50,000 to fund a staff person to assist in telling the story of the Bracero at the Rio Vista Poor Farm.

Activity Report:

- Prepare for Historic Preservation Month
 - Host 1st Book Club Mtg
 - Hold Bracero Museum Coord. Mtg
 - Plan to capture & share oral histories
 - Work on resurfacing the Rio Vista Historical Marker.
 - Work on signage for the Rio Vista Poor Farm Site
 - Coordinate Rio Vista Gala



MEDIA RELATIONS

PRESS

- Press Releases: 2
- KINT: 6
- KDBC: 5
- KVIA: 10
- KTDQ: 2
- KTSM: 14
- KFOX: 6
- EP Times: 3
- Other: 8



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Posts: **69**

Posts: **47**

Tweets: **33**

Posts: **5**

New Followers: **293**

Interactions: **466**

New Followers: **35**

Followers: **4**

Views: **7,170**

Discoveries: **2,082**

Impressions: **26,000**

Visitors: **22**

Reach: **88,848**

New Followers: **62**

Visits: **4,185**

Reach: **68**

Engagements: **4,401**

Mentions: **35**

Engagement: **4**



SOCORRO YOUTH IN CULTURE



The City of Socorro through the Ignite Grant made possible by the Paso del Norte Health Foundation is funding a youth after school program aimed at connecting kids ages 5- 17 with positive reinforced atmospheres led by trusted voices armed with engaging activities bettering their creativity, mental health and overall wellness.

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197	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
37	NEW PARTICIPANTS
12	LESSONS GIVEN
197	WORK SUBMITTED
3	CURRENT PROJECTS

COVID-19:

City/County Response



COS Response:

PPE Distributed: 60
Rapid Tests Conducted: 0
PCR Scheduled: 1
Situation Reports Received: 3
Vaccination Drives Co-Hosted: 0

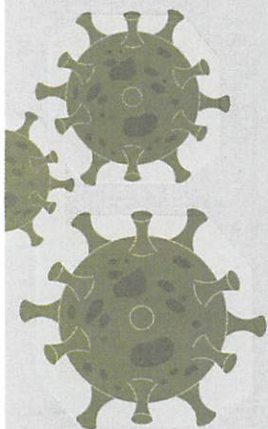
COS COVID Concerns:

- Strain Mutations
- Vaccine & Booster drives



Vaccination

Vaccines Administered in County: 1,707,010
% Population 5+ Fully Vaccinated: 99.90
% Population 5- Partially Vaccinated: 81.7



COS COVID

27-Active Cases
850- # of Breakthrough Cases
29 of Breakthrough Hospitalizations
2-Breakthrough on Ventilator
7-Breakthrough Deaths
5-Breakthrough ICU
77- COVID Related Deaths
0- Death Under Investigation
6- Non- COVID Death
4,778- COVID Patients Recovered
4,889- of Cases to Date

COS CASES BY AGE

642: 0-12
533: 13-19
921: 20-29
798: 30-39
668: 40- 49
572: 50-59
403: 60-69
208: 70- 79
89: 80-89
40: 90-99
0: 100+

EVENTS RECAP

May

Historic Preservation Month

1

The Month of May will feature stories and educational information on historic sites in Socorro.

May

COS Website Launch

5

The City of Socorro is proud to feature the new municipal website.

May

Cinco de Mayo Senior Citizen Event

5

The Rio Vista Senior Citizens enjoyed

May

Senior Citizens Mexican Mother's Day

10

Rio Vista Senior Citizens were treated to a lunch buffet of their choosing to celebrate Mexican Mother's Day!

May

Living Wills

11

The County Attorney's Office presented the public with information on filing living wills and medical directives.

For more information:

(915) 860-8615 or [Hello@costx.us](mailto>Hello@costx.us)

EVENTS RECAP

May
25

Rio Vista Project Update

Treanor HL & UTEP were able to meet with City staff for the update on finishing task 1 on engineering & planning for the Bracero Museum.

May
2-27

SY!C Art Classes

For the first time since the pandemic the Socorro Youth In Culture were able to offer free in-person art classes to the community!

May
28

COS Employee Event

The City of Socorro held a team building softball event with an employee cookout and recognition token.

May
29

Uvalde Vigil

The City of Socorro held a public candlelight vigil for the loss, mourning, and support of the Uvalde Victims.

May
31

Congresswoman Escobar Visits Rio Vista

The Rio Vista Center was selected by the county for a congressional visit to share information, resources, and hear from the people.

For more information:

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MAJOR & CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Name	Stage	Data / Outcome
Homeowner Assistance Fund TDHCA	Received draft contract and Application from State pending NOFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received notes from HAF preparing submittal docs.
RVCC Rehabilitation	On-Going Finishing planning & Prep Docs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awaiting feedback from ESD#2 to proceed with the bidset
City Website	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Socorro Athletic League	Planning & Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Need to hire Wellness Coordinator-Get with PPW on park status-Announce events

FINANCE TRACKER

GL CODE	# OF TRANSACTIONS	TOTAL
5201	3	\$42.65
5213	X	X
5311	6	\$1,037.75
5511	7	\$830.99
5520	6	\$672.01
5521	22	\$2,118.41
5527	1	\$7.00
5548	1	621.50
5612	X	X
5810	5	\$3,615.86
	51	\$8,946.17

May Calendar

May 1- Kick Off Historic Preservation Month

CACC Host Elections

May 3- Historic Preservation Photo Contest

HPM Post #1 - RVCC

In person art Program starts

May 4- Senior Citizen Transport: Dr. Appointments

City Auditor NexTraQ Vendor Mtg

Website Launch vendor preparation

FORMA Committee Mtg

May 5- Senior Cinco de Mayo Event

COS Website Launch Event

WTEP Steering Committee Mtg

COS City Council Mtg

May 6- Rio Grande COG Planning Mtg

May 9-DH Mtg

HAF Applicant Mtg x 3

May 10- EOC Interface Training

HPM POst #2 Socorro Mission

Announce Book Club Program

May 11- County Attorney Living Wills

TIM Responder Training TXDOT

HLC Mtg

May 12- STRONG Coalition Mtg

Staff Interviews

Senior Citizen Transportation Appt

COS Budget Mtg

May 13- NEOGOV HR Mtg

Title 42 REM Mtg

COS Interviews

May 16- Vendor Information Demo

-Vendor Information Demo

-Legislative Committee Mtg

May 17-HPM Post #3 Casa Ortiz

- P&Z Mtg

May 18- HLC Small Business Mtg

-Vendor Information Demo

-Vendor Information Demo

May 19- Senior Citizen Transportation App

-APC Coalition Mtg

-Senior Citizen Colonias Cares Presentation

-MUTS prep exercise

Senior Citizen Transportation Appt

-City Council Mtg

May23- DH Mtg

-Employee Softball Prep

May 24- HPM Post #4- Mission Trail

-Vendor Information Demo

May 25- Treanor HL Mtg

-TAMIO Training

-Bracero Museum Coordination Mtg

May 26- Senior Citizen Colonias Cares Event

-Art Program Ends

May 27- Hybrid OEM REM Mtg

-Escontrias Elem Mtg

May 28- Employee Softball Game

May 29- Uvalde Vigil

May 31- Veronica Escobar Visit

- HOM Post #5- Mt. Cristo Rey

-P& Z Mtg



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Lizbeth Castro-Coordinator,
VACANT- Art Coordinator,
Diana Rodriguez- Multimedia Specialist,
Lourdes Aguilar- Art Instructor,
Marisela Corral- Recreation Leader
Zulema Pacheco- Recreation Leader
Isabela Perez- Recreation Leader
Nora Reyes- Art Instructor

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Carlos Gallinar, PZ Director
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney *(joined virtually)*

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Chief David Burton
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Louie Chavez, PPW Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Julie Franco, City Auditor
Officer Monarrez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

2. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

National Anthem was sung by Jocelyn Betancourt of the Socorro High School Mariachi Los Gavilanes and pledge of Allegiance led by Escrontrias Kindergarten and Socorro High School Graduating Students.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF MASS SHOOTING IN UVALDE, TEXAS.

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

Moment of Silence.

4. *RECOGNITION TO ESCONTRIAS KINDERGARTEN AND SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING STUDENTS.* *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Meredith Guerrero, Elizandro Figueroa and Dario Bustamante from Escontrias Elementary School and Mercedes Vega, Ivan Zarate and David Myers from Socorro High School were recognized for reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. *RECOGNITION TO THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI LOS GAVILANES FOR WINNING UIL STATE MARIACHI FESTIVAL FOR THE 2ND YEAR IN A ROW.* *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Mariachi Los Gavilanes from Socorro High School were recognized.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with all council members present.

During this time State Representative Art Fierro and Paul Guerra, Board Member of the Socorro Independent School District were acknowledged.

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. PUBLIC COMENT

Hector Ramos and Paul Guerra spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia *to move up items twenty (20), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-seven (27).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

20. *PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REDISTRICTING ON PROPOSED DRAFT CHANGES MAP.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Rezzin Pullum.

No action on this item.

22. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF GABRIEL PADILLA TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION PLACE 6.* *MAYOR IVY AVALOS*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

23. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OMAR MARTINEZ TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION PLACE 1.

CESAR NEVAREZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

24. *SWEARING IN* OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS.

During this time Mayor Avalos swore in Omar Martinez to the Ethics Commission.

27. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 700 RECOGNIZING SERENITY RANCH EQUINE & THERAPEUTIC SERVICE FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE ON SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*****

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

PRESENTATIONS

8. *PRESENTATION* FROM GERALD GRIJALVA GENERAL MANAGER OF LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGARDING PROJECT UPDATES.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Presentation made by Gerald Grijalva.

9. *PRESENTATION* OF MONTHLY MPO UPDATES TO COUNCIL AND SOCORRO RESIDENTS. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*****

Monthly presentation made by Rudy Cruz, Jr.

10. PRESENTATION BY MR. JOSE LANDEROS, DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FOR EL PASO COUNTY AND MEMBER OF THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE LGC REGARDING BUS SHELTERS FOR BENCHES IN SOCORRO, TX. *MAYOR IVY AVALOS*

Presentation made by Sal Alonzo, Transportation Program Engineering and Daniel Marquez, Transportation Engineer, from El Paso County.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

12. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2022. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2022 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO*

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2022 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO*

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2022 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO*

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:56 pm

REGULAR AGENDA

16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY AND REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS FOR ZONES 2 THROUGH 4 OF FM 258 (SOCORRO ROAD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. *CARLOS GALLINAR*

Public Hearing opened at 7:56 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:57 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 7:58 pm

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY AND REDUCE THE SPEED LIMITS FOR ZONES 2 THROUGH 4 OF FM 258 (SOCORRO ROAD) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr. to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

18. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 515 AMENDMENT 2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$31,809.99 FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 8:00

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 8:00 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:01 pm

19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 515 AMENDMENT 2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$31,809.99 FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 8:01 pm

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE NAME CHANGE FROM H.O. CONSTRUCTION TO HZ CONSTRUCTION FOR CREATING A CONCRETE FOUNDATION AND ERECT A PREFABRICATED BUILDING FOR MECHANIC SHOP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,700.00. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT PLANNING STAFF TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE A MIXED-USED ZONING DISTRICT THAT WOULD ALLOW RESIDENTIAL AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL USES IN THE SAME LOT. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 699 FOR REVIVE MEDICAL, PLLC AS ANOTHER LICENSED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER OPERATING IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER AND OR HER DESIGNATE STAFF TO EXPLORE OTHER CITIES ORDINANCES WHO HAVE RECENTLY UPDATED/CHANGED THEIR MUNICODE REGARDING MOBILE FOOD VENDORS. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into executive session at this time*.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:21 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:40 PM

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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS V. GUILLERMO GANDARA AND CLAUDIA GANDARA, CAUSE NO. 2019DCV4829 IN THE 34TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS [551.071]. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the settlement agreement between the City of Socorro and Guillermo Gandara and Claudia Gandara*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

33. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:42 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Date minutes were approved

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At-Large/ Mayor ProTem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District

ORDINANCE _____

An ordinance adopting a new Reapportionment Plan thereby revising city council member district boundaries in response to the 2020 Census; providing for findings of fact; providing for election precincts; providing this ordinance be cumulative; providing for severability; providing for governmental immunity; providing for injunctions.

WHEREAS, the 2020 decennial census disclosed that existing council member districts in the City of Socorro, Texas, are substantially unequal in population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Socorro has undertaken to redraw the four council member districts for the convenience of the people and to equalize population and assure compliance with the applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2022, the City Council reviewed one proposed map, Draft Map A; and

WHEREAS, through a series of public meetings of the City Council, the City Council has received and considered oral testimony and written evidence regarding the need for new council member districts and an appropriate configuration of these districts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the attached map of the new council member districts reflects the division of the City of Socorro into four districts that satisfy all legal requirements including the United States and Texas Constitution and Statutes and the Federal Voting Rights Act and the City Charter;

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

Section 1. Findings of Fact

That all of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Socorro City Council and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

Section 2. Adoption of Plan

That the boundaries of the four single-member council member districts are hereby modified, amended and redrawn for the purposes of apportioning the population of the City between the council member districts and, as modified, amended and redrawn the boundaries of the four council member districts shall be in accordance with Draft Map A, a map of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated by reference into and made a part of this ordinance.

Section 3. Election Precincts

That the City Attorney is hereby instructed to send a copy of this ordinance and the new council member district maps and legal descriptions to the proper officials of El Paso County so the County can make the necessary changes in the County's election precincts, as required by the Texas Election Code, and effective for the November 2022 City Council Election.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect after its passage on second reading and approval by the City Council. This ordinance is to be in effect for application to the November 2022 General Election for the City Council.

Section 5. Proper Notice and Meeting

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 6. Cumulative Ordinance

This ordinance shall be and is hereby declared to be cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Socorro, and this ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other ordinance or ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 7. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on _____ day _____ of
2022.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

James A. Martinez
Socorro City Attorney

Introduction and First Reading: June 16, 2022
Second Reading and Adoption: July 7, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos and City of Socorro City Council

FROM: Alan Bojorquez, Special Counsel

DATE: June 10, 2022

RE: **REDISTRICTING: Socorro Draft Map "A" Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Socorro with our analysis of Draft Map "A" (the "plan") based on the criteria approved by the City Council on April 7, 2022, and the five basic legal standards that govern the redistricting process. The plan meets all of the City's redistricting criteria and satisfies the applicable legal standards. The plan has been made available for public review and comment. The plan represents a calculated modification to the City's existing districts based on anticipated growth and thus is likely to maintain proportional balance for the voters throughout the next few elections. Therefore, the plan is generally acceptable and eligible for consideration by the City Council.

A. Criteria Compliance

The redistricting criteria established by resolution of the City Council was used in the redrawing of district boundaries that resulted in the creation of the plan. Every effort was made to preserve the basic configuration of the existing districts while attempting to balance the existing districts in light of the 2020 Census Data. The plan meets all of the following objectives:

- Where possible, easily identifiable geographic boundaries should be followed.
- Communities of interest should be maintained in a single district, where possible, and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods.
- To the extent possible, districts should be composed of whole voting precincts. Where this is not possible or practicable, districts should be drawn in a way that permits the creation of practical voting precincts and that ensures that adequate facilities for polling places exist in each voting precinct.
- Any redistricting plan should, to the extent possible, be based on existing districts.
- Districts must be configured so that they are relatively equal in total population according to the best available data, including the 2020 Federal Census. In no event,

should the total maximum deviation between the largest and the smallest district exceed ten percent (10%).

- Districts should be configured in a manner that will accommodate the reasonably anticipated growth that will occur over the next six years. Toward that end, it will be acceptable for some newly-drawn districts to be purposefully under-populated in anticipation of immediate growth due to the rapid construction of new housing units.
- The districts should be compact and composed of contiguous territory. Compactness may contain a functional, as well as a geographical dimension.
- Consideration may be given to the preservation of incumbent-constituency relations by recognition of the residence of incumbents and their history in representing certain areas.
- The plan should be narrowly tailored to avoid retrogression in the position of racial minorities and language minorities as defined in the Voting Rights Act with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise.
- The plan should not fragment a geographically compact minority community or pack minority voters in the presence of polarized voting so as to create liability under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973.

B. Rationale for Boundary Changes

Using 2020 US Census data, the existing districts show that District 2 is the most under-populated district with 7,549 people, which is -1,041 people under the ideal district size of 8,590 people. District 4 is the most populated district with 9,972 people, which is 1,382 people above the ideal district size of 8,590 people.

In order to achieve balanced districts, as required by the One Person-One Vote Constitutional principle, Districts 2 and 3 need to gain population while District 4 needs to lose population with only minor reapportionment of the population of District 1 to achieve a substantially equal population. Satisfying the City's redistricting criteria, preserving the basic configuration of current boundary lines, and satisfying the legal requirements necessitated slight changes to the existing plan.

C. General Observations (comparison with existing districts)

- Under the plan, District 1 gains 12 people in order to substantially balance the districts. District 1 in the plan has a population of 8,601 people, which is 0.13% above the ideal district size of 8,590. The existing district is currently -0.01% below the ideal district size.
- Under the plan, District 2 gains 823 people in order to substantially balance the districts. District 2 in the plan has a population of 8,372 people, which is -2.53% below the ideal district size of 8,590. The existing district is currently -12.12% below the ideal district size.
- Under the plan, District 3 gains 412 people in order to substantially balance the districts. District 3 in the plan has a population of 8,661 people, which is 0.83%

above the ideal district size of 8,590. The existing district is currently -3.97% below the ideal district size.

- Under the plan, District 4 loses 1,247 people in order to substantially balance the districts. District 4 in the plan has a population of 8,725 people, which is 1.57% above the ideal district size of 8,590. The existing district is currently 16.09% above the ideal district size.

D. Demographics

(1) Balance

For purposes of achieving the One Person / One Vote requirement, the current system has a Total Deviation of **28.21%**. Draft Map “A” has a Total Deviation of **4.10%**, which is within the acceptable 10% (+/-) range.

(2) Racial & Ethnic

Under the plan, all Districts maintain a Hispanic majority-influence population.

For Hispanic persons, the relevant district percentages are as follows:

- Dist. 1: **96.40%** (up from benchmark of 96.39%)
96.27%VAP (down from benchmark VAP of 96.36%)
- Dist. 2: **97.65%** (down from benchmark of 97.67%)
97.80%VAP (up from benchmark VAP of 97.69%)
- Dist. 3: **96.42%** (down from benchmark of 96.58%)
96.44%VAP (down from benchmark VAP of 96.51%)
- Dist. 4: **95.53%** (down from benchmark of 95.60%)
95.67%VAP (down from benchmark VAP of 95.83%)

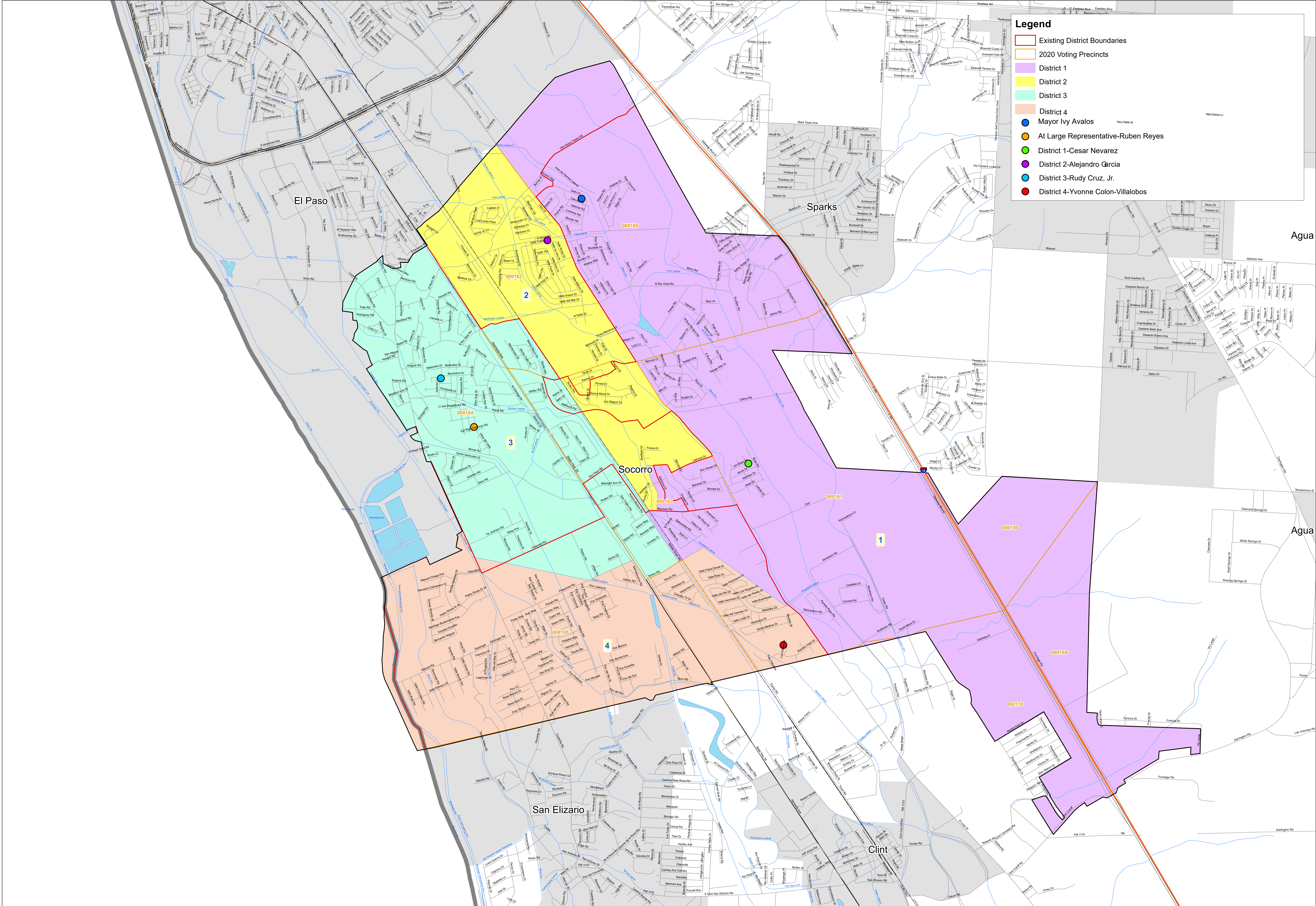
For Black persons, the relevant district percentages are as follows:

- Dist. 1: **0.36%** (same as benchmark of 0.36%)
0.41%VAP (up from benchmark VAP of 0.38%)
- Dist. 2: **0.19%** (down from benchmark of 0.21%)
0.20%VAP (down from benchmark VAP of 0.26%)
- Dist. 3: **0.20** (up from benchmark of 0.18%)
0.09%VAP (down from benchmark VAP of 0.10%)
- Dist. 4: **0.15%** (same as benchmark of 0.15%)
0.16%VAP (up from benchmark VAP of 0.14%)

E. Conclusion

Draft Map “A” is a viable option for consideration by the City Council. It will be subjected to an open, transparent public process which will include a public hearing held on July 7, 2022. The plan satisfies all of the criteria approved by the City Council at the outset of this process and conforms to the legal standards that apply to Redistricting. We have neither procedural nor legal concerns with the approval of this plan.

cc: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager, City of Socorro
 Jessica Grosek, Redistricting Coordinator, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC
 Rezzin Pullum, Associate Attorney, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC

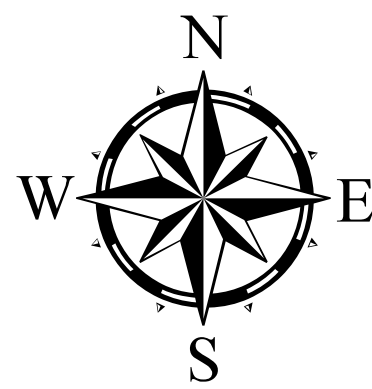


DISTRICT	Total Population Tabulation				Demographics as a Percent of Total Population															
	All Persons	Target	Dev.	Difference	White		Black	%	Hispanic	%	Amer Indian	%	Asian	%	Hawaiian	%	Other Race	%	Two or More Races	%
1	8,601	8,590	0.13%	11	214	2.49%	31	0.36%	8,291	96.40%	13	0.15%	10	0.12%	5	0.06%	11	0.13%	26	0.30%
2	8,372	8,590	-2.53%	-218	154	1.84%	16	0.19%	8,175	97.65%	8	0.10%	1	0.01%	1	0.01%	7	0.08%	10	0.12%
3	8,661	8,590	0.83%	71	202	2.33%	17	0.20%	8,351	96.42%	30	0.35%	20	0.23%	0	0.00%	22	0.25%	19	0.22%
4	8,725	8,590	1.57%	135	170	1.95%	13	0.15%	8,335	95.53%	170	1.95%	6	0.07%	1	0.01%	9	0.10%	21	0.24%
Total	34,359		4.10%		740	2.15%	77	0.22%	33,152	96.49%	221	0.64%	37	0.11%	7	0.02%	49	0.14%	76	0.22%

City of Socorro, Texas
Draft Map A

Data Source:
2020 TIGER/LINE GEOGRAPHY
2020 CENSUS (PL 94-171) SUMMARY FILE
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City of Socorro, Texas - Draft Map A

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Source:
2020 US CENSUS (PL 94-171)
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Voting Age Population

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	All Persons				White	%	Black	%	Hispanic	%	Amer Indian	%	Asian	%	Hawaiian	%	Other Race	%	Two or More Races	%
1	6,408				170	2.65%	26	0.41%	6,169	96.27%	6	0.09%	7	0.11%	3	0.05%	6	0.09%	21	0.33%
2	5,955				103	1.73%	12	0.20%	5,824	97.80%	3	0.05%	1	0.02%	1	0.02%	5	0.08%	6	0.10%
3	6,461				155	2.40%	6	0.09%	6,231	96.44%	27	0.42%	18	0.28%	0	0.00%	8	0.12%	16	0.25%
4	6,219				123	1.98%	10	0.16%	5,950	95.67%	108	1.74%	5	0.08%	1	0.02%	9	0.14%	13	0.21%
Total	25,043				551	2.20%	54	0.22%	24,174	96.53%	144	0.58%	31	0.12%	5	0.02%	28	0.11%	56	0.22%

Source:
2020 US CENSUS (PL 94-171)
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Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro-Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon - Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Socorro and LiftFund, Inc. to foster small business and entrepreneurship programs and support in Socorro, Texas.

SUMMARY

The City of Socorro will enter into a MOU with LiftFund, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs in Socorro, Texas.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Socorro small businesses and entrepreneurs were largely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the economic recovery process, it is important to bring resources and programs to the small business community and entrepreneurs in Socorro.

LiftFund, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation and community development financial institution ("CDFI") whose purpose is to serve the greater El Paso metropolitan area. LiftFund, Inc. provides technical assistance, and access to capital for startups and small business owners that qualify under the LiftFund guidelines.

This MOU establishes a partnership between the City of Socorro and LiftFund, Inc. for the purposes of cross-promoting their services, programs, small business and entrepreneurial activities, and networking events.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

NOT Approve – City Council will not approve this MOU with LiftFund, Inc..

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE – Small Business in Socorro will benefit from this partnership between the City and LiftFund, Inc..

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the City Council of the City of Socorro (the “City”) and the LiftFund, Inc. (the “CDFI”).

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the interests and welfare of its citizens will be best served by the cooperative spirit and cooperation to promote and foster small business support and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS the CDFI is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to serve the greater El Paso metropolitan area and to provide technical assistance, and access to capital for startups and small business owners that qualify under the LiftFund guidelines;and,

WHEREAS the City and the CDFI have determined that the Socorro small business and entrepreneur community would be better served by both CDFI and the City, and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the benefits to the CDFI and the City of Socorro, the City and the CDFI agree to the following:

1. The City and the CDFI shall work to cross-promote their services and to update each other as they work on mutual projects that one or the other develop and change that can benefit small businesses and entrepreneurs.
2. The City and the CDFI will notify each other of any potential change in impacts to the City and the within 30 days of the identified change.
3. The City and CDFI will conduct small business and entrepreneurial activities in concert with the purpose of enhancing business opportunities for Socorro residents.
4. The City and CDFI will support any mutual activities or events in which both parties are playing a role to support small businesses and entrepreneurs.
5. This MOU may be terminated by either party, without cause, by written notice received via certified mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the effective date of termination.

CDFI AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD-HARMLESS THE CITY, AND ITS EMPLOYEES, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS, AND ASSIGNS (THE "CITY RELEASEES") FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, LIABILITY, EXPENSES, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS FEES, COSTS, INJURIES, DAMAGE, HARM, OR OTHER LOSS ARISING FROM CLAIMS OF THIRD PARTIES AGAINST CDFI RELATED TO THIS MOU, REGARDLESS OF ANY NEGLIGENT CONDUCT OF ANY THE CITY RELEASEES, TO THE PROPORTIONAL EXTENT CAUSED BY THE INTENTIONAL, WILLFUL, OR NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF CDFI OR THE BREACH OF ANY TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT BY CDFI.

6. CDFI agrees that it is an independent contractor with respect to the services provided pursuant to this agreement. Nothing in this agreement shall be considered to create the relationship of employer and employee between the parties.
7. Nothing herein shall waive any rights of the City under Section 2251 of the Texas Government Code, and to extent that this paragraph or any part of this Agreement violates the same, Section 2251 of the Texas Government Code shall control.
8. The City reserves, and does not waive, its rights of sovereign immunity and similar rights, and its rights under the Texas Tort Claims Act. No provision of this Agreement imposing any obligation or restriction on the City not permitted by applicable law shall be enforceable. Records relating to this Agreement may be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Section 552.001 et. seq. of the Texas Government Code. Any provision of this Agreement permitting or requiring discretion, consent, or approval by CDFI shall be deemed to require the same be exercised reasonably and in good faith.
10. This MOU is the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the matters covered herein. No other agreements, representations, warranties, or other matters, oral or written, purportedly agreed to or represented by or on behalf of either party or by any of their employees or agents, shall be deemed to bind the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. Both parties acknowledge that they are entering into the Agreement solely on the basis of the representations and warranties contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement as of the dates below.

[signatures appear on next page]

LIFT FUND, INC.

By: _____
Lupe Mares, Regional Vice President

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: _____

Hon. Ivy Avalos Mayor

Date: _____

REVIEWED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Jim Martinez, City Attorney

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June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to enter into a grant agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward to City of Socorro, Texas in the amount of \$50,000.

SUMMARY

City Council must enter into a grant agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) in order to accept the \$50,000 grant award under the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The City of Socorro was awarded a grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) under the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward in the amount of \$50,000 for the "Rio Vista Farm Connections" Project.

The City must enter into a grant agreement, which stipulates a grant budget, use of grant funds, documentation requirements, reporting schedule, and other grant agreement clauses.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

Not Approve – The City will not enter into a grant agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward to City of Socorro, Texas in the amount of \$50,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve – The City WILL enter into a grant agreement with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward to City of Socorro, Texas in the amount of \$50,000.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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



**National Trust *for*
Historic Preservation**
Save the past. Enrich the future.

April 14, 2022

Ms. Alejandra Valadez
Grants Coordinator
City of Socorro, Texas
124 S. Horizon Blvd.
Socorro, TX 79927

Re: Telling the Full History Preservation Fund Grant Subaward to City of Socorro, Texas

Dear Ms. Valadez:

It is a pleasure to inform you that your application for a Telling the Full History Preservation Fund grant has been approved. A copy of the Official Award Notice is attached as Exhibit A. This project is funded by a \$3.5 million federal grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the National Trust for Historic Preservation ZOR-283411-21 on October 1, 2021. Acceptance of this grant is indication of your willingness to conduct your project in compliance with the following terms and conditions.

1. Grant and Budget. The National Trust For Historic Preservation (the “Grantor”) has awarded a grant to City of Socorro, Texas (the “Grantee” or “Subrecipient”) in the amount of \$50,000 of federal funds for the purposes stated in Section 2 (the “Grant”).

2. Use of Grant Funds. Grantee shall use the Grant solely for the following purposes (the “Grant Project”): Rio Vista Farm Connections Project.

- a)** Any changes in the purposes of the Grant must be approved by Grantor in advance, in writing. Grantee should contact the National Trust for Historic Preservation (by email to tellingthefullhistory@savingplaces.org) to discuss any proposed changes to the Grant Project.
- b)** Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by Grantor, Grant funds must be used to achieve the Grant Project as described above and as otherwise outlined in the Grantee’s underlying Telling the Full History Preservation Fund application and the Final SOW and Budget form that was submitted for the Grant (the “Application”) and the work, services, and deliverables described therein, incorporated by reference into this Agreement.
- c)** Per federal regulations, Grantee cannot use funds for the following purposes:
 - i. overlapping project costs with any other pending or approved application(s) for federal funding and/or approved federal awards
 - ii. management and administration costs in excess of the approved indirect cost rate listed on the budget
 - iii. competitive regranting

- iv. cancellation costs
- v. pre-award costs incurred more than 90 days before the Subrecipient's period of performance
- vi. equipment costs in excess of 20% of total project costs
- vii. travel (both foreign and domestic)
- viii. construction, purchase of real property, major alteration and renovation
- ix. collections acquisition
- x. the preservation, organization, or description of materials that are not regularly accessible for research, education, or public programming
- xi. projects that fall outside of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences (including the creation or performance of art; creative writing, autobiographies, memoirs, and creative nonfiction; and quantitative social science research or policy studies)
- xii. lobbying purposes or in any way communicate with the intent to influence a member of Congress to vote or act in a particular manner
- xiii. promotion of a particular political, religious, or ideological point of view
- xiv. advocacy of a particular program of social or political action
- xv. support of specific public policies or legislation
- xvi. unallowable expenses as defined in 2 CFR 200 Subpart E - Cost Principles.

- d) Contingency.** The payment of funds to Grantee under the terms of this Agreement shall be contingent on the receipt of such funds by the National Trust from the applicable federal funding source and shall be subject to Grantee's continued eligibility to receive funds under the applicable provisions of federal laws and the Notice of Award. If the amount of funds that the National Trust receives from the federal funding sources is reduced, the National Trust reserves the right to reduce the amount of funds awarded under, or to terminate, this Agreement. The National Trust reserves the right to deny payment for Grantee's expenditures for allowable costs where invoices and/or other reports are not submitted by the deadlines.

3. Compliance with Laws. Grantee agrees to comply with all laws, statutes, ordinances, orders, rules and/or regulations applicable to Grantee, Grantee's business, organization, and the Grant project. More specifically, Grantee acknowledges this award is subject to 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards and agrees to follow 2 CFR Part 200 for all aspects of the Grant Project, as well as the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) reporting requirements as applicable – www.fsrs.gov.

4. Funding Documentation. Grantee shall deliver to Grantor all of the following prior to Grantor disbursing any grant installment:

- a)** A completed Grant Application from Grantee.
- b)** A completed Organizational Capacity Assessment (available through the online grants system).

- c) A copy of the Grantee's most recent audited financial statements and Single Audit results, including a Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs and management's corrective action plan. If Grantee does not have a Single Audit, please contact the Grantor.
- d) A Final SOW and Budget with project completion milestones demonstrating % completion.
- e) A final budget form agreed upon by both the Grantee and Grantor which includes an indirect cost rate of 10%.

If the Grantee has an approved Federal Indirect Cost Rate, a copy of the Grantee's current Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

5. Schedule. The terms of this Agreement will commence upon execution by both parties. Administration of the Grant will follow the process described herein.

- a) The Grant will be paid by reimbursement of allowable costs. The Grantee should submit their reimbursement request as part of their quarterly report, and the payments will be made to the Grantee 45 days following this Report Due Date if there are no questioned costs:

Report	Report Due Date
Quarterly Report #1	7/15/2022
Quarterly Report #2	10/15/2022
Quarterly Report #3	1/15/2023
Final Report	5/16/2023

- b) The Grantee will be reimbursed based on the eligible itemized project expenses demonstrated in each report. Receipts or invoices should be included with each report. Ineligible costs (See Paragraph 2c) will not be reimbursed.
- c) Submitting a quarterly report prior to the Report Due Date will not necessarily cause payments to be made earlier than 45 days following the Report Due Date.
- d) If payment by reimbursement creates a financial hardship for your Organization such that you cannot begin work on the Grant Project, please contact the Grantor via email.
- e) The Period of Performance for the Grant Project begins April 1, 2022 and ends March 31, 2023 (the "Completion Date"). **No extensions will be granted beyond the Completion Date.**
- f) If the Grantee fails to complete at least 50% of the Grant Project by the Completion Date, Grantor and NEH will determine in their sole discretion whether to fund any portion of the third or fourth installments of the Grant, regardless of expenses incurred.

_____ Please Initial Here

6. Reporting. Grantee agrees to submit Quarterly Reports and a Final Report from the time the Grant is funded until such time as the Grant Project is completed. Reports must be submitted electronically, and the report shall describe all expenditures made from Grant funds and shall report on Grantee's compliance with the terms of this Agreement. The last of these reports will be the Final Report. The Final Report must be received by the date as shown in 5a.

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- a) Copies of all related reporting forms will be made available in electronic format to the Grantee and must be completed and submitted electronically through the National Trust's online grant system. The reports received from Grantee will be submitted in full or in part by the Grantor to the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- b) In addition to written reports, Grantees are expected to meet with National Trust Staff virtually, in small groups (Cohorts) regularly at times that will be set in advance. Grantees may also be required to communicate via email, telephone or video call with a representative of the Grantor for project status updates. Reasonable advanced notice will be given for all meetings or calls.

7. Federal Debarment. Grantee is prohibited from doing business with any organization or person (contractor, key employee, consultant, fellow or seminar/workshop participant) if they have been debarred or suspended by any federal department or agency. [The OMB Guidelines to Agencies on Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension \(Non procurement\)](#) apply to this subaward. The Grantee must comply with Subpart C of these regulations. Grantees must include this requirement in all written agreements, documenting transactions funded by this award.

8. Minimum Wage Requirement. The Grantee shall pay to workers, while performing in the United States, and performing on, or in connection with, this Agreement, a minimum hourly wage rate determined by the Secretary of the Department of Labor on an annual basis.

9. Publicity and Acknowledgement of Grant Support. The National Trust and the National Endowment for the Humanities projects reach broad public audiences. Projects that receive NEH funds, directly or indirectly through a pass-through-entity, cannot include material that is obscene, libelous, offensive, or defamatory. Grantee is responsible for all project content. The NEH and National Trust must be listed as supporters in any printed material and publicity releases. Should material originating from this Project be published for distribution either digitally or in hard copy, appropriate acknowledgement of the National Trust and NEH's support must be given using the following statement:

"This project has been funded by National Trust for Historic Preservation's Telling the Full History Preservation Fund, with support from National Endowment for the Humanities.

Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this (publication) (program) (exhibition) (website) do not necessarily represent those of the National Trust or the National Endowment for the Humanities."

10. Inspections and Monitoring. Grantee agrees to permit representatives of the Grantor, with reasonable notice, to inspect the Grant Project to ensure that the work is progressing as planned and that the Grant funds are being used for the purposes stated in this Grant. Grantee also agrees to allow reasonable access to the project site for consultants and contractors engaged by the Grantor for the Grant Project. Grantor will monitor the activities of the Subrecipient as necessary to ensure the funds are used for authorized purposes, in compliance with federal statutes, program legislative requirements, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward; and that subaward performance goals are achieved. Grantor will ensure that Subrecipients track, appropriately use, and report program income generated by the subaward.

11. Representations and Warranties. Grantee hereby represents and warrants the following:

- a)** That the Grantee is either: a non-profit organization that is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and is in good standing; an accredited public and 501(c)(3) institution of higher education; a state and local governmental agency; or, a federally recognized Native American tribal government;
- b)** if Grantee has previously received financial assistance from Grantor, that all grant requirements were satisfied or are current as of the date of this Agreement;
- c)** that the Grantee has not received American Rescue Plan funds directly from NEH (through the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Organizations program);
- d)** that the grantee does not hold concurrent federal or National Trust for Historic Preservation grant funding for the Grant Project or parts thereof;
- e)** that the representative executing this Agreement has the power and authority to bind the Grantee to the terms stated herein;
- f)** that the Grant Project is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, which is available on the NPS website (<https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm>);
- g)** Grantee shall maintain active System for Award Management (SAM) registration with current information at all times during which they have an active subaward;
- h)** that no one from the National Trust participated or provided assistance to Subrecipient/Grantee, aside from the authorized point of contract.
- i)** that none of the Grantee's staff, officers, and/or trustees served as voting members on the National Trust's external Selection Committee for the Telling the Full History Preservation Fund; and,

j) there are no known potential conflicts of interest with the NEH or National Trust.

12. Audit Requirements. The Grantee acknowledges that if it is expending \$750,000 or more in federal funds from all sources during Grantee's fiscal year, Grantee is required to have an audit performed that meets the requirements of 2 CFR 200, Subpart F – Audit Requirements. Subrecipient will identify this Grant as ARP funding on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

13. Records. Grantee shall maintain and keep all documents and files relating to this agreement for three years after submission of the final financial report. More specifically, Grantee should keep applications, resumes, proposals, invoices, quotes, bids, receipts, reports, contracts, communication (letters and/or emails), budgets, etc. Grantee must provide copies of application files immediately upon the request of National Trust or NEH.

14. Breach. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any failure to:

- a) meet the deadlines and submittal of related forms and/or reports as specified in this Agreement;
- b) obtain the Grantor's written approval of any proposed changes in use of Grant funds before implementation; or
- c) complete the Grant Project as described in Section 2;

shall nullify the Grant with the expectation that all funds paid to the Grantee shall be returned, along with reasonable accrued interest, to the Grantor.

In the event that Grantee violates or fails to carry out any provision of this Agreement, including, without limitation, failure to submit reports when due, Grantor may, in addition to any other legal remedies it may have, refuse to make any future grants or installment payments of this Grant to Grantee and require the repayment of any funds that have already been paid. Grantee agrees, in the event of breach, upon the request of Grantor, to return any and all payments to Grantor within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of a written demand of repayment from Grantor or at another date and/or in increments as approved in writing by Grantor. In accepting the Grant funds, Grantee agrees to any and all costs associated with returning Grant funds to Grantor, including, but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees.

15. Insurance. The Grantee shall maintain adequate insurance to provide coverage for liabilities arising from the acts and omissions of its directors, officers, agents, employees and sub-contractor performing work under this Agreement.

16. Competitive Procurement Process. Grantee agrees that all procurement of goods and services for the Project shall be conducted in a manner that provides maximum open and free competition and consideration of minority and women-owned

business enterprises. Grantee must also maintain adequate procedures to ensure that the procurement of goods and services, including consultant services, do not present a conflict of interest. The procurement standards of 2 CFR 200.317 – 327 apply.

17. License to Use Grant Materials. In accepting this Grant, the Grantee grants to the National Trust a non-exclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, and transferable license to use, and to allow others to use, any and all application materials, reports, documents, photographs, or other materials funded by the Grant (the “Grant Materials”) along with the right to use the Grantee’s name and logo for non-profit, educational, and promotional purposes related to the National Trust. Grantee also agrees to allow the National Trust to take its own photographs or video recordings of the Project. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect.

18. Non-Discrimination. Grantee agrees to not discriminate against any contractor, subcontractor, employee or applicant for employment because of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, creed, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, mental and physical disabilities, sex (including pregnancy), personal appearance, gender identity or expression, family responsibilities, genetic information, matriculation, political affiliation or veteran status.

19. Change in Status. Grantee shall notify Grantor immediately of any change in (a) Grantee’s tax-exempt status, or (b) Grantee’s executive staff or key staff responsible for or instrumental to achieving the Grant purposes.

20. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. The Grantee hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the United States, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, its trustees, officers, employees, members, representatives, and agents (a) against third party claims for damages arising from one or more identified activities carried out in connection with this Agreement, and (b) for damage or loss to government property resulting from such an activity; (c) or any other loss or damage arising from any act or omission of the Grantee, its officers, employees, members, participants, representatives, or agents. This obligation shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

21. Force Majeure. Either party may terminate or suspend its obligations under this Agreement if substantial performance of such obligations is delayed, prevented, or rendered impractical by an event beyond the party’s reasonable control and without its fault or negligence, including, but not limited to: acts of God, acts of war or the public enemy, terrorism, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes (other than own employees), freight embargoes and unusually severe weather, laws, regulations or orders of governmental authorities, curtailment of transportation facilities, or other emergency making it illegal, impossible or impractical to perform this Agreement as planned.

22. Confidentiality. The Grantee shall maintain in strict confidence any Confidential Information of Grantor that the Grantee reviews, receives, or acquires in the performance of this Agreement. Grantor will make efforts to clearly identify, preferably in writing, any Confidential Information. “Confidential Information” means, subject to the limitation set forth below: economic and financial information, sales and marketing plans, information and materials obtained from interviews or surveys, personnel information, membership and donor lists, business procedures, solicitation or contact methods, and any other information regarding the business of Grantor. Confidential Information does not include information that: (i) is or becomes available from public sources through no wrongful act of the Grantee; (ii) is already in the Grantee’s possession prior to the date of this Agreement without an obligation of confidentiality, except for information disclosed during discussions related to this Agreement; (iii) is rightfully disclosed to the Grantee by a third party with no obligation of confidentiality; (iv) is independently developed by the Grantee; or (v) is required to be disclosed pursuant to any court or regulatory order served on the Grantee. The Grantee may disclose Confidential Information to its accountants, counsel, and other financial and legal advisors who have a need to know for the purpose of this Agreement and who are obligated to maintain the Confidential Information in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Grantee shall not publicly release any information concerning Grantor or any subject relating to this Agreement, unless approved in advance and in writing by Grantor. This approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

23. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by the Grantee without the prior written approval of the Grantor.

24. Closeout Terms and Conditions. The Grantee must submit a final report through the online grants portal by May 16, 2023. The Grantee is responsible for submitting all required financial, performance, and other reports; liquidating all obligations within 90 days of the end of the grant; and for refunding to the Grantor any balance of unobligated cash that was advanced. The Grantee must account for equipment purchased with grant funds. The Grantor is responsible for receiving and reviewing all reports and make prompt payments as appropriate to the Grantee.

25. Governing Law. This Agreement is made in and will be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia.

26. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes any prior oral or written understandings or communications between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in a written document signed by both parties hereto.

Contact for Grantor	Contact for Grantee
Diana Maxwell Senior Manager, Grants National Trust for Historic Preservation	Alejandra Valadez Grants Coordinator City of Socorro, Texas

2600 Virginia Ave. NW Suite 1100 Washington DC, 20037 Tellingthefullhistory@savingplaces.org 202-588-6277	124 S. Horizon Blvd. Socorro, TX 79927 grants@ci.socorro.tx.us 915-858-2915
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Please acknowledge your acceptance of this Agreement by signing and returning a PDF of this letter to:

Diana Maxwell
Tellingthefullhistory@savingplaces.org

Please direct questions regarding this Grant or your reporting requirements to the National Trust at tellingthefullhistory@savingplaces.org or 202.588.6277.

By signing and returning this Agreement you acknowledge that these Grant funds will be used expressly for the purposes described herein and are subject to the conditions contained herein.



Katherine Malone-France
Chief Preservation Officer
National Trust for Historic Preservation

April 14, 2022
Date

AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY:

Signature

Date

Name:

Title:

City of Socorro, Texas

EXHIBIT A
OFFICIAL AWARD NOTICE

National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States
Telling the Full History: Sustaining the Stewards of
America's Diverse Historic Places

Action: Subaward
Date of Action: 3/31/2022
Award Date: 3/31/2022

SUBAWARD INFORMATION

Federal Award ID Number (FAIN)	ZOR-283411-21
Date of Federal Award to NTHP	9/21/2021
Subaward Recipient	City of Socorro, Texas
Subaward Recipient DUNS	138738112
Period of Performance	3/31/2022-3/31/2023
Budget Period of Performance	3/31/2022-3/31/2023
CFDA Number	45.164 Promotion of the Humanities Public Programs (B)
Subaward support R&D?	No
Subaward Project Title	Rio Vista Farm Connections Project
Subaward Project Description	The Rio Vista Farm Connections Project will focus on the research, development, and implementation of first-time public interpretive programs highlighting the history of the Rio Vista Farm historic site, its connection to the Bracero Program, and its impact, legacy, and connections to the present. This project will identify impactful multimedia resources and culturally-sensitive interpretive tools to amplify the underrepresented Bracero story and its true impact on American history and culture.
Program and Office	ARP Grantmaking Programs for Organizations, Agency-wide Projects
Funds Obligated by this Action	\$50,000
Total Outright Subaward Amount	\$50,000
Total Federal Matching Funds	\$0.00
Total Subaward	\$50,000
Risk Assessment	Low risk
National Trust Indirect Cost Rate	26.39%

POINTS OF CONTACT

ROLE	NAME	AFFILIATION
Subaward Administrator	Alejandra Valadez grants@ci.socorro.tx.us	Grants Coordinator City of Socorro, Texas
Subaward Project Director	Adriana Rodarte citymanager@ci.socorro.tx.us	City Manager City of Socorro, Texas
Recipient Administrator	Barbara Gibson BGibson@savingplaces.org	Manager of Program Finance and Grants NTHP
Recipient Project Director	Robert Nieweg RNieweg@savingplaces.org	VP Preservation Services & Outreach NTHP

This subaward is made possible by Telling the Full History: Sustaining the Stewards of America's Diverse Historic Places, an award granted by the National Endowment of the Humanities Division of Research programs and funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP). It is authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (Public Law 117-2) and 20 U.S.C. §956, et seq. All awards, including this Subaward, are subject to 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements, and the General Terms and Conditions for Awards to Organizations General Terms and Conditions for Awards to Organizations (for grants and cooperative agreements issued between December 26, 2014 and December 31, 2021) | The National Endowment for the Humanities (neh.gov).

In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.303, subrecipients must have internal control policies and procedures in place to manage the subaward. These policies must address the effectiveness of operations; reliability of reporting; and compliance with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award. Per 2 CFR §200.331, the National Trust will monitor the activities of the subrecipient as necessary to ensure that the subaward is used for authorized purposes, in compliance with Federal statutes, program requirements, regulations, and terms and conditions of the subaward; and subaward performance goals are achieved. Acceptance of this subaward also serves as agreement to allow NEH, the Trust, and their auditors, access to the subrecipient's records and financial statements as necessary.

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approve Resolution 701 and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Bovee Bridge Replacement project in Socorro, Texas.

SUMMARY

The City Council of the City of Socorro must approve the execution of agreements and provide resolutions for the Bovee Road Bridge Replacement Project.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Please see agreement amendment attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

Not Approve – The City will not approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for the Bovee Bridge Replacement project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve – The City WILL approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for the Bovee Bridge Replacement project.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

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City Manager

RESOLUTION 701

The State of Texas City of Socorro

WHEREAS, the federal off-system bridge program is administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (the State) to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient and functionally obsolete (collectively referred to as deficient) bridges located on public roads and streets off the designated state highway system; and

WHEREAS, City of Socorro, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government owns a bridge located at **Bovee Road at Franklin Canal**, National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structure Number **24-072-F000-52-001**, State Control-Section-Job (CSJ) Number 0924- 06-424; and

WHEREAS, a project to remedy the bridge is included in the currently approved program of projects as authorized by Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Number 115550 dated August 29, 2019, and Minute Order Number 116073 dated August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the usual fund participation ratio for projects on such program is 80 percent federal, 20 percent Local Government, unless reduced by participation in the Economically Disadvantaged County Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated local match fund participation requirement on the approved federal off-system bridge project is \$45,931.00; and any additional work not covered by this agreement will be the responsibility of the City of Socorro; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the passage of this resolution, the Local Government confirms its agreement with the State to secure all match funding for the approved federal off-system bridge project; and that all requirements of TAC 43 will be implemented; and that the mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Local Government.

Approved this the 16 day of June, 2022.

Name: Ivy Avalos
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

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*Credited Against Local Government Participation Amount

**This work has been determined to be ineligible for reimbursement under the State's Policy for Implementing this Program.

If this Project is to be a PWP, Amount of EMP Work Being Credited to this PWP as Shown on Attachment B. N/A

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**ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
For Bridge Replacement or Rehabilitation
Off the State System**

AMENDMENT # 1

THIS AMENDMENT is made by and between the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, called the “State”, and City Socorro, acting by and through its duly authorized officials, called the “Local Government.”

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the State and the Local Government executed an agreement on July 30, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend that agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties, the State and the Local Government do agree as follows:

A G R E E M E N T

1. Description of Amended Items

- a) Attachment A, Resolution, Ordinance, or Commissioners Court Order is amended by adding Attachment A-1, Resolution, Ordinance or Commissioners Court Order, which is attached to and made part of this amendment.

Attachment A-1 is needed due to a change in the amount of the local government participation.

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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Signature

Adriana Rodarte

Typed or Printed Name

City Manager
Title

Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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District 1



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District 3

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District 4

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City Manager

June 13, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approve Resolution 702 and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Rio Vista Bridge Replacement project in Socorro, Texas.

SUMMARY

The City Council of the City of Socorro must approve the execution of agreements and provide resolutions for the Rio Vista Road Bridge Replacement Project.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Please see agreement amendment attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve – The City WILL approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for the Rio Vista Bridge Replacement project.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

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Ten Percent (10%) or <u>EDC Adjusted Percent of the Sum of Construction and E&C for Local Government Participation (3.7%)</u>		(4) \$34,755
Additional Work Requested by Local Government to be <u>paid 100% by the LG**</u>	\$271,074	\$271,074
Amount of Advance Funds Paid by Local Government *		(5) \$0
Amount of Advance Funds to be Paid by Local Government *		(6) \$322,266
Balance of Local Government Participation which is to be Waived where the Project is a PWP		N/A
Total Project Direct Cost	(1+2) \$1,383,564	

*Credited Against Local Government Participation Amount

**This work has been determined to be ineligible for reimbursement under the State's Policy for Implementing this Program

If this Project is to be a PWP, Amount of EMP Work Being Credited to this PWP as Shown on Attachment B. N/A

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RESOLUTION 702

The State of Texas City of Socorro

WHEREAS, the federal off-system bridge program is administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (the State) to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient and functionally obsolete (collectively referred to as deficient) bridges located on public roads and streets off the designated state highway system; and

WHEREAS, City of Socorro, hereinafter referred to as the Local Government owns a bridge located at **Rio Vista Road at Franklin Canal**, National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structure Number **24-072-F001-60-001**, State Control-Section-Job (CSJ) Number 0924- 06-423; and

WHEREAS, a project to remedy the bridge is included in the currently approved program of projects as authorized by Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order Number 115550 dated August 29, 2019, and Minute Order Number 116073 dated August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the usual fund participation ratio for projects on such program is 80 percent federal, 20 percent Local Government, unless reduced by participation in the Economically Disadvantaged County Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated local match fund participation requirement on the approved federal off-system bridge project is \$51,192.00; and any additional work not covered by this agreement will be the responsibility of the City of Socorro; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the passage of this resolution, the Local Government confirms its agreement with the State to secure all match funding for the approved federal off-system bridge project; and that all requirements of TAC 43 will be implemented; and that the mayor is authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the Local Government.

Approved this the 16 day of June, 2022.

Name: Ivy Avalos
Title: Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro
City Clerk

TxDOT:				NBI Structure #	24-072-F001-60-001
CSJ #	0924-06-423			Federal Highway Administration:	
District #	24-ELP	AFA ID	Z00001271	CFDA No.	20.205
Code Chart 64 #	39725			CFDA Title	Highway Planning and Construction
Project Name	Rio Vista at Franklin Canal			AFA Not Used For Research & Development	

ATTACHMENT D-1 ESTIMATE OF DIRECT COSTS

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Local Government Participation</u>
Preliminary Engineering (PE)	(1) \$444,243	
Ten Percent (10%) or <u>EDC Adjusted Percent of PE for Local Government Participation (3.7%)</u>		(3) \$16,437
Construction	\$885,068	
Engineering and Contingency (E&C)	\$54,253	
The Sum of Construction and E&C	(2) \$939,321	
Ten Percent (10%) or <u>EDC Adjusted Percent of the Sum of Construction and E&C for Local Government Participation (3.7%)</u>		(4) \$34,755
Additional Work Requested by Local Government to be <u>paid 100% by the LG**</u>	\$271,074	\$271,074
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Balance of Local Government Participation which is to be Waived where the Project is a PWP		N/A
Total Project Direct Cost	(1+2) \$1,383,564	

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ITEM 14

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City Manager

June 13, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas acting through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Passmore Shared-Use Path project in Socorro, Texas.

SUMMARY

The City Council of the City of Socorro must approve the execution of agreements and provide resolutions for the Passmore Shared-Use Path Project.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Please see agreement amendment attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

Not Approve – The City will not approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for the Passmore Shared-Use Path project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve – The City WILL approve and execute Amendment 1 to the Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the State of Texas for the Passmore Shared-Use Path project.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

CSJ #0924-06-604
District # 24-ELP
Code Chart 64 # 39725
Project: **PASSMORE RD. SHARED USE
PATH**
Federal Highway Administration
CFDA Title: Highway Planning and
Construction
CFDA No.: 20.205
Not Research and Development

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

**ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT #1**

THIS AMENDMENT is made by and between the State of Texas, acting through the Texas Department of Transportation, called the State, and the City of Socorro, acting by and through City of Socorro, called the Local Government.

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the State and the Local Government executed a contract on August 4, 2020 to effectuate their agreement to add a share-use path along Passmore Road; and,

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to amend that contract to update the Scope of work and increase the budget;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements of the parties, the State and the Local Government do agree as follows:

A G R E E M E N T

1. Description of Amended Items

Article 2 A, Scope of Work and Use of Project description is deleted in its entirety and replaced with “a shared use path on Passmore Road from Upper Clint Lateral at Passmore Road to Franklin Canal at Passmore. The project will include a shared use path with pedestrian amenities. The purpose of this TASA project is to provide shared use path along Passmore Road for bicyclist and pedestrians.”

Attachment B, Project Estimate and Source of Funds, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with Attachment B-1, Project Estimate and Source of Funds, which is attached to and made part of the amendment. The construction amount of \$658,070 is increased by \$390,040 Added Nonurban

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Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds to the state-selected projects from the TxDOT 2015 TAP and 2017. This brings the new project construction total to \$1,048,110.

All other provisions of the original contract are unchanged and remain in full force and effect.

2. Signatory Warranty

Each signatory warrants that the signatory has necessary authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the entity represented.

Each party is signing this amendment on the date stated under that party's signature.

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

THE CITY OF SOCORRO

DocuSigned by:

Adriana Rodarte

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Signature

Adriana Rodarte

Typed or Printed Name

City Manager

Title

5/26/2022

Date

THE STATE OF TEXAS

DocuSigned by:

Kenneth Stewart

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Kenneth Stewart

Director of Contract Services
Texas Department of Transportation

5/29/2022

Date

CSJ #	0924-06-604	Project Name:	PASSMORE RD. SHARED USE PATH	AFA ID:
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ATTACHMENT B1
PROJECT ESTIMATE AND SOURCE OF FUNDS
 LG Performs PE Work or Hires Consultant / LG Lets Project for Construction

Work Performed by Local Government ("LG")									
Description of Project Costs to be Incurred	Total Project Cost Estimate	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Government Participation			
		Includes percentage for TDC apportionment on MPO-selected projects where applicable		Includes authorized EDC amounts		Includes authorized EDC reduction			
		%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost		
Planning/Maps/Education/Non-CST	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Preliminary Engineering	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Environmental Cost	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Right of Way	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Utilities	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Construction Cost	\$								
Construction Engineering Cost	\$1,048,110								
Eligible In-Kind Contribution Value	\$								
Total Construction Value (sum of construction cost and in-kind value)	\$1,048,110	80%	\$838,488	0%	\$0	20%	\$209,622		\$209,622
Work by LG Subtotal	\$1,048,110		\$838,488		\$0		\$209,622		\$209,622
Work Performed by the State (Local Participation paid up front by LG to TxDOT)									
Preliminary Engineering ¹	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Environmental Cost ¹	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Right of Way ³	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Utilities ²	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Construction Cost ²	\$								
Eligible In-Kind Contribution Value	\$								
Total Construction Value (sum of construction cost and in-kind value)	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0	0%	\$0		\$0
Work by State Subtotal	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0

CSJ #	0924-06-604	Project Name:	PASSMORE RD. SHARED USE PATH	AFA ID:	
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Direct and Indirect State Costs Incurred for Review, Inspection, Administration & Oversight									
Description of Project Costs to be Incurred	Total Project Cost Estimate	Federal Participation		State Participation		Local Government Participation			
		Includes percentage for TDC apportionment on MPO-selected projects where applicable		Includes authorized EDC amount		Includes authorized EDC reduction			
		%	Cost	%	Cost	%	Cost		
Preliminary Engineering ¹	\$29,613	80%	\$23,690	0%	\$0	20%	\$5,923		
Environmental Cost ¹	\$24,678	80%	\$19,742	0%	\$0	20%	\$4,936		
Right of Way ¹	\$4,936	80%	\$3,949	0%	\$0	20%	\$987		
Utilities ¹	\$4,936	80%	\$3,949	0%	\$0	20%	\$987		
Construction ²	\$34,549	80%	\$27,639	0%	\$0	20%	\$6,910		
Direct State Costs Subtotal	\$98,712	0%	\$78,969	0%	\$0	0%	\$19,743		
Indirect State Cost	\$49,995			0%	49,995				
TOTAL PARTICIPATION	\$1,196,817		\$917,457		\$49,995		\$229,365		
In-kind Contribution Credit Applied						0%	\$0		
TOTAL REMAINING PARTICIPATION AFTER IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION							\$229,365		

- The estimated total participation by Local Government is \$229,365, plus 100% of overruns.
- Total estimated payment by Local Government to State is \$19,743.
- ¹Local Government's first payment of \$12,833 is due to State within 30 days from execution of this contract.
- ²Local Government's second payment of \$6,910 is due to State within 60 days prior to the Construction contract being advertised for bids.
- ³If ROW is to be acquired by State, Local Government's share of property cost will be due prior to acquisition.
- The local match must be 20% or greater and may include eligible in-kind contributions, EDC adjustments, or TDCs if authorized as part of project selection.
- This is an estimate; the final amount of Local Government participation will be based on actual costs.
- Maximum federal TASA funds available for Project are \$917,457.

ITEM 15

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June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director, City of Socorro

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approved the detailed budget for the ARPA Economic Recovery Program.

SUMMARY

City Council must approve a detailed budget for the ARPA Economic Recovery Program as approved in the ARPA Spending Framework on October 28, 2021, and most recently on April 7, 2022.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

City Council approved a spending framework for the City of Socorro's allocation of CLFRF ARPA funds on October 28, 2021 based on the eligible costs and guidance provided by the U.S. Treasury. Since then, the ARPA Spending Framework has been brought to Council for review and approval periodically, and most recently on April 7, 2022. City Council approval is requested to approve detailed budget for the previously approved ARPA Economic Recovery Program.

Please see budget detail attached.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

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

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

ALTERNATIVE

Not Approve – The City will not approve the detailed budget for the ARPA Economic Recovery Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve – The City WILL approve the detailed budget for the ARPA Economic Recovery Program.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

**ARPA Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund
City of Socorro, Texas**

Project Budget Form

Project Name: Economic Recovery Coordinator

Project ID: ER-03

ARPA Eligible Categories (EC):

2.30 - Technical assistance, counseling, or business planning

Administering Department: Grants & Special Projects Department

Federal Expenditure Categories (SF-424A)	GL Code	GL Title	Budget Amount
a. Personnel			
Enter funds required for compensation of personnel from	05101	Salaries	50960.00
	05103	Overtime	0.00
			\$ 50,960.00
b. Fringe Benefits			
Enter funds required for compensation of fringe benefits :	05111	FICA/Medicare Taxes	4076.80
	05112	T.W.C. Payroll Taxes	260.00
	05113	Health Insurance Premiums	8000.00
	05114	Workers Compensation Insurance	145.00
	05115	Deferred Compensation Benefits	1000.00
	05116	Life Insurance	150.00
	05117	Dental Insurance Expense	292.00
	05118	Vision Insurance Expense	63.00
			\$ 13,986.80
c. Travel			
Enter funds required for travel from the selected program.	05711	Travel Lodg Airf Mil	0.00
	05614	Vehicle Fuel	0.00
			\$ -
d. Equipment			
Over \$5,000	05810	Property and Equipment	0.00
Enter funds required for equipment from the selected program. Equipment means tangible personal property (in			0.00
			\$ -
e. Supplies			
Under \$5,000	05201	Office Expense and Supplies	2500.00
Supplies means all tangible personal property other than	05211	Postage	1000.00
	05213	Uniforms	300.00
	05314	Telephone	700.00
	05516	Dues/Subscriptions	2000.00
	05527	Seminars/Training/Workshops	3000.00
	05521	Support Activities	2500.00
	05511	Advertising/Drug Testing	2000.00
	05523	Equipment Rental/Lease	0.00

\$ 14,000.00

f. Contractual

Enter funds required for contractual costs from the select	05411	Legal Fees	1000.00
	05520	Service Contracts	10000.00

\$ 11,000.00

g. Construction

Enter funds required for construction or major renovation for the selected program. Construction and major ren	0.00
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0.00

Total \$ 89,946.80



**CITY OF SOCORRO
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: JUNE 16, 2022**

**SUBDIVISION COMBINATION PLAT APPROVAL
& VARIANCES REQUEST
STAFF REPORT**

SUBJECT:

APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SUBDIVISION PLATS (COMBINATION) AND TWO VARIANCES REQUEST.

NAME:

CALLE DE LA BOSQUE DEL PIRO SUBDIVISION

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

10780-10763 Carbajal Road & 645 Bovee

**PROPERTY LEGAL
DESCRIPTION:**

Tracts 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, & 11E, Block 20, Socorro Grant

PROPERTY OWNER:

Miguel Trujillo, Nora & Rudy Rodriguez, and Sara M. Trujillo

REPRESENTATIVE:

Enrique Ayala, CAD Consulting

PROPERTY AREA:

4.5 Acres

CURRENT ZONING:

R-1 (Single Family Residential) / A-1 (Agricultural)

CURRENT LAND USE:

Single Family Homes

FUTURE LAND USE MAP:

Residential

PROPOSED LAND USE:

Same As Current

FLOOD MAP:

According to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, the referenced property lies within Zone X; (Community Panel # 480212 0250-B/ FEMA, September 4, 1991)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

To subdivide several parcels in tract form and to allow for two variances for Lot 4, Block 1: (1). to allow for a lot to be smaller than 1 acre in an A-1 zoning district, and (2) to allow a front yard setback of less than the required 35'.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends APPROVAL.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

PNZ voted to APPROVE on June 7, 2022

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price)

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#)

ALTERNATIVE

Deny

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

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RESOLUTION 703

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR CALLE DE LA BOSQUE DEL PIRO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, AND 11E, BLOCK 20 SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS. AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING VARIANCES: 1. A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A LOT SMALLER THAN THE REQUIRED ONE ACRE IN AN A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT AND 2. A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR A REDUCTION IN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK.

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

That the property being Tracts 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, and 11E, Block 20, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Texas has been granted a Preliminary Plat and Final Plat Approval as per the Subdivision Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas and the following variances: 1. To allow for a lot smaller than the required one acre in an A-1 (Agricultural) zoning district and 2. To allow for a reduction in the front yard setback.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

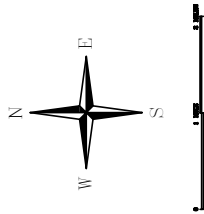
CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

LOCATION MAP



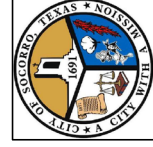
PROJECT SITE;
Calle Del Bosque Del Piro Subdivision
Tracts 10,11A,11B,11C,11D & 11E, Block 20
Socorro Grant



CITY OF SOCORRO

LOCATION MAP

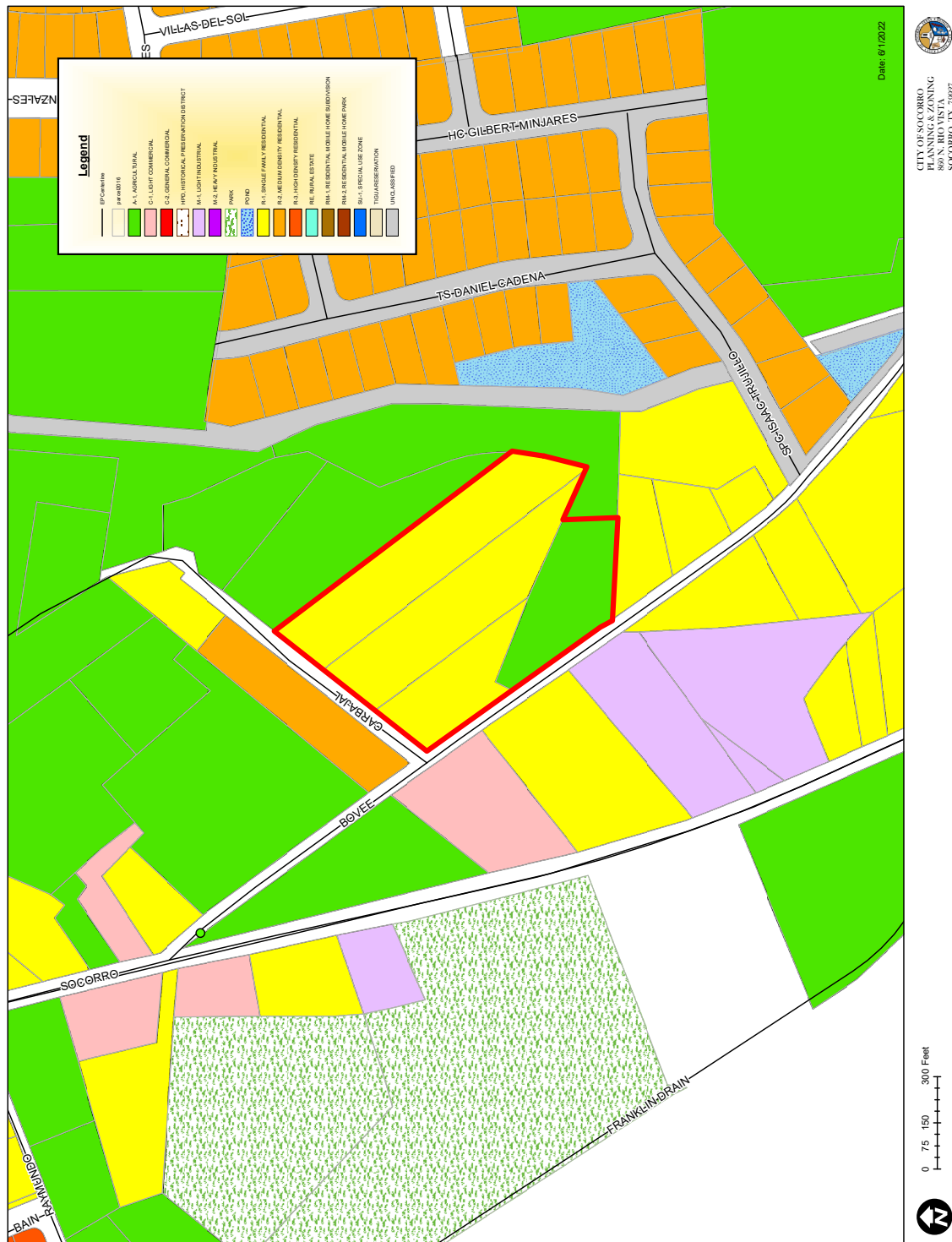
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Planning and Zoning Department

860 N. Rio Vista Socorro, Texas 79027 Tel: (505) 872-4331 Fax: (505) 872-8673

Zoning Map Calle Del Bosque Del Piro



SITE PICTURES



AERIAL PHOTO



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**CALLE DE LA BOSQUE
DEL PIRO SUBDIVISION**
TRACTS 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, AND 11E,
BLOCK 20, SODDARO GRANT,
COUNTY OF EL PASO, TEXAS.
199.453.74 SQ. FT. OR 4.5719 ACRES ±
PRELIMINARY

TRACTS 10, 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, AND 11E,
BLOCK 20, SOCORRO GRANT
CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
CONTAINING:
199.153.74 SQ. FT. OR 4.5719 ACRES ±

PRELIMINARY

[illegible]

BENCH MARK:
FOUND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION BEAS CUP
BENCH MARK ELEV. = 3617.60' CITY DATUM
CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 FOOT
CONTOUR LABEL 5 FEET

CONSULTING COMPANY
1790 LEE TREYNO DRIVE SUITE 309
EL PASO, TEXAS 79906
TEL 951/513-6422 FAX 951/513-6424

OWNER/DEVELOPER:
SARA M. TRUJILLO
10780 CARBAJAL RD
SOCORRO, TEXAS 79227
PHONE: (915) 633-6422

OWNER/DEVELOPER:
MIGUEL TRUJILLO
10780 CARBAJAL RD
SOCORRO, TEXAS 79227
PHONE: (915) 219-8939

SURVEYOR:
CASCAD CONSULTING CO.
CARLOS M. JIMENEZ
1790 N. LEE TREVINO
EL PASO, TEXAS 79906
PHONE: (916) 833-0432

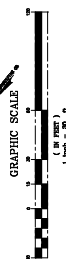
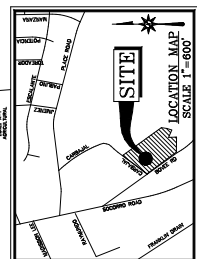
OWNER/DEVELOPER:
RUDY & NORA RODRIGUEZ
10783 CARBAJAL RD
SOCORRO, TEXAS 79087
PHONE: (916) 833-0432

DATED OF PREPARATION: 04/19/2002

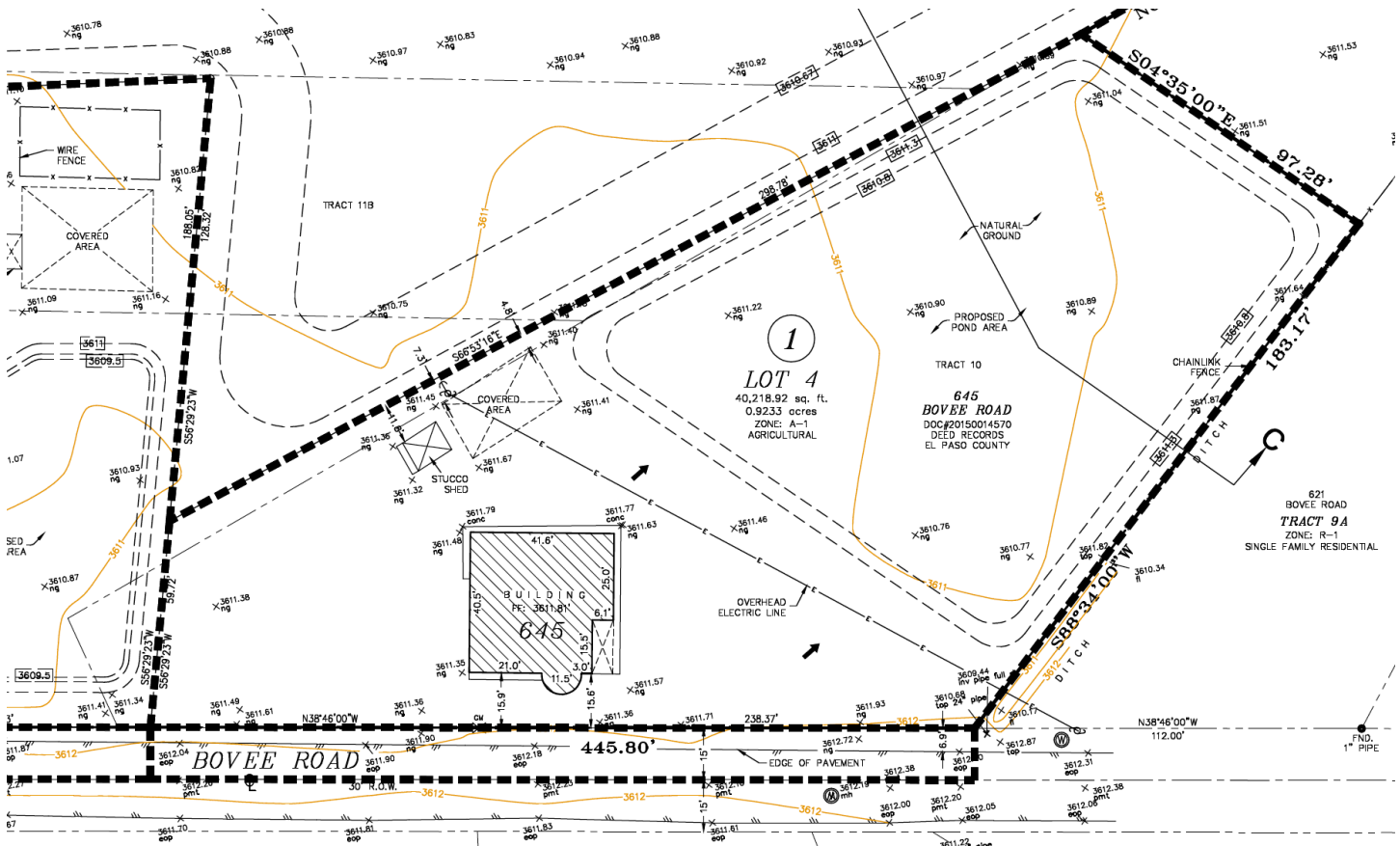
DATE OF PREPARATION: 02/04/2002

UNIMPROVED AREA NO.	PERCENTUAL AREA	PERCENTUAL RUNOFF COEFFICIENT(C)	STREET AREA (acres)	STREET COEFFICIENT(C)	RAINFALL DEPTH (in)	STORAGE VOLUME REQUIRED (cu-ft)	STORAGE VOLUME PROVIDED (cu-ft)	PERCENT SURFACE ELEVATION (feet) (ft)
LOT 1	2.05	0.65	0.67	0.65	4.00	0.24	3510.84	
LOT 2	2.25	0.65	0.67	0.65	4.00	0.60	3511.00	
LOT 3	0.39	0.65	0.00	0.65	4.00	0.08	3511.42	
LOT 4	0.92	0.65	0.00	0.65	4.00	0.20	3511.38	

LEGEND	
FF	= FRESH FLOOR
ND	= NATURAL GROUND
PMT	= PAVEMENT
CONC	= CONCRETE
EDP	= EDGE OF PAVEMENT
FI	= FIRE HYDRANT
WV	= WATER VALVE
LP	= LIGHT POLE
WM	= WATER METER
MH	= MANHOLE
TLSR	= TELLER
GM	= GAS METER
PP	= POWER POLE
OW	= OIL WIRE
→	= OVERHEAD ELECTING
W	= WATER



VARIANCES FOR LOT 4



1. A-1 REQUIRES MINIMUM ONE ACRE--LOT 4 IS 40,128 SQFT OR .92 ACRE.
2. A-1 REQUIRES A MINIMUM FRONT SETBACK OF 35'--LOT 4 HAS AN EXISTING SETBACK OF ~15'.



**CITY OF SOCORRO
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: JUNE 16, 2022**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING EL PASO ELECTRIC TO RELOCATE POWER LINES

SUBJECT:

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO REQUEST EL PASO ELECTRIC TO RELOCATE SEVERAL POWERLINES AS PART OF THE TXDOT PROJECTS.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

El Paso Electric is requesting a resolution from City Council requesting the relocations of several powerlines as part of the three TXDOT projects. The current franchise agreement will require El Paso Electric to pay for these relocations. However, in order to process, they need a formal request from the City of Socorro in the form of a resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends APPROVAL.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price)

Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#)

ALTERNATIVE

Deny

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

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RESOLUTION 704

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO THE EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO RELOCATE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DUE TO ROADWAY AND SHARED USE PATH IMPROVEMENTS:

1. RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POLE AT THE CORNER OF RIO VISTA AND ALAMEDA
2. RELOCATION OF ELECTRICAL POLE AT THE CORNER OF BOVEE ROAD AND ALAMEDA AVENUE
3. RELOCATION OF TWO GUY WIRES ALONG PASSMORE ROAD

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

To request the relocations of the electrical poles for the Rio Vista and Bovee Projects and the relocation of the two guy wires for the Passmore Project, as outlined in the franchise agreement between the City of Socorro, Texas and the El Paso Electric Company (Ordinance No. 408, Section 2. Police Power) and therefore, any expenses or costs from such relocations are not to be reimbursed to the El Paso Electric Company by the City of Socorro.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____ 2022.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

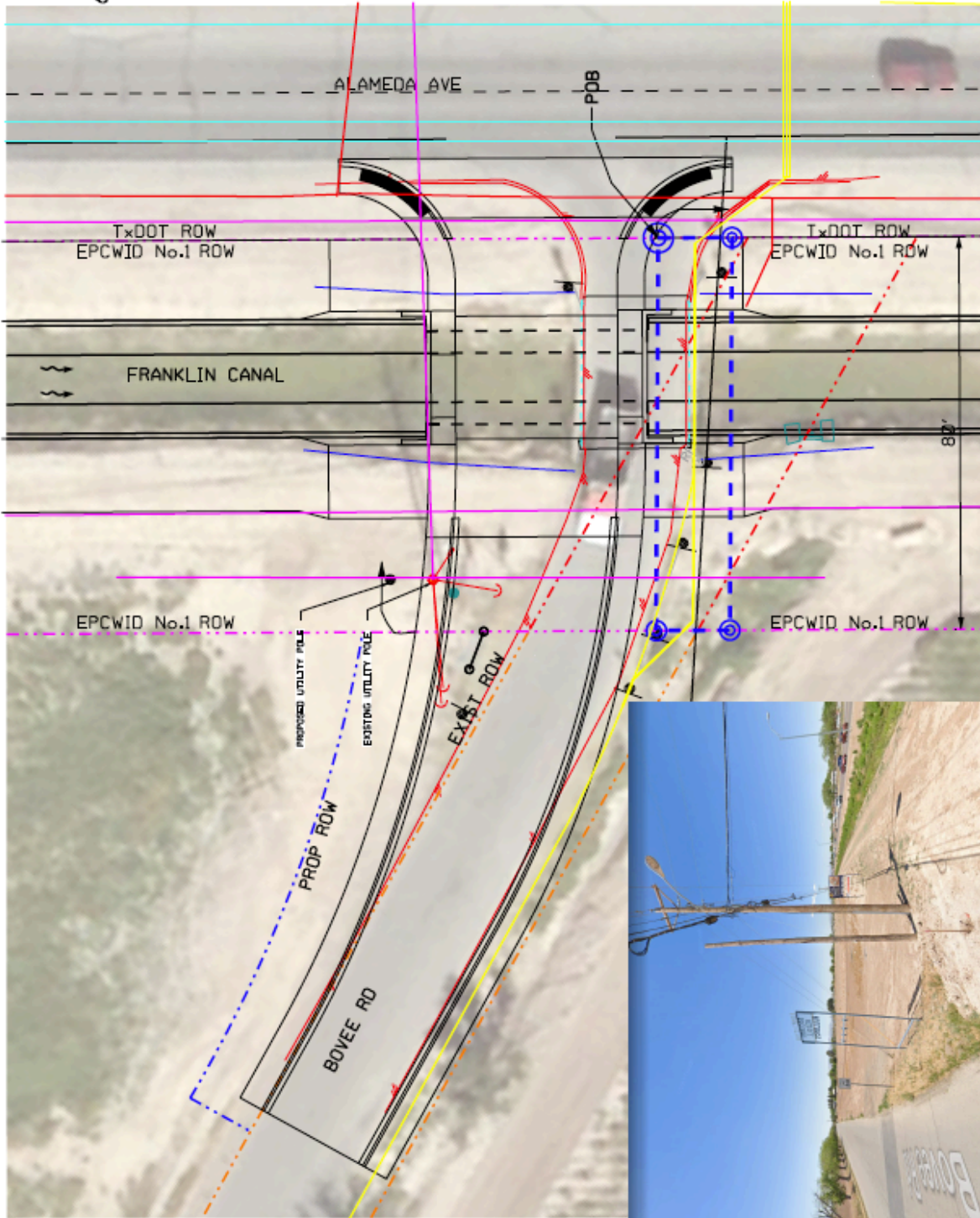
ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

EXHIBIT 1



EXHIBIT 2



- - - - - EPCWID No.1 ROW
 - - - - - TxDOT ROW

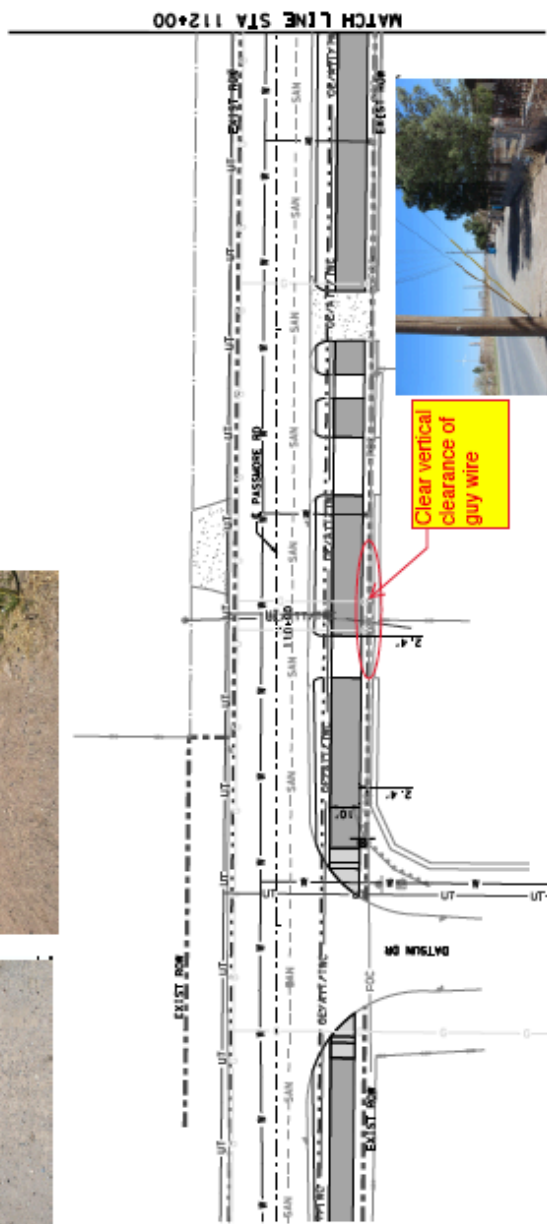
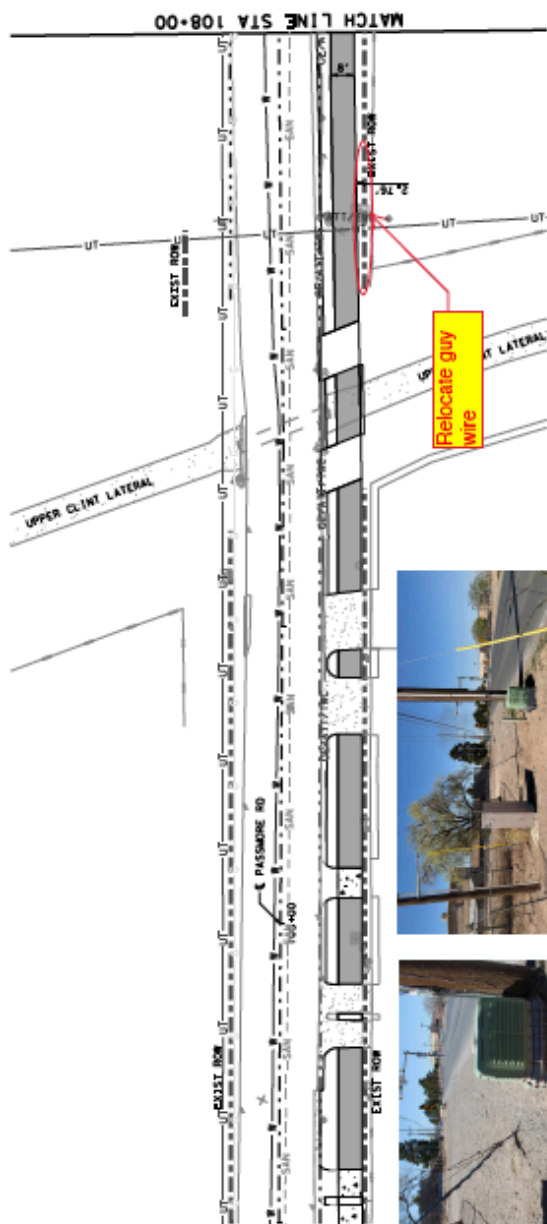
DEC ENGINEERING CORPORATION - EL PASO, LLC
 7302 FM 2011 SUITE 100
 WEST GARDEN, TEXAS 75143-1000
 TEL: 972.444.1111 FAX: 972.444.1112

BOVEE RD

RIGHT OF WAY
PLAN LAYOUT

PROJECT NO.	27-01
DATE	07/11/11
BY	SECORRO
CHECKED BY	SECORRO
DATE	07/11/11
PROJECT	CS 265236

EXHIBIT 3



SHEET 1 OF 3	
PROJECT NO.	0924-06-604
DATE	11-02
BY	ELP
TX#15	SOCORRO
SHEET	
JUL 20 1997	

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RESOLUTION NO. ____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FLOOD
CONTROL PROJECTS; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING
TO THE SUBJECT

WHEREAS, this City Council deems it advisable to authorize publication of notice of intent to issue certificates of obligation for the purposes hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Socorro (the "City") expects to pay expenditures in connection with the projects described in "Exhibit A" to this Resolution prior to the issuance of the certificates of obligation hereinafter described;

WHEREAS, this City Council hereby finds, considers and declares that the reimbursement of the payment by the City of such expenditures will be appropriate and consistent with the lawful objectives of the City and, as such, chooses to declare its intention, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.150-2 of the U.S. Treasury Regulations, to reimburse itself for such payments at such time as it issues the hereinafter described certificates of obligation;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was considered was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

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

Section 1. Attached hereto and marked "Exhibit A" is a form of notice, the form and substance of which are hereby passed and approved.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall cause said notice to be published in substantially the form attached hereto, in a newspaper, as defined by Subchapter C, Chapter 2051, Texas Government Code, of general circulation in the area of said City, once a week for two consecutive weeks, with the date of the first publication to be before the 45th day before the date tentatively set for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates, and, if the City maintains an Internet website, continuously on the City's website for at least 45 days before the date tentatively set for the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the certificates.

Section 3. All costs to be reimbursed pursuant hereto will be capital expenditures; the proposed certificates of obligation shall be issued within 18 months of the later of (i) the date the expenditures are paid or (ii) the date on which the property, with respect to which such expenditures were made, is placed in service; and the foregoing notwithstanding, the certificates of obligation will not be issued pursuant to this Resolution on a date that is more than three years after the date any expenditure which is to be reimbursed is paid.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO,
TEXAS, this 16th day of June, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

[CITY SEAL]

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION
TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas, at its meeting to commence at 6:00 P.M. on August 18, 2022, at the City Hall, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., Socorro, Texas, tentatively proposes to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of interest bearing certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed \$6,664,000 for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred in connection with (i) design, construction and installation of flood control, storm water and drainage improvements within the City; and (ii) legal, fiscal and engineering fees in connection with such projects. The estimated interest rate for the certificates is 0.00% per annum. The maximum maturity date for the certificates is September 30, 2052. The estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates to be authorized on time and in full is \$6,664,000. The current principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the City is \$26,170,000.00. The current combined principal and interest required to pay all outstanding debt obligations of the City on time and in full is \$32,763,378.50. The City proposes to provide for the payment of such certificates of obligation from the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes in the City as provided by law and from a pledge of surplus revenues of the City's parks, remaining after payment of all operation and maintenance expenses thereof, and all debt service, reserve, and other requirements in connection with all of the City's revenue bonds or other obligations (now or hereafter outstanding), which are payable from all or any part of the net revenues of the City's parks. The certificates of obligation are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

ITEM 19

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro-Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Yvonne Colon - Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 9, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and Action to approve Mayor, Council members, City Manager, and staff members to attend the TML 110th Annual Conference and Exhibition from October 5th through October 7th, 2022, in San Antonio Texas.

SUMMARY

As a member of the Texas Municipal League the governing body you must become familiar with a variety of important topics. These types of conferences give elected officials an opportunity to a better understanding of their role and on the governing team and increase their knowledge of the fundamental, critical issues and challenges of other governing bodies.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): GF / 05711-05527 / 13

Funding Source: General Fund

Amount: 2,000.00 per person

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 _____

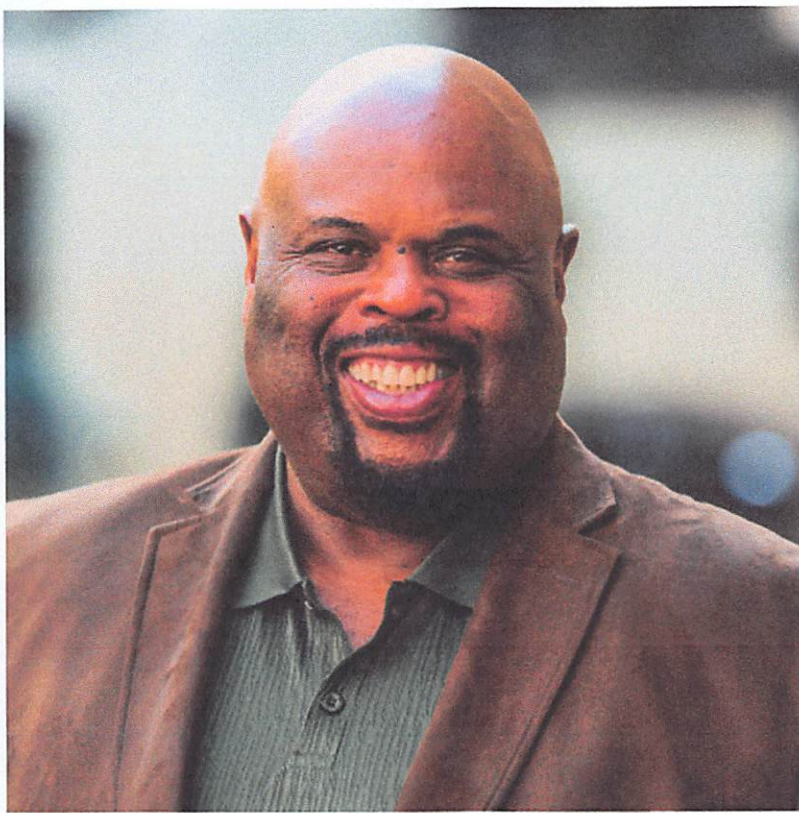
TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE



— 110TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION • OCTOBER 5-7, 2022 —

Menu

2022 TML ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

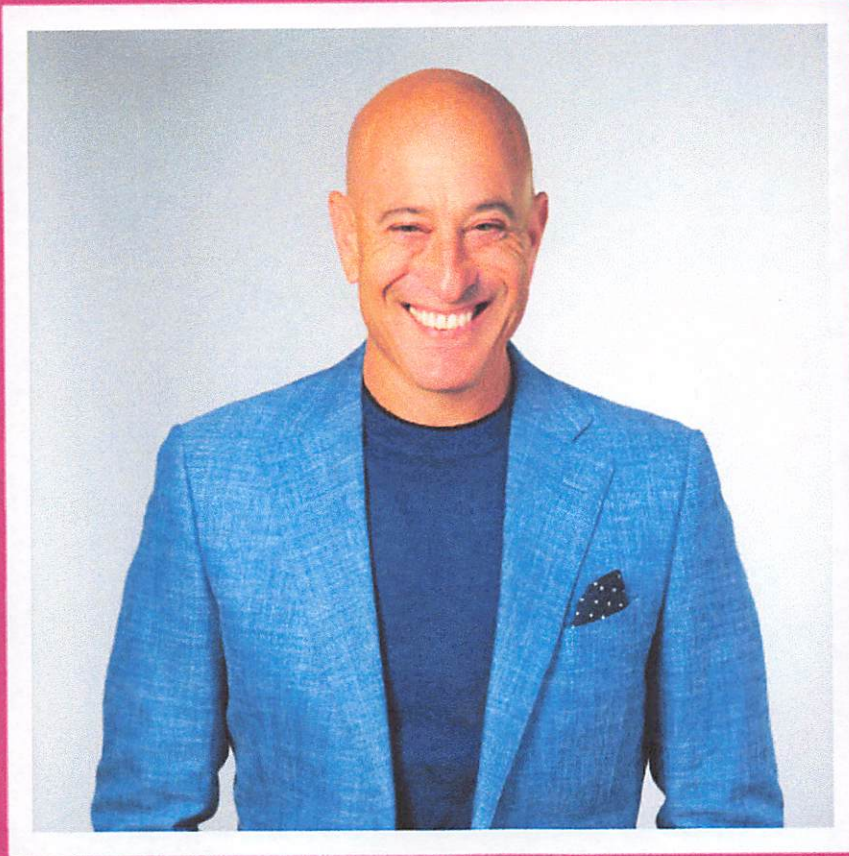


**Opening General Session Keynote
Wednesday, October 5**

**“The Responsibility of Leaders in
Times of Uncertainty”**

**Dr. Rick Rigsby
President & CEO, Rick Rigsby Communications**





**General Session and Lunch
Thursday, October 6**

“The Way Forward”

**Adam Markel
Transformational Leader and Author**





Closing General Session and Brunch Friday, October 7

“Build More Welcoming Communities”

Melody Warnick
Author and Placemaking Expert



The 110th TML Annual Conference and Exhibition will be held October 5-7, 2022 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio.

Mark your calendar!

- The preliminary conference program will be online in early July.
- Attendee registration and housing will open **on July 12.**

ITEM 20

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro-Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon - Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and Action on approving the issuance of the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2021, Annual Financial Report by SBNG Certified Public Accountants.

SUMMARY

Report on the financial statements of the governmental activities of each major fund of the City of Socorro, Texas, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The City is required to issue a finance audit every year. SBNG Certified Public Accountants has completed the audit for fiscal year 2020 – 2021 and will be presenting a report on the respective changes in financial position of the city.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount: Contracted for

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. Finance Director _____ Date _____
3. Attorney _____ Date _____
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITORS' REPORT - 2021

Presented by:

Alejandra Garcia

Tello A. Cabrera, CPA

June 16, 2022

SBNG
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Today's Agenda

- Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for City of Socorro, Texas— Year ended September 30, 2021.
- 5 Year Trend Analysis.
- 2021 Audit highlights.
- Audit Findings and Status.
- Audit Recommendations.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

- Total Assets \$69,199,000 (14% increase).
- Total Liabilities and deferred inflows \$36,867,000 (18% decrease).
- Net Position \$32,332,000 (9% increase).

See Page #5 of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

- Total cash on hand is \$5,320,000.
- Total restricted cash is \$7,981,000.
- Total investments is \$2,552,000.
- Total infrastructure and equipment is \$48,059,000.
- Total balance of Certificates of Obligation is \$28,591,000.

See Page #5 of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- Total Revenue for fiscal year 2021 is \$16,893,000.
- Total Expenses are \$14,264,000.
- Total Net income is \$2,629,000.
- Capital outlay of \$6,226,000 not counted as expense.

See Page #6 of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- Property tax revenue is \$9,348,000. This represents 56% of total revenue. The ad valorem rate for 2021 is \$0.836995, per \$100.
- Federal and state grants are \$3,114,000. Funds were used for infrastructure, COVID-19 response, equipment and police salaries.
- Third largest source of revenue are sales taxes at \$1,993,000 (12% of total revenue).

See Page #6 of the Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- Largest expense is Police Department at \$4,821,000.
- Infrastructure Department is second largest expense at \$4,263,000.
- Government Administration expense is \$2,887,000.
- Interest expense is \$782,000.
- Depreciation expense is \$1,676,000.

See Page #6 of the Financial Statements.

FUND BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Fund basis assets are \$27,301,000.
- Fund basis liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are \$15,824,000.
- Fund balance is \$11,307,000.

See Pages #7-14 of the Financial Statements.

FUND BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FUND	ASSETS	FUND BALANCE	INCOME (LOSS)
General Fund	\$10.1 Million	\$7,519,000	\$1,145,000
Special Revenue	\$6.3 Million	\$305,000	\$34,000
Debt Service	\$881,000	\$507,000	\$(243,000)
Capital Projects	\$5.5 Million	\$2,900,000	\$(4,194,000)

See Pages #7-14 of the Financial Statements.

5-YEAR ANALYSIS

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Property Tax Revenue	\$6,940,000	\$7,162,000	\$8,115,642	\$9,476,101	\$9,348,348
Sales Tax Revenue	\$1,493,000	\$1,567,000	\$1,517,123	\$1,713,701	\$1,993,152
Grant Revenue	\$465,000	\$7,924,000	\$8,962,000	\$556,643	\$3,169,226
Infrastructure	\$21,995,233	\$33,151,000	\$42,259,000	\$43,508,918	\$48,059,022
Long-term Debt	\$22,356,000	\$21,268,000	\$31,420,259	\$30,023,901	\$28,669,213
Total Assets	\$33,704,000	\$41,547,000	\$59,543,000	\$60,956,000	\$69,199,080
Total Cash	\$4,773,000	\$3,989,000	\$4,036,000	\$1,259,821	\$5,320,113

2021 AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS

- **UNMODIFIED** opinion issued for 2021 – This means the financial statements are fairly stated with no departures from accounting requirements.
- **UNMODIFIED** opinion on compliance requirements for Coronavirus Relief Fund program (ALN 21.019)
- **QUALIFIED** opinion on compliance requirements for Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster of programs (TXDOT grants) (ALN 21.205)

2021 AUDIT FINDINGS

- **QUALIFIED** opinion on compliance requirements for Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster of programs (TXDOT grants) (ALN 21.205)
- **Condition:** Approximately \$2 Million in design expenses related to Arterial 1, Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road Expansion and Bridge Repairs remain unreimbursed by TXDOT grant, pending completion of invoicing corrections and reporting to TXDOT.

2021 AUDIT FINDINGS

- **QUALIFIED** opinion on compliance requirements for Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster of programs (TXDOT grants) (ALN 21.205)
- **Response:** city internal auditor in the process of reviewing required invoice corrections and obtaining information from engineering firm working on each project.

2021 AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- **QUALIFIED** opinion on compliance requirements for Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster of programs (TXDOT grants) (ALN 21.205)
- **Recommendation:** Continue working with engineering firm in order to complete pending reporting requirements with TXDOT. Complete training program for TXDOT contract management, implement written policies required by TXDOT contracts manual.

2021 AUDIT HIGHLIGHTS

- New accounting standards implemented include *GASB Statement 84 – Fiduciary Activities*; *GASB Statement No. 88, Certain Disclosures Related to Debt*, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements; and *GASB Statement No. 89, Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*.
- Significant accounting estimates, concentration, and contingencies have been evaluated and properly disclosed in the financial statements.

QUESTIONS?

For more information

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS

Name

Title

Ivy Avalos

Mayor

City Council

Ruben Reyes

At Large Representative

Cesar Nevarez

District 1 Representative

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City Manager

Charles Casiano, CPA

Finance Director

Olivia Navarro

City Clerk

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Socorro, Texas ("the City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Socorro, Texas' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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To Honorable Mayor Elia Garcia
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Socorro, Texas, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that a Budgetary Comparison for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund as shown on pages 44 through 49 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise City of Socorro, Texas' basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedules for the debt service fund and capital improvements fund, and the accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards, as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Other Matters (Continued)

Other Information (Continued)

The budgetary comparison for the debt service fund, the budgetary comparison for the capital improvements fund, and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison for the debt service fund, the budgetary comparison for the capital improvements fund, and the schedule of expenditures of federal and state awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June XX, 2022, on our consideration of City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

El Paso, Texas
June XX, 2022

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

September 30, 2021

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,320,113
Restricted cash	7,981,068
Investments	2,552,527
Taxes receivable	2,980,017
Grants receivable	2,040,103
Other receivables, net	217,664
Prepaid expenses	43,566
Other assets	5,000
Non-depreciable capital assets	8,195,790
Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>39,863,232</u>
Total assets	<u>69,199,080</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	3,575,727
Accrued liabilities	279,954
Deferred revenue	4,257,502
Due within one year:	
Compensated absences	77,225
Bonds payable	1,285,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds payable, net	<u>27,306,988</u>
Total liabilities	<u>36,782,396</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	
Deferred inflows of resources related to gain from retirement of bond	<u>84,137</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>84,137</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net position:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	19,467,034
Restricted	5,719,731
Unrestricted	<u>7,145,782</u>
Total net position	<u>\$32,332,547</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral
part of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended September 30, 2021

<u>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>Direct Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net Revenue (Expenses) and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
		<u>Charges for Services, Fees, Fines and Forfeitures</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	
Primary government:					
Infrastructure and environmental	\$ 4,263,133	\$ 985,240	\$1,565,597	\$	\$ (1,712,296)
Public safety	4,821,098		358,363		(4,462,735)
General government	2,887,544	55,137	1,144,996		(1,687,411)
Community development	559,208		100,270		(458,938)
Health and human services	549,241				(549,241)
Justice system	348,757	556,600			207,843
Interest on long-term debt	782,458				(782,458)
Bond issuance costs	<u>52,615</u>				<u>(52,615)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 14,264,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,977</u>	<u>\$3,169,226</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>(9,497,851)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					9,348,348
Sales taxes					1,993,152
Franchise taxes					728,644
Investment income					7,704
Other income					<u>49,624</u>
Total general revenues					<u>12,127,472</u>
Change in net position					2,629,621
Net position, beginning of year					<u>29,702,926</u>
Net position, end of year					<u>\$ 32,332,547</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-Grants</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-CARES</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-ARPA</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Non-Major Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,239,681	\$ 78,324	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,108	\$ 5,320,113
Restricted cash		5,046,955	293,067		342,689	2,298,357		7,981,068
Investments	479,961					2,072,566		2,552,527
Taxes receivable	2,457,563				522,454			2,980,017
Due from other funds	1,728,003			4,257,502		10,992		5,996,497
Grants receivable		390,563	540,848			1,108,692		2,040,103
Other receivables, net	214,189	3,475						217,664
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,842</u>				<u>16,469</u>	<u>20,255</u>		<u>43,566</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,126,239</u>	<u>\$ 5,519,317</u>	<u>\$ 833,915</u>	<u>\$ 4,257,502</u>	<u>\$ 881,612</u>	<u>\$ 5,510,862</u>	<u>\$ 2,108</u>	<u>\$ 27,131,555</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</u>								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$ 959,874	\$ 50,794	\$ 27,952	\$	\$	\$ 2,537,107		\$ 3,575,727
Accrued expenses	209,349							209,349
Deferred revenue				4,257,502				4,257,502
Due to other funds	<u>10,992</u>	<u>5,163,110</u>	<u>805,963</u>		<u>15,975</u>	<u>457</u>		<u>5,996,497</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,180,215</u>	<u>5,213,904</u>	<u>833,915</u>	<u>4,257,502</u>	<u>15,975</u>	<u>2,537,564</u>		<u>14,039,075</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:								
Deferred property taxes	1,301,452				358,556			1,660,008
Deferred court fees	<u>125,097</u>							<u>125,097</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,426,549</u>				<u>358,556</u>			<u>1,785,105</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

September 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-Grants</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-CARES</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-ARPA</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Non-Major Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)</u>								
Fund balances:								
Nonspendable	\$ 6,842	\$	\$	\$	\$ 16,469	\$ 20,255	\$	\$ 43,566
Restricted for:								
Debt service					490,612			490,612
Capital projects						2,953,043		2,953,043
Federal and state mandated		305,413						305,413
Transportation Reinvestment Zone #1	1,970,663							1,970,663
Committed for:								
Capital improvements	485,204							485,204
Minimum fund balance	1,765,756							1,765,756
Unassigned	<u>3,291,010</u>						<u>2,108</u>	<u>3,293,118</u>
Total fund balances	<u>7,519,475</u>	<u>305,413</u>			<u>507,081</u>	<u>2,973,298</u>	<u>2,108</u>	<u>11,307,375</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,126,239</u>	<u>\$ 5,519,317</u>	<u>\$ 833,915</u>	<u>\$ 4,257,502</u>	<u>\$ 881,612</u>	<u>\$ 5,510,862</u>	<u>\$ 2,108</u>	<u>\$ 27,131,555</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Total fund balances of governmental funds in the balance sheet \$ 11,307,375

Amounts reported in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Governmental capital assets	65,781,243	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,722,221)</u>	48,059,022

Deposits on hand are not considered current financial resources and not presented in the governmental funds 5,000

Deferred gains resulting from defeasance of bonds payable are not reported as a fund balance line item. All deferred gains or losses are presented in the statement of net position (84,137)

Certain property tax revenues will be collected after year-end but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred on the modified accrual basis in governmental funds:

Deferred property taxes	1,660,008	
Deferred court fees	<u>125,097</u>	1,785,105

Some liabilities applicable to the City's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position:

Bonds payable, net	(28,591,988)	
Compensated absences	(77,225)	
Accrued interest	<u>(70,605)</u>	<u>(28,739,818)</u>

Total net position of governmental activities \$ 32,332,547

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of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-Grants</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-CARES</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-ARPA</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Non-Major Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Property taxes	\$ 7,400,364	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,971,823	\$	\$	\$ 9,372,187
Federal and state grants		603,234	1,144,296	700		1,366,034		3,114,264
Sales taxes	1,993,152							1,993,152
Planning and zoning fees	985,240							985,240
Franchise taxes	718,393	10,251						728,644
Municipal court fines and fees	574,495							574,495
Charges for services	38,591	16,546						55,137
Local grants		54,962						54,962
Investment income	1,830					5,874		7,704
Other income	<u>25,538</u>	<u>17,211</u>			<u>1,847</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>49,624</u>
Total revenues	<u>11,737,603</u>	<u>702,204</u>	<u>1,144,296</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>1,973,670</u>	<u>1,371,936</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>16,935,409</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-Grants</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-CARES</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-ARPA</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Non-Major Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>								
Public safety	\$ 4,258,113	\$ 366,366	\$ 20,277	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,644,756
Infrastructure and environmental	2,852,912		347			73,557		2,926,816
General government	1,822,745		1,030,762	700			2,892	2,857,099
Community development	356,413	57,863	4,272					418,548
Health and human services	549,241							549,241
Justice system	348,757							348,757
Debt service:								
Principal					1,275,000			1,275,000
Interest					941,587			941,587
Bond issuance costs					49,987	2,628		52,615
Refinancing bond escrow					1,765,013			1,765,013
Capital outlay	<u>404,235</u>	<u>243,489</u>	<u>88,638</u>			<u>5,489,962</u>		<u>6,226,324</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,592,416</u>	<u>667,718</u>	<u>1,144,296</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>4,031,587</u>	<u>5,566,147</u>	<u>2,892</u>	<u>22,005,756</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-Grants</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-CARES</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund-ARPA</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvements Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Non-Major Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>								
Proceeds from bond issuance	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$1,815,000	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 1,815,000
Total other financing sources	_____	_____	_____	_____	1,815,000	_____	_____	1,815,000
Net change in fund balance	1,145,187	34,486			(242,917)	(4,194,211)	2,108	(3,255,347)
Fund balance, beginning of the year	<u>6,374,288</u>	<u>270,927</u>	_____	_____	<u>749,998</u>	<u>7,167,509</u>	_____	<u>14,562,722</u>
Fund balance, end of the year	<u>\$7,519,475</u>	<u>\$305,413</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ _____</u>	<u>\$ 507,081</u>	<u>\$2,973,298</u>	<u>\$ 2,108</u>	<u>\$11,307,375</u>

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part of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds \$ (3,255,347)

Amounts reported in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures.

However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense:

Capital outlays	6,226,324	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,676,220)</u>	4,550,104

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds:

Change in unavailable revenue related to property taxes	(23,839)	
Change in unavailable revenue related to municipal court	<u>(17,895)</u>	(41,734)

The proceeds from certificates of obligation and premiums provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. (1,815,000)

Funds in the refunding bond escrow are not considered a current financial resource, therefore, they are not reported in the funds. 1,765,013

Bond premiums are amortized using the straight-line method over the term of bonds payable. Interest expense in the statement of activities is reduced by bond premium amortization recognized every year. 142,867

The deferred gain on defeasance of bonds is amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the refunding bond payable. Interest expense in the statement of activities is reduced by the deferred gain amortization recognized every year. 8,995

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Payment of principal on long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	\$ 1,275,000
Certain items reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:	
Change in accrued interest payable	7,267
Change in compensated absences payable	<u>(7,544)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,629,621</u>

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part of these financial statements.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

City of Socorro, Texas (“the City”) operates under a Home Rule City with five council members and a Mayor. The Mayor and one council member are elected at large, and the remaining four council members are elected in single-member Districts. By ordinance, the City is required to have a City Manager. The City provides general services, public safety, public works, public health, community and economic development, court services and community development.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of the City is presented to assist in the understanding of the City’s financial statements. The financial statements and notes are the representation of the City’s management who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity. The financial statements of the City have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) as applied to government entities.

Reporting Entity – In evaluating how to define the City for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statements No. 14, No. 39, No. 61, No. 80, and No. 90.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the City is financially accountable, or other organizations whose nature and significant relationship with the City are such that exclusion would cause the City’s financial statements to be misleading. Financial accountability is defined as the appointment of a voting majority of the component unit’s board, and (i) either the City’s ability to direct the organization or (ii) the potential for the organization to provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the City.

Blended component units, although legally separate entities are, in substance, part of the City’s operations. Accordingly, data from these units are combined with data of the primary government. Discretely presented component units, on the other hand, are reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize their legal and operational separation from the government.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Blended Component Unit –

City of Socorro Community Initiative – Established to solicit and receive contributions, gifts and grants for the purpose of accumulating a perpetual endowment to supplement, augment and assist in sustaining the operating and capital requirements of City of Socorro, Texas, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and to make grants or other payments to or for the benefit of the City in order to promote community development, arts and culture, historic preservation and tourism, and economic success in City of Socorro, Texas. The Corporation was established in 2019 as a 501(c)(3) Organization and therefore, it is exempt from federal income tax. The Corporation meets the requirements for blending because its governing body is appointed by the City's Council and is managed as a department of the City under the direction of the City's management. The Corporation's activities are reported in the City's governmental activities as a special revenue fund. Separate financial statements are not prepared for the Corporation. The Corporation's fiscal year ends on December 31. The activity of City of Socorro Community Initiative is presented under the aggregate non-major funds in the financial statements of governmental activities for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements – The government-wide financial statements (the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the City. The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or program, and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or program. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

The City has six major individual governmental funds and one non-major governmental fund, which are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation – The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued) – Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the City considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal year.

Grants and entitlements and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered measurable and available only when the City receives cash.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

In addition to assets and liabilities, the government fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position may report separate sections of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Accounting policies regarding deferred inflows and outflows of resources are explained on pages 23 and 36.

Fund Accounting – The City's accounting system is operated on a fund basis. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts for recording its assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, and fund balances. The various funds are for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or to obtain certain objectives. The various funds are grouped by type in the financial statements.

The City reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – The general fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund-Grants – The Special Revenue Fund – Grants is used to account for the expenditures of state and local awards that have been restricted to be used in public service. Grant revenue is recognized when compliance with the various contract requirements are achieved. In addition, the fund is also used to account for funds that have been internally assigned for public safety, as well as other fees resulting from contracts with external law enforcement agencies.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Accounting (Continued) –

Special Revenue Fund-CARES – The Special Revenue Fund – CARES is used to account for the expenditures of CARES Act funding that have been restricted to be used for responding to the COVID-19 health emergency. Grant revenue is recognized as expenditures are incurred, and any unused funds are presented as refundable grant advances in the Statement of Net Position.

Special Revenue Fund-ARPA – The Special Revenue Fund – ARPA is used to account for the expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act funding that have been restricted to be used for responding to the COVID-19 health emergency and other eligible uses established by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Grant revenue is recognized as expenditures are incurred, and any unused funds are presented as refundable grant advances in the Statement of Net Position.

Debt Service Fund – The debt service fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest on the City's general obligation debt.

Capital Projects Fund – The capital projects fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. Capital project funds exclude those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Private sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict current guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule, the effect of the interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, and fines and forfeitures, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenues – Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions – Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the City, available means expected to be received within 60 days of fiscal year-end. Under the modified accrual basis, interest and charges for services are considered to be both measurable and available at fiscal year-end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the City receives value without directly giving value in return, include grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the City must provide local resources to be used for a specific purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the City on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must be available before it can be recognized.

Expenses/Expenditures – On an accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting – The City is required by the Texas Constitution to adopt an annual balanced budget. The City Council officially adopts the annual budget ordinance and all project ordinances and has the authority to amend such ordinances. All budgets are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting as required by Texas law.

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments – Funds on deposit were maintained in interest bearing accounts and secured at the balance sheet date by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and U.S. Government Securities.

State statutes authorize the City to invest in Certificates of Deposit, repurchase agreements, passbook, bankers' acceptances, and other available bank investments, provided that approved securities are pledged in an amount equal to 102% of the amount of funds on deposit.

For presentation in the financial statements, investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the City, are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an original maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (Continued) – Restricted cash represents certain unexpended long-term debt funding restricted for specific capital projects and special revenue projects.

Property Tax Calendar – The City is responsible for the assessment, collection, and apportionment of property taxes. The Council levies property taxes on October 1. The certified tax roll from the El Paso Central Appraisal District reflected a taxable value of \$1,138,282,400 for the year ended September 30, 2021. Taxes are due upon receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid by January 31, of the year following in which levied. On January 1, of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of tax revenues, penalties and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available when they become due or past due and receivable in the current period. The City's 2020-2021 tax rate was \$.836995, per \$100 of assessed valuation. The City incurred expenditures of \$107,505 and \$11,263 for the services provided by El Paso Central Appraisal District and City of El Paso Tax Collector respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Receivables and Payables – Interfund activity is reported as loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting funds and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The City periodically evaluates the collectability of its accounts receivable. An allowance is set up for some accounts which the City believes may be uncollectible over time. Accounts deemed uncollectible are written off at that time. The City is in the process of evaluating their allowance policy in order to adequately reflect the receivables they deem to be collectible. In the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements delinquent property taxes are recorded as revenue when levied net of estimated refunds and uncollectable amounts.

Accounts receivable are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Management periodically evaluates the collectability of its accounts receivable. The allowance for doubtful accounts amounted to \$7,238,238 at September 30, 2021.

Inventory – The City's method of accounting for inventory is the consumption method. Under the consumption approach, governments report inventories they purchase as an asset and defer the recognition of the expenditures until the period in which the inventories are consumed. Inventory is valued at cost and consists of gas inventory. The cost of purchased gas is recorded as an expenditure at the time the City utilizes the gas.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Grants and Contracts Receivable – Grants and contracts receivable are stated at net realizable value. In determining whether or not to record an allowance for doubtful accounts, management makes a judgmental determination based on an evaluation of the facts and circumstances related to each account. At September 30, 2021, management determined all outstanding grants and contracts receivable to be fully collectable. Accordingly, no allowance has been established.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. No interest was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction.

Depreciation is determined using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the capital assets.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follows:

Buildings, structures, and improvements	39-40
Machinery and equipment	5
Vehicles	5
Office furniture and equipment	5-7
Software	3
Infrastructure	22-45
Leasehold improvements	39

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets – Impairment of assets takes place when the fair value of the long-term asset is less than its book (carrying) value. The impairment loss is recorded only when the carrying value of the asset is not recoverable and exceeds its fair value. The City does not have any impaired assets as of September 30, 2021.

Compensated Absences – The City's leave policy allows paid time off to regular full-time employees depending on length of service. Calculation is based on a "benefit year" which is the twelve-month period that begins when an employee starts earning paid time off. The maximum accrual to be carried over to the next fiscal year is 40 hours. Employees who exceed 40 hours available to carry over to the next fiscal year will lose the excess accrued hours. Sick leave is not paid out upon termination.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Long-term Obligations – In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond discounts and premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond discounts or premiums. Bond issuance costs, except for prepaid bond insurance, are reported as expenses in the period incurred. In the fund financial statements, governmental funds recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issue costs. Bond and other long-term debt proceeds are reported as another financing source net of applicable premium or discount. Issue costs, even if withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources – Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period which will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until that time. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period which will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time. The fund basis financial statements include deferred inflows of resources related to unavailable property tax revenues and court fees. The government-wide financial statements include deferred inflows of resources related to deferred gains from bond defeasances.

Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures – In the fund financial statements, governmental fund balances are classified as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance – Amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in a spendable form (such as inventory, long term loans, and prepaid amounts) or are legally or contractually required to be maintained. At September 30, 2021, nonspendable fund balance consisted of prepaid expenses in the amount of \$43,566.

Restricted fund balance – Amounts that should be reported when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At September 30, 2021, the restricted fund balance on the governmental funds was \$5,719,731, of which \$490,612 is restricted for debt service, \$2,953,043 is restricted for capital projects, \$305,413 is restricted for federal and state mandated programs, and \$1,970,663 is restricted for the Transportation Reinvestment Zone #1.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued) –

Fiduciary Activities – Effective October 1, 2020, The City has adopted GASBS No. 84, “Fiduciary Activities.” The standard establishes guidance regarding what constitutes fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes, the recognition of liabilities to beneficiaries, and how fiduciary activities should be reported. Management has evaluated the criteria established by GASBS No. 84 and has not identified any activities or assets that would require to be reported as fiduciary activities as defined by GASBS No. 84.

Committed fund balance – For committed fund balance, the City’s highest level of decision-making authority is the City Council. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the City Council. The committed fund balance of \$485,204 at September 30, 2021 was composed of funds reserved for future infrastructure projects. The City Council also established a policy to maintain a minimum fund balance. The minimum fund balance reserve was \$1,765,756 at September 30, 2021.

Assigned fund balance – The City Council or the City Manager is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The authorization policy is in governmental funds other than the general fund. Assigned fund balance represents the amount that is not restricted or committed. This indicates that resources in other governmental funds are, at a minimum, intended to be used for the purpose of that fund. There was no assigned fund balance at September 30, 2021.

Unassigned fund balance – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. At September 30, 2021, the unassigned fund balance of the governmental funds was \$3,293,118.

Minimum Fund Balance Policy – In fiscal year 2011, the City adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the General Fund. The City’s goal is to achieve and maintain an unassigned fund balance in the general fund equal to 16.67% of expenditures. The City considers a balance of less than 8.34% to be cause for concern, barring unusual or deliberate circumstances. In the event that the unassigned fund balance is calculated to be less than the policy stipulates, the City shall plan to adjust budget resources in subsequent fiscal years to restore the balance. Minimum fund balance for the general fund as of September 30, 2021 is \$1,765,756, which is considered to be committed fund balance. At September 30, 2020, the City’s unassigned fund balance amounted to \$3,291,010 which met the established percentage requirement.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Position – Net position is displayed in three components:

- 1) Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2) Restricted net position – consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3) Unrestricted net position – all other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

Net Position/Fund Balance Flow Assumptions – The City may elect to fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position in the government-wide financial statements and restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the City's policy to consider restricted balances to have been depleted before unrestricted balances are applied.

Internal Balances – Amounts reported in the fund financial statements as interfund receivables, payables and advances, if any, are eliminated in the government-wide governmental columns of the statement of net position.

Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The City's deposits and investments are managed pursuant to its Investment Policy, which is approved annually by the City Council. The Investment Policy primarily emphasizes safety of principal, liquidity, prudent investing activities, and optimization of investment return. The safety and preservation of principal is to remain the primary objective. The policy addresses investment diversification, yield, and maturity; as well as requiring training for personnel in charge of monitoring investments. The Investment Policy also defines the type of investments in which the City may invest its funds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Cash Deposits

Total deposits held by the City as of September 30, 2021 had a bank balance of \$13,315,732. The bank balance differs from the register cash balance of \$5,320,113 and restricted cash of \$7,981,068 due to checks and deposits that were in transit at the end of the fiscal year.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits – The City’s policy requires the collateralization of all funds on deposit with a depository bank, other than investments in excess of \$100,000. In order to anticipate market changes and provide a level of security for all funds, the collateralization level will be at least 102% of market value of principal and accrued interest on the deposits or investments less an amount insured by the FDIC. Securities pledged as collateral shall be held by an independent third-party with whom the City has a current custodial agreement. Management evaluates the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits exceeding the amount insured by the FDIC by comparing the amounts of cash on hand to collateralized funds. At September 30, 2021, pledged collateral funds securing the City’s deposits had a fair market value of \$13,818,252, in addition to the FDIC insurance coverage for up to \$250,000, which exceeded the City’s bank balances totaling \$13,315,732.

Investments

Interest Rate Risk – It is the City’s policy to concentrate its investment portfolio in shorter-term securities in order to limit principal risk caused by changes in interest rates. The City attempts to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. The City will not directly invest in securities maturing more than two years from the date of purchase. The maximum maturity for repurchase agreements shall be 120 days, and the composite portfolio should have a weighted average maturity of 36 days or less.

Credit Risk – The City’s policy for restricting investment instruments is consistent with Texas state law. The City will minimize credit risk by limiting investments to the safest types of investments, pre-qualifying the financial institutions and broker/dealers with which the City will do business and diversifying the investment portfolio so that potential losses on individual issuers are minimized. In accordance with state law, investments in investment pools must be rated at least AAA by at least one nationally recognized rating service and seek to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per share. All of the City’s investments are rated at least AAA by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Investments (Continued)

In addition, the City's policy establishes the following maximum limits, by instrument, for its total investment portfolio:

1. U.S. Treasury securities	100%
2. Agencies and instrumentalities	85%
3. Certificates of deposit	100%
4. Repurchase agreements, excluding flexible repurchase agreements for bond proceeds investments	20%
5. Money market mutual funds	50%
6. Authorized pools	50%

The City had the following investments at September 30, 2021:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value/ Carrying Value</u>	<u>Measurement Method</u>
Maintenance and Operations	\$ 479,961	\$ 479,691	Amortized Cost
Capital Projects	<u>2,072,566</u>	<u>2,072,566</u>	Amortized Cost
Total LOGIC Investments	<u>\$2,552,527</u>	<u>\$2,552,527</u>	

LOGIC is a local government investment pool organized and existing as a business trust under the laws of the State of Texas with all participant funds and all investment assets held and managed in trust by a Board of Trustees for the benefit of the participants. The units in LOGIC have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities law. Its general investment objective is safety of principal, liquidity in accordance with the operating requirements of the participants, and a competitive rate of return. The portfolio seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per unit and is designed to be used for investment of funds which may be needed at any time. LOGIC's Board of Trustees has determined, in good faith, that it is in the best interests of the portfolio and the unitholders to maintain a stable net asset value of \$1.00 per unit, by virtue of utilization of the amortized cost method which generally approximates the market value of the assets and has been deemed to be a proxy for fair value. The portfolio will continue to use such method only so long as the Board believes that it fairly reflects the market-based net asset value per unit. Units of LOGIC are currently rated "AAA" by Standard & Poor's. Further information is available at the LOGIC website www.logic.org.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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PROPERTY TAX AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Property tax and other receivables consist of the following at September 30, 2021:

	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts</u>	<u>Net</u>
Property taxes:			
Property taxes, current	\$ 685,657	\$	\$ 685,657
Property taxes, delinquent	<u>1,733,151</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,733,151</u>
	2,418,808		2,418,808
Sales taxes and franchise fees	<u>561,209</u>	<u> </u>	<u>561,209</u>
Taxes receivable	<u>\$2,980,017</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$2,980,017</u>
Other receivables:			
Court warrants	\$7,452,427	\$(7,238,238)	\$214,189
Other	<u>3,475</u>	<u> </u>	<u>3,475</u>
	<u>\$7,455,902</u>	<u>(7,238,238)</u>	<u>\$217,664</u>

GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable arise from amounts due to the City from granting agencies for allowable expenditures not reimbursed at year-end. Grants receivable consisted of the following at September 30, 2021:

County of El Paso	\$ 540,848
Texas Office of the Governor	106,120
Texas Department of Agriculture	127,075
U.S. Department of Justice	122,868
Texas Department of Transportation	1,108,692
Texas Historical Commission	<u>34,500</u>
Total	<u>\$2,040,103</u>

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INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The composition of the City's interfund balances as of September 30, 2021 is as follows:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Special Revenue-Grants	\$ 905,608
Special Revenue Fund-ARPA	Special Revenue-Grants	4,257,502
General Fund	Special Revenue-CARES	805,963
General Fund	Debt Service Fund	15,975
General Fund	Capital Improvements Fund	457
Capital Improvements Fund	General Fund	<u>10,992</u>
	Total	<u>\$5,996,497</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of capital assets and changes occurring for governmental activities during the year ended September 30, 2021:

	<u>Balance at September 30, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance at September 30, 2021</u>
Non-depreciable capital assets:					
Land	\$2,820,493	\$ 204,886	\$	\$	\$3,025,379
Construction in progress	<u>1,515,003</u>	<u>4,594,003</u>		<u>(938,595)</u>	<u>5,170,411</u>
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>4,335,496</u>	<u>4,798,889</u>		<u>(938,595)</u>	<u>8,195,790</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	<u>Balance at September 30, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance at September 30, 2021</u>
Depreciable capital assets:					
Infrastructure	\$47,610,372	\$732,461	\$	\$ 28,603	\$48,371,436
Machinery and equipment	2,436,340	32,244			2,468,584
Buildings	2,318,974	71,726		909,992	3,300,692
Vehicles	2,192,440	580,223			2,772,663
Furniture	346,358				346,358
Leasehold improvements	212,942				212,942
Software	<u>112,421</u>	<u>10,781</u>	<u>(10,424)</u>		<u>112,778</u>
	<u>55,229,847</u>	<u>1,427,435</u>	<u>(10,424)</u>	<u>938,595</u>	<u>57,585,453</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Infrastructure	(11,227,682)	(1,142,190)			(12,369,872)
Machinery and equipment	(1,985,179)	(93,143)			(2,078,322)
Buildings	(926,976)	(143,058)			(1,070,034)
Vehicles	(1,372,916)	(277,104)			(1,650,020)
Furniture	(336,390)	(4,609)			(340,999)
Leasehold improvements	(119,664)	(5,017)			(124,681)
Software	<u>(87,618)</u>	<u>(11,099)</u>	<u>10,424</u>		<u>(88,293)</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,056,425)</u>	<u>(1,676,220)</u>	<u>10,424</u>		<u>(17,722,221)</u>
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>39,173,422</u>	<u>(248,785)</u>		<u>938,595</u>	<u>39,863,232</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$43,508,918</u>	<u>\$4,550,104</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$48,059,022</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the government for the year ended September 30, 2021 as follows:

General government	\$ 22,901
Public safety	176,342
Community development	140,660
Infrastructure and environmental	<u>1,336,317</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$1,676,220</u>

LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended September 30, 2021:

	<u>Balance at September 30, 2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance at September 30, 2021</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Compensated absences	\$ 69,681	\$ 419,551	\$ (412,007)	\$ 77,225	\$ 77,225
Bonds payable, net (direct placements)	<u>29,954,220</u>	<u>1,815,000</u>	<u>(3,177,232)</u>	<u>28,591,988</u>	<u>1,285,000</u>
	<u>\$30,023,901</u>	<u>\$2,234,551</u>	<u>\$(3,589,239)</u>	<u>\$28,669,213</u>	<u>\$1,362,225</u>

Totals of principal and interest components equal required minimum payments for periods shown, and total principal equals the net present value of these bonds and notes.

Compensated absences

The City's leave policy allows employees to accumulate paid-time-off up to 40 hours per year. Upon termination, any accumulated paid-time-off will be paid to the employee. As of September 30, 2021, employees had approximately 3,839 hours of accumulated paid-time-off.

Total accrued compensated absences	<u>\$77,225</u>
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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Bonds Payable (Direct Placements)

The City issued \$1,815,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A to refund \$1,855,000 of outstanding principal of Tax and Revenue Obligation Series 2011 CK bonds. Interest rate is 4% to 4.25% over the term of the bonds. Varying principal and interest payments are due semi-annually beginning March 2021 through March 2031. The effective yield rate is approximately 1.43%.	\$1,765,000
The City issued \$9,265,000 of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014. Interest rate varies from 2.00% to 5.00% over the term of the bonds. Varying principal and interest payments are due semi-annually beginning July 2014 through March 2034. The original bond issue included an offering premium of \$730,088 to be amortized over the life of the bond. The effective yield rate is approximately 3.79%.	7,430,000
The City issued \$3,510,000 of General Obligations Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 to refund \$3,500,000 of outstanding 2008 Combination Tax and Revenue bonds. Interest rate varies from 2.00% to 4.00% over the term of the bonds. Varying principal and interest payments are due beginning September 2016 through March 2028. The principal payments are due annually and interest payments are due on a semi-annual basis. The original bond issue included an offering premium of \$356,559 to be amortized over the life of the bond. The effective yield rate is approximately 2.22%.	2,520,000
The City issued \$9,635,000 of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2019. Interest rate is 3% over the term of the bonds. Varying principal and interest payments are due semi-annually beginning March 2020 through March 2039. The original bond issue included an offering premium of \$539,552 to be amortized over the life of the bond. The effective yield rate is approximately 2.67%.	9,300,000
The City issued \$6,330,000 of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 to refund \$6,750,000 of outstanding principal of Series 2010 Certificates, Series 2012 Certificates, and Series 2012 Bonds. Interest rate is 3% to 4% over the term of the bonds. Varying principal and interest payments are due semi-annually beginning March 2020 through March 2032. The original bond issue included an offering premium of \$659,601 to be amortized over the life of the bond. The effective yield rate is approximately 2.67%.	<u>5,925,000</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Total bonds payable outstanding	\$26,940,000
Unamortized bond premiums	<u>1,651,988</u>
Total bonds payable, net	<u>28,591,988</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$28,669,213</u>

Annual debt service for the outstanding bonds is as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>
2021	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 912,566	\$ 2,197,566
2022	1,320,000	875,807	2,195,807
2023	1,360,000	838,001	2,198,001
2024	1,405,000	797,334	2,202,334
2025	1,445,000	751,843	2,196,843
2026-2030	8,050,000	2,958,234	11,008,234
2031-2035	8,190,000	1,285,000	9,475,000
2036-2039	<u>3,885,000</u>	<u>177,225</u>	<u>4,062,225</u>
Totals	<u>\$26,940,000</u>	<u>\$8,596,010</u>	<u>\$35,536,010</u>

Total of principal and interest components equal required minimum payments for periods shown, and total principal equals the net present value of these bonds and notes plus unamortized premiums.

Amortization of bond premiums totaling \$142,867 is included in interest expense for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Bonds Payable (Continued)

The portion of Series 2014 bond certificates having a stated maturity of March 1, 2032 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity at face value plus any accrued interest at the redemption date on the respective dates and in principal amounts as follows:

Term Certificate due March 1, 2032:

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2031	\$425,000
March 1, 2032	\$440,000

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CONTINUED)**

LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Bonds Payable (Continued)

The portion of Series 2019 bond certificates having a stated maturity of March 1 in the years 2030, 2032, and 2034 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity at face value plus any accrued interest at the redemption date on the respective dates and in principal amounts as follows:

Term Certificate due March 1, 2030:

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2029	\$225,000
March 1, 2030	\$230,000

Term Certificate due March 1, 2032:

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2031	\$240,000
March 1, 2032	\$245,000

Term Certificate due March 1, 2034:

<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
March 1, 2033	\$255,000
March 1, 2034	\$260,000

Bond Defeasance

In November 2020, the City issued \$1,815,000 in General Obligations Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A to refund \$1,730,000 of outstanding principal of Series 2011 Certificates. The net refunding proceeds of \$1,765,013 (including an after payment of \$53,789 in underwriting fees and other issuance costs) were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide funds for the future debt service payment on the refunded bonds. As a result, the Series 2011 Certificates, are considered to be defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the Statement of Net Position. The carrying balance of the defeased bonds amounted to \$1,759,365 which included \$29,365 of unamortized bond premiums. The reacquisition price did not exceed the net carrying amount of the Series 2011 Certificates; therefore, the difference between the refinanced principal and the repurchase price was recognized as a deferred loss in bond refinancing.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Unavailable revenues in the amount of \$1,785,105 at September 30, 2021, represent revenue received more than 60 days following year-end (unavailable to pay liabilities of the current period). Governmental funds report deferred inflows of resources in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. Governmental funds also defer revenue recognition in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned. Unavailable revenue received after 60 days is fully recognized as revenue on the government-wide statements. Unavailable revenue at the government-wide level arises only when the City receives resources before it has a legal claim to them. The City has recorded \$1,660,008 related to property taxes, and \$125,097 related to municipal court warrants. Deferred gains resulting from defeasance of bonds payable are presented in the statement of net position in government-wide financial statements. Deferred gains from defeasance of bonds amounted to \$84,137 on September 30, 2021.

RESTRICTED NET POSITION AND RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

Restricted net position and restricted fund balance consist of those funds that are restricted for use, and include the following:

Capital projects	\$2,953,043
Transportation Reinvestment Zone #1	1,970,663
Debt service	490,612
Federal and state mandated	<u>305,413</u>
Total	<u>\$5,719,731</u>

COMMITTED FUND BALANCE

Committed fund balance consists of those funds that can be spent only for specific purposes as determined by City Council, and includes the following:

Safe Routes to School	\$ 245,452
Arterial (1-1682 Tigua P.E.)	<u>239,752</u>
Capital improvements	485,204
Minimum fund balance	<u>1,765,756</u>
Total	<u>\$2,250,960</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

All City employees are eligible to participate in the City's Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") adopted under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code 457 (Deferred Compensation Plans with Respect to Service for State and Local Governments). The Plan is administered by Nationwide Retirement Solutions and is a defined contribution plan. Under the terms of the Plan, employees may contribute up to 10% of their earnings into an annuity contract. The City matches 5% of the participants' contribution into the Plan. Employee and employer contributions into the Plan become 100% vested immediately. The City's contribution into the Plan for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 totaled \$132,774, and the employees contributed \$147,307. Management of the City does not have the ability to direct invested funds in the Plan. Accordingly, the Plan falls outside of the scope of GASBS No. 84, as amended by GASBS No. 97.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, and theft or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amounts of loss can be reasonably estimated. The City is a participant in an intergovernmental risk pool for its workers' compensation, liability, and property insurance. Participants in this pool are required to pay "premiums" on the insurance selected. Should a loss occur, the City is liable only for the deductible. The risk pool purchases reinsurance to cover future losses.

During fiscal year ended 2021, the City contracted with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for liability, property, and crime damage. Coverages provided by the risk pool are as follows:

General Liability	\$1,000,000
Real and Personal Property	\$4,423,821
Flood and Earthquake	\$5,923,821
Boiler and Machinery (Per Accident)	\$100,000
Mobile Equipment	\$1,272,916
Crime Insurance:	
Public Employee Dishonesty (Per Occurrence)	\$500,000
Forgery or Alteration (Per Occurrence)	\$500,000
Theft Disappearance and Destruction (Per Occurrence)	\$500,000
Computer Fraud (Per Occurrence)	\$100,000

The City had no changes in insurance coverage from the prior year, and there were no settlements that exceeded insurance coverage in the last two years.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Texas Department of Transportation

The City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) for the design of Arterial 1 in the City of Socorro. The City will coordinate the architectural and engineering services involving the project. The agreement originated in August 2020 and calls for a one-time payment of \$1,045 to begin the project. The agreement established a projected budget of \$4,839,586, out of which \$3,058,116 is the estimated federal match, \$481,653 is the estimated state match, and \$1,299,817 is the estimated local government’s match. Total expenses incurred from the inception of the project through September 30, 2021, amounted to \$1,516,712.

In July 2020, the City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) for the construction of a shared use path on Passmore Road. The City will be responsible for providing architectural and engineering services for the construction phase of the project, in addition to providing maintenance to the project after completion. The agreement became effective on the date of execution and will remain in effect until completion of the project. The established projected budget amounts to \$786,527, out of which \$605,425 is the estimated federal match, \$29,745 is the estimated state match, and \$151,357 is the estimated local government’s match. The City made a one-time payment of \$12,833 to begin the project. Total expenses incurred from the inception of the project through September 30, 2021, amounted to \$139,919.

In June 2020, the City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) for the rehabilitation of the bridge located at Rio Vista Road at Franklin Canal. The City will be responsible for the adjustment, removal, or relocation of utility facilities, as deemed necessary. The agreement became effective on the date of execution and will remain in effect until completion of the project. The established projected budget amounts to \$1,535,615, out of which \$56,818 is the estimated local government’s match. Total expenses incurred from the inception of the project through September 30, 2021, amounted to \$261,764.

In June 2020, the City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) for the rehabilitation of the bridges located at Bovee Road at Franklin Canal. The City will be responsible for the adjustment, removal, or relocation of utility facilities, as deemed necessary. The agreement became effective on the date of execution and will remain in effect until completion of the project. The established projected budget amounts to \$1,491,316, out of which \$55,179 is the estimated local government’s match. Total expenses incurred from the inception of the project through September 30, 2021, amounted to \$197,151.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

Texas Department of Transportation (Continued)

The City entered into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) for the design and environmental assessment of Nuevo Hueco Tanks in the City of Socorro. The City will coordinate the architectural and engineering services involving the project. The agreement originated in August 2020 and calls for a one-time payment of \$3,251 to begin the project. The agreement established a projected budget of \$3,693,200, out of which \$2,828,000 is the estimated federal match, \$602,949 is the estimated state match, and \$262,251 is the estimated local government’s match. Total expenses incurred from the inception of the project through September 30, 2021, amounted to \$1,320,916.

Subsequent to year-end and through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, TXDOT reimbursed the City for construction costs amounting to \$1,366,033. As of September 30, 2021, the City has incurred construction costs related to the projects totaling \$2,070,429. These costs have not been submitted for reimbursement to TXDOT. Management expects the remaining expenses will be approved by TXDOT and income will be recognized when the reporting process is completed.

County of El Paso

The City entered into an interlocal agreement with the County of El Paso in which the City received animal control services by and through the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office. The period of the initial contract began on January 1, 2017. The contract was renewed for an additional three-year term, beginning on October 1, 2018, and ending on September 30, 2021. The renewal establishes a contract amount of \$63,455 for each year, to be paid in equal quarterly installments of \$15,864.

El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1

The City entered into an interlocal agreement with the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1 (“the District”), for the temporary right of use and easement of various street crossings that are located within the City’s jurisdiction but which right of way belongs to the District. The agreement has a 25-year term beginning in January 2018 and expiring December 31, 2042, and may be renewed for additional 25-year periods as considered necessary. The purpose of the easement is for the City to be able to perform construction projects and maintenance improvements on the various street crossings. The City is responsible for performing ongoing maintenance to each of the street crossings, as regularly needed, and shall allow the District to access any of the areas as requested. In consideration for the right of use, the agreement requires an administrative fee of \$6,500 and three payments of \$109,150, beginning in March 2018, due on each anniversary of the agreement. The second and third installments are to be adjusted for inflation based on changes in consumer price indexes. The City’s policy is to capitalize each of the payments made in connection with the land easement as non-depreciable capital assets unless a change in facts and circumstances indicates that the agreement will not be renewed after the initial 25-year period. As of September 31, 2021, all three payments were made by the City and no balances remained outstanding.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

Other Governmental Agencies

The City's police department entered into various contracts with the U.S. Marshal Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, for the purpose of the reimbursement of costs incurred by the City of Socorro Police Department in providing resources to joint operations task forces. These agreements remain in force unless explicitly terminated in writing by either party. Reimbursements received from task force agreements totaled \$16,546 for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Federal and State Awards

In the normal course of operations, the City receives grant awards from various federal and state agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authorities, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Liability for reimbursement of unallowed costs and other non-compliance with grant award contracts, as well as penalties, may arise as the result of these audits.

Litigation

The City was involved in a settlement for a suit involving alleged damages to multiple parties as a result of flooding from storm water that occurred in July 2013. From the original group of plaintiffs, one party's claim remained open until November 24, 2020, when the party voluntarily dismissed the entire lawsuit. The City had an expense amounting to \$12,000 in exchange for a release of all claims in March 2022. In addition, the City is party to various legal proceedings, which normally occur in governmental operations. These legal proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse impact on the affected funds of the City and, therefore, no liability was accrued at September 30, 2021.

Construction Contracts

The City has contracts with general contractors and professional engineering providers for the design, construction, and supervision of various infrastructure projects. The City expects the contracts to be completed or renewed within a one-year term.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”)

In July 2020, the City entered an interlocal subrecipient grant agreement with the County of El Paso where the City was awarded funds appropriated under the CARES Act. The purpose of this grant is to provide funds to mitigate the financial burden caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing the City to incur expenses for governmental functions and services which qualify under the CARES Act as compensable expenses by the United States Department of the Treasury. The agreement stipulates that a minimum of 75% of its allotment will be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses and payroll expenses for employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to public emergency. The total allotment to the City amounted to \$1,890,350. Of this amount, \$378,070 was distributed in March 2020 and the remaining \$1,512,280 is to be disbursed on a reimbursable basis. As of September 30, 2021, the City expended \$1,344,638 of CARES funds, out of which \$1,144,296 were spent during the year ended September 30, 2021, and \$200,342 were spent during the year ended September 30, 2020.

In October 2020, the County of El Paso amended the interlocal subrecipient grant to remove the requirement that 75% of grant funds be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses and payroll expenses. In addition, in November 2020, El Paso County amended the agreement to allow the City to subcontract with vendors, organizations, non-profits and businesses on COVID-19 related matters. In January 2021, the County extended the term of the agreement to December 31, 2021.

In November 2020, the City entered into an agreement with LiftFund Inc. (the “Subrecipient”), with the purpose of supporting small businesses located in the City of Socorro. The program will dedicate \$350,000 to small business recovery grants, which will amount to up to \$20,000 per business. The Subrecipient will be paid an administrative fee of 8% in connection with the scope of the program, which began on December 3, 2020, and ended on December 30, 2020.

In March 2021, the City was awarded funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the American Rescue Plan Act. The purpose of the award is to support the City’s response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The term of agreement began on March 3, 2021 and is effective until December 31, 2024. The City received an initial disbursement amounting to \$4,258,201, of which \$700 were spent and \$4,257,502 were recognized as deferred revenue at September 30, 2021.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE

The City depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, the constituents of the City, El Paso County, and the State of Texas. Because of this dependency, the City is subject to changes in the specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to Federal and State laws and Federal and State appropriations.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, approximately 56% and 12% of the City's total revenues were from property taxes and sales taxes, respectively.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

On October 1, 2020, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 88, "*Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements.*" The implementation of this Statement did not result in any change in the City's financial statements. GASB Statement No. 88 requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, including unused lines-of-credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, significant termination events with finance-related consequences, and significant subjective acceleration clauses. For notes to the financial statements related to debt, this Statement also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placement of debt separately from other debt. Additional information can be found on pages 31 through 35.

On October 1, 2020, the City implemented GASB Statement No. 84, "*Fiduciary Activities.*" The primary objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. Management has evaluated the criteria established by GASBS No. 84 and has not identified any activities or assets that would require to be reported as fiduciary activities as defined by GASBS No. 84.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Concurrently with GASB Statements No. 84, “*Fiduciary Activities*,” the City implemented GASB Statement No. 97, “*Certain Component Unit Criteria, and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*.” The primary objectives of this Statement are to (1) increase consistency and comparability related to the reporting of fiduciary component units in circumstances in which a potential component unit does not have a governing board and the primary government performs duties that a governing board typically would perform; (2) mitigate costs associated with the reporting of certain defined contribution pension plans, defined contribution other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plans, and employee benefit plans other than pension plans or OPED plans (other employee benefit plans) as fiduciary component units in fiduciary fund financial statements; and (3) enhance the relevance, consistency, and comparability of the accounting and financial reporting for Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 457 deferred compensation plans (Section 457 plans) that meet the definition of a pension plan and for benefits provided through those plans.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The City entered into an agreement with Elite Medical Transport of Texas, LLC (“Elite”) to provide emergency ambulance services to individuals within the city limits. The services are to be provided on a “full time” basis, which constitute 365 days a year for 24 hours a day. In addition, Elite agrees to maintain a full-time dispatch center at 1000 Texas Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Total consideration paid for the emergency services will include quarterly payments of \$41,250. The agreement became effective on October 1, 2021, and runs through September 30, 2023, with the option to renew for two additional years.

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the City restricted funds amounting to \$1,970,663 for the establishment of Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number 1 (“TRZ No.1”). In January 2022, the City entered into an agreement with Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (“CRRMA”) to dissolve TRZ No.1 and create Transportation Reinvestment Zone Number 2 (TRZ No.2). Funds from TRZ No.1 were transferred to TRZ No.2 and pledged to CRRMA. The funds will remain restricted for the financing and construction of the Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road Expansion project.

In January 2022, the City defeased \$7,430,000 relating to outstanding principal of Tax and Revenue Obligation Series 2014 Certificates (referred to as the “Refunded Obligation”) by placing new bond proceeds from G.O Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2022 in an irrevocable trust to provide for future debt service payments on the defeased bonds. At the time of refinance, the outstanding principal less the unrefunded balance on the refunded obligations was re-purchased for a total cost of \$7,151,190. The difference between the refinanced principal at the refinance date and the repurchase price, plus certain debt issuance costs, was recognized as a deferred loss in bond refinancing.

Subsequent events were evaluated through June XX, 2022 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues/inflows:				
Property taxes	\$ 7,302,914	\$7,302,914	\$7,400,364	\$ 97,450
Sales taxes	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,993,152	543,152
Municipal court fines and fees	472,000	472,000	574,495	102,495
Franchise taxes	650,000	650,000	718,393	68,393
Planning and zoning fees	698,500	698,500	985,240	286,740
Charges for services	55,000	55,000	38,591	(16,409)
Investment income	23,600	23,600	1,830	(21,770)
Other income	<u>14,100</u>	<u>14,100</u>	<u>25,538</u>	<u>11,438</u>
Total revenues	<u>10,666,114</u>	<u>10,666,114</u>	<u>11,737,603</u>	<u>1,071,489</u>
Expenditures/outflows:				
Public safety	4,114,676	4,143,176	4,258,113	(114,937)
Infrastructure and environmental	2,869,119	2,888,819	2,852,912	35,907
General government	2,100,039	2,126,480	1,822,745	303,735
Community development	376,535	376,535	356,413	20,122
Health and human services	760,650	761,850	549,241	212,609
Justice system	420,702	424,652	348,757	75,895
Capital outlay	<u>512,000</u>	<u>512,000</u>	<u>404,235</u>	<u>107,765</u>
Total expenditures	<u>11,153,721</u>	<u>11,233,512</u>	<u>10,592,416</u>	<u>641,096</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(487,607)	(567,398)	1,145,187	1,712,585
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>6,374,288</u>	<u>6,374,288</u>	<u>6,374,288</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 5,886,681</u>	<u>\$5,806,890</u>	<u>\$7,519,475</u>	<u>\$ 1,712,585</u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - GRANTS**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues/inflows:				
Local grants	\$	\$	\$ 54,962	\$ 54,962
Federal and state grants	867,426	867,426	603,234	(264,192)
Franchise taxes			10,251	10,251
Property taxes	300,000	300,000		(300,000)
Charges for services			16,546	16,546
Other income			<u>17,211</u>	<u>17,211</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,167,426</u>	<u>1,167,426</u>	<u>702,204</u>	<u>(465,222)</u>
Expenditures/outflows:				
Public safety	596,426	596,426	366,366	230,060
General government				
Community development			57,863	(57,863)
Capital outlay	<u>571,000</u>	<u>571,000</u>	<u>243,489</u>	<u>327,511</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,167,426</u>	<u>1,167,426</u>	<u>667,718</u>	<u>499,708</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures			34,486	34,486
Fund balance, beginning of year	<u>270,927</u>	<u>270,927</u>	<u>270,927</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 270,927</u>	<u>\$ 270,927</u>	<u>\$305,413</u>	<u>\$ 34,486</u>

See notes to required supplementary information.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - CARES**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues/inflows:				
Federal and state grants	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 1,144,296	\$ 1,144,296
Total revenues	_____	_____	1,144,296	1,144,296
Expenditures/outflows:				
Public safety			20,277	(20,277)
Infrastructure and environmental			347	(347)
General government			1,030,762	(1,030,762)
Community development			4,272	(4,272)
Justice system				
Capital outlay	_____	_____	88,638	(88,638)
Total expenditures	_____	_____	1,144,296	(1,144,296)
Excess of revenues over expenditures				
Fund balance, beginning of year	_____	_____	_____	_____
Fund balance, end of year	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

See notes to required supplementary information.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Budgetary Information – Per the Texas Constitution, the budget officer of the City shall prepare each year a budget to cover the proposed expenditures of the municipal government for the year. The City Council officially adopts the annual budget ordinance and has the authority to amend such ordinances. All budgets are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting as required by Texas Law.

The budgetary process is prescribed by provisions of Title 4, Chapter 102 of the Local Government Code of the Texas legislature and requires the preparation of budgetary documents within an established timetable. The major documents prepared are the certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution, both of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting.

The level of budgetary control is at the fund level for the City. Any budgetary modifications at this level may only be made by resolution of the City Council. Under the City's by-laws, revenues not specifically related to a particular fund shall be deposited into the City's General Fund. Monies can only be transferred from the General Fund by resolution of the City Council.

The accompanying Schedules of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual present comparisons of the legally adopted budgets with actual data on a budgetary basis. The budgetary basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). However, total revenues and expenditures have been reconciled to the totals as presented under GAAP.

Estimated Resources – The certificate of estimated resources and the appropriation resolution are subject to amendment throughout the year with the legal restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources, as certified by resolution of the City Council. The official estimated resources state the projected revenue of each fund. At the Council's discretion, estimated resources may include unassigned fund balances available from prior year surplus revenues. All funds are required to be budgeted and appropriated.

On or about October 1, the estimated resources is amended to include any unencumbered balances from the preceding year. The estimated resources may be further amended during the year if the City Council determines that an estimate needs to be either increased or decreased. The amounts reported on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts in the final amended official certificate of estimated resources issued during fiscal year ended 2021.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(CONTINUED)**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Appropriations – An annual appropriation resolution must be passed by September 15 of the preceding year for the period October 1 to September 30. The appropriation resolution fixes spending authority at the fund and department level. The appropriation resolution may be amended during the year as new information becomes available, provided that total fund appropriations do not exceed current estimated resources, as certified. The allocation of appropriations among funds and objects within a fund may be modified during the year only by a resolution of the City Council. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts in the budgetary statements reflect the appropriations in the first complete appropriated budget, including amounts automatically carried over from prior years. The amounts reported as final budgeted amounts in the schedules of budgetary comparison represent the final appropriation amounts, including all supplemental appropriations.

Lapsing of Appropriations – At the close of each fiscal year, the unencumbered balance of each appropriation reverts to the respective fund and becomes subject to future appropriations. The encumbered appropriation balance is carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year and need not be reappropriated.

BUDGET OVER-EXPENDITURES

The City over-expended its budget in the following areas:

General Fund:	
Public safety	\$ <u>114,937</u>
Special Revenue Fund – Grants:	
Community development	\$ <u>57,863</u>

The Special Revenue Fund – CARES and ARPA were not budgeted for and therefore all expenditures were budget over-expenditures as follows:

Special Revenue Fund – CARES	
Public safety	\$ 20,277
Infrastructure	347
General government	1,030,762
Community development	4,272
Capital outlay	<u>88,638</u>
	<u>\$1,144,296</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(CONTINUED)**

BUDGET OVER-EXPENDITURES

The Council made supplemental appropriations of excess revenues subsequent to year-end which were sufficient to cover the current year over-expenditures. The primary over-expenditures were related to police equipment, police salaries, infrastructure improvements, overtime and repairs.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues/inflows:				
Federal and state grants	\$	\$	\$ 1,366,034	1,366,034
Investment income			5,874	5,874
Other income			28	28
Total revenues			<u>1,371,936</u>	<u>1,371,936</u>
Expenditures/outflows:				
Infrastructure and environmental			73,557	(73,557)
Debt issuance costs			2,628	(2,628)
Capital outlay	<u>7,900,000</u>	<u>7,900,000</u>	<u>5,489,962</u>	<u>2,410,038</u>
Total expenditures	<u>7,900,000</u>	<u>7,900,000</u>	<u>5,566,147</u>	<u>2,333,853</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(7,900,000)	(7,900,000)	(4,194,211)	3,705,789
Fund balance, beginning of the year	<u>7,167,509</u>	<u>7,167,509</u>	<u>7,167,509</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ (732,491)</u>	<u>\$ (732,491)</u>	<u>\$ 2,973,298</u>	<u>\$ 3,705,789</u>

See independent auditors' report.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
DEBT SERVICE FUND**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues/inflows:				
Property taxes	\$1,935,962	\$1,935,962	\$ 1,971,823	\$ 35,861
Proceeds from bond issuance			1,815,000	1,815,000
Other income			1,847	1,847
Total revenues	<u>1,935,962</u>	<u>1,935,962</u>	<u>3,788,670</u>	<u>1,852,708</u>
Expenditures/outflows:				
Principal	1,225,000	1,225,000	1,275,000	(50,000)
Interest	992,575	992,575	941,587	50,988
Refinancing bond escrow			1,765,013	(1,765,013)
Bond issuance costs			49,987	(49,987)
Total expenditures	<u>2,217,575</u>	<u>2,217,575</u>	<u>4,031,587</u>	<u>(1,814,012)</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(281,613)	(281,613)	(242,917)	38,696
Fund balance, beginning of the year	<u>749,998</u>	<u>749,998</u>	<u>749,998</u>	
Fund balance, end of year	<u>\$ 468,385</u>	<u>\$ 468,385</u>	<u>\$ 507,081</u>	<u>\$ 38,696</u>

See independent auditors' report.

AUDITORS' SECTION

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Socorro, Texas as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Socorro, Texas' basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June XX, 2022.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Socorro, Texas' internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Continued)

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain efficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-001 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Socorro, Texas' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2021-001.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

El Paso, Texas
June XX, 2022

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM
GUIDANCE**

To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited City of Socorro, Texas' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of City of Socorro, Texas' major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2021. City of Socorro, Texas' major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management' Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of City of Socorro, Texas' major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about City of Socorro, Texas' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our qualified and unmodified opinions on compliance for major federal programs. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of City of Socorro, Texas' compliance.

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To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Highway Planning and Construction, ALN 14.267

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, City of Socorro, Texas did not comply with requirements regarding Assistance Listing Number 14.267, Highway Planning and Construction Cluster as described in finding number 2021-001 for allowable activities and allowable costs. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for City of Socorro, Texas to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Qualified Opinion on Highway Planning and Construction, ALN 14.267

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, City of Socorro, Texas complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on Highway Planning and Construction, ALN 14.267, for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Unmodified Opinion on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs

In our opinion, City of Socorro, Texas complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as Finding 2021-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is modified with respect to this matter as described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion.

City of Socorro, Texas' response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of Socorro, Texas' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of City of Socorro, Texas is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Socorro, Texas' internal control over compliance.

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To Honorable Mayor Ivy Avalos
and Council Members of City of Socorro, Texas

Report on Internal Control over Compliance (Continued)

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-001 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

City of Socorro, Texas' response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of Socorro, Texas' response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

El Paso, Texas
June XX, 2022

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES						
U.S. Department of Transportation						
<i>Passed through Texas Department of Transportation</i>						
Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster						
Highway Planning and Construction -						
City of Socorro Arterial 1	20.205	0924-06-563	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 3,062,466	\$ 634,561	\$
Highway Planning and Construction -						
Rio Vista at Franklin Canal	20.205	0924-06-423	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 355,394	94,958	
Highway Planning and Construction -						
Bovee at Franklin Canal	20.205	0924-06-424	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 343,394	42,456	
Highway Planning and Construction -						
Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road Extension	20.205	0924-06-607	9/1/2020-completion	\$ 2,828,000	<u>408,289</u>	
Total 20.205					<u>1,180,264</u>	
Total Highway Planning and Reconstruction Cluster					<u>1,180,264</u>	
<i>Passed through El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization</i>						
Federal Transit Administration 5310 Program	20.513	TX-2018-011-01	7/24/2018-9/30/2021	\$ 84,665	<u>10,808</u>	
Total 20.513					<u>10,808</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Transportation					<u>1,191,072</u>	

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
U.S. Department of the Treasury						
<i>Passed through County of El Paso</i>						
COVID-19 - Coronavirus Relief Fund	21.019	2020-0530	3/27/2020-12/31/2021	\$ 1,890,350	\$ 1,144,296	\$
Subrecipient: LiftFund, Inc.		None	3/27/2020-12/31/2020	\$ 350,000	_____	<u>350,000</u>
Total 21.019					<u>1,144,296</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Asset Forfeiture Program - Department of Treasury Equitable Sharing Funds	21.016	Unknown	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$ 11,826	<u>11,826</u>	_____
Total 21.016					<u>11,826</u>	_____
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	21.027	TX4179	3/31/2021-12/31/2024	\$ 8,516,403	<u>700</u>	_____
Total 21.027					<u>700</u>	_____
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury					<u>1,156,822</u>	<u>350,000</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
U.S. Department of Homeland Security						
<i>Passed through Texas Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division</i>						
El Paso 2019 OPSG	97.067	3007205	3/1/2020-2/28/2021	\$ 72,338	\$ 11,938	\$
El Paso 2020 OPSG	97.067	3007206	3/1/2021-2/28/2022	\$ 61,656	27,923	
Socorro PD SHSP Interoperable Communication:	97.067	3738601	9/1/2019-8/31/2021	\$ 25,702	15,542	
Socorro PD SHSP-LETPA Regional Tactical Team	97.067	3999101	9/1/2020-8/31/2021	\$ 60,477	<u>30,650</u>	
Total 97.067					<u>86,053</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security					<u>86,053</u>	
U.S. Department of Justice						
<i>Passed through Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division</i>						
Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program	16.588	3828801	9/1/2019-10/31/2020	\$ 6,958	<u>6,958</u>	
Total 16.588					<u>6,958</u>	

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
U.S. Department of Justice (Continued)						
<i>Passed through Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division</i>						
PD Victim Assistance Program - Year 2	16.575	3828902	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$ 39,959	\$ <u>36,433</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Total 16.575					<u>36,433</u>	<u> </u>
<i>Passed through Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division</i>						
Hot Spot Identification	16.738	4000001	10/1/202-9/30/2021	\$ 10,705	<u>3,575</u>	<u> </u>
Total 16.738					<u>3,575</u>	<u> </u>
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program	16.607	Unknown	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$ 2,048	<u>2,048</u>	<u> </u>
Total 16.607					<u>2,048</u>	<u> </u>
COPS Hiring Program	16.710	2020UMWX0203	7/1/2020-6/30/2023	\$ 742,237	<u>121,756</u>	<u> </u>
Total 16.710					<u>121,756</u>	<u> </u>
Total U.S. Department of Justice					<u>170,770</u>	<u> </u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
U.S. Department of Interior						
<i>Passed through Texas Historical Commission</i>						
Rio Vista Farm Rehabilitation Project	15.904	TX-20-10034	4/1/2020-12/31/2021	\$ 34,500	\$ 34,500	\$
Total 15.904					34,500	
Total U.S. Department of Interior					34,500	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development						
<i>Passed through Texas Department of Agriculture</i>						
<i>CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster</i>						
Texas Community Development Block Grant Program	14.228	7218460	11/1/2018-6/30/2021	\$ 275,000	199,563	
Total CDBG Entitlement Grants Cluster					199,563	
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development					199,563	
Total Federal Expenditures					2,838,780	350,000

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(CONTINUED)

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass-Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
STATE EXPENDITURES						
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts						
Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education		Unknown	10/1/2020-9/30/2021	\$ 2,519	<u>\$ 2,519</u>	<u>\$</u>
Total Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts					<u>2,519</u>	<u></u>
Texas Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division						
Local Border Security Program		3000906	09/01/20-08/31/21	\$ 76,000	<u>74,464</u>	<u></u>
Total Texas Office of the Governor - Homeland Security Grants Division					<u>74,464</u>	<u></u>
Texas Department of Transportation						
Highway Planning and Construction - City of Socorro Arterial 1		0924-06-563	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 654,670	\$ 99,934	
Highway Planning and Construction - Rio Vista at Franklin Canal		0924-06-423	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 72,412	13,931	
Highway Planning and Construction - Bovee at Franklin Canal		0924-06-424	8/17/2020-completion	\$ 69,967	7,599	
Highway Planning and Construction - Nuevo Hueco Tanks Road Extension		0924-06-607	9/1/2020-completion	\$ 602,949	<u>64,306</u>	<u></u>
Total Texas Department of Transportation					<u>185,770</u>	<u></u>

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**CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Agency or Pass- Through Number	Contract Period	Award Amount	Amount Expended	Subrecipient Expenditures
STATE EXPENDITURES (Continued)						
Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division						
Rifle Resistant Body Armor		3957101	09/01/20-08/31/21	\$ 12,855	\$ 9,262	\$
Socorro Police Athletics League (PAL)		3997901	09/01/20-08/31/21	\$ 26,314	<u>3,469</u>	<u> </u>
Total Texas Office of the Governor - Criminal Justice Division					<u>12,731</u>	<u> </u>
Total State Expenditures					<u>275,484</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FEDERAL AND STATE EXPENDITURES					<u>\$ 3,114,264</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

Year Ended September 30, 2021

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of City of Socorro, Texas is presented to assist in understanding City of Socorro, Texas' Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The Schedule and notes are representations of City of Socorro, Texas' management, who is responsible for their integrity and objectivity.

Basis of Accounting and Presentation – The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the Uniform Guidance. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Indirect Costs – City of Socorro, Texas does not currently have a negotiated indirect cost reimbursement rate approved by a Federal Cognizant Agency. Therefore, the City has elected to use the de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct costs as an indirect cost allocation factor, as allowed under 2C.F.R. §200.414.

Subrecipients – The City passes through certain funds to subgrantee organizations. Expenditures incurred by the subgrantees and reimbursed by the City are presented in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year Ended September 30, 2021

I. SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of City of Socorro, Texas.
2. Material weaknesses were reported in the audit of the financial statements of City of Socorro, Texas as reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. Instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of City of Socorro, Texas, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. Material weaknesses in internal control over major federal award programs were identified and reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance required by the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal programs for City of Socorro, Texas expresses an unmodified opinion on Coronavirus Relief Fund, ALN 21.019, and a qualified opinion on Highway Planning and Construction Cluster, ALN 14.267.
6. There are audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
7. The programs tested as major federal programs were Coronavirus Relief Fund, ALN 21.019, and Highway Planning and Construction Cluster, ALN 14.267.
8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000 for federal purposes.
9. City of Socorro, Texas did not qualify for as a low-risk auditee.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

**II. AUDIT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH “GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS”**

Finding 2021-001:

**Lack of adequate documentation to support program expenses
Highway Planning and Construction
Allowable Costs/Cost Principles**

20.205

Criteria: Per §200.403 of the OMB Uniform Guidance, it is the award recipient’s responsibility to establish the appropriate internal controls to ensure allowability of costs, which includes maintaining adequate documentation for each transaction related to award expenditures. In addition, the pass-through entity, Texas Department of Transportation (“TXDOT”) recommends that project progress be monitored and mandates that progress payments be made in accordance with the value of the work performed during a covered period.

Condition: During our review of the invoices submitted to TXDOT, it was noted that adequate supporting documentation was not maintained for the expenses billed by the engineering firm contracted for each of the projects. There were two instances where invoice packages submitted by the engineering firm did not contain timesheets for the employees involved in the projects. In addition, various invoices were mathematically incorrect. As a result, TXDOT rejected approximately \$3,718,000 of program expenses submitted for reimbursement. TXDOT requested that the supporting documentation be reviewed and corrected by the City and the engineering firm engaged in the projects. City management implemented a corrective action plan that involves the review by the City’s internal auditor of all reimbursement requests to be resubmitted. After correction and resubmission, TXDOT approved \$1,366,033 for reimbursement. The remaining amount of \$2,351,000 has not been resubmitted to TXDOT and is pending review by the City.

Cause: The identified condition was attributable to the following events –

- The Planning Director overseeing the projects resigned during the year ended September 30, 2021.
- City personnel does not count with sufficient previous experience managing local participation projects with TXDOT.
- Engineering firm did not submit complete information to the City, including reporting packages and supporting expense documentation, to the satisfaction of TXDOT.

Effect: As a result, the City has not been able to receive reimbursement for approximately \$2.3 million of program expenses. Management initiated a corrective action plan to for the collection of pending reimbursements and completion of reporting requirements.

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
(CONTINUED)**

Year Ended September 30, 2021

**II. AUDIT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH “GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS”
(CONTINUED)**

Finding 2021-001:

**Lack of adequate documentation to support program expenses
Highway Planning and Construction
Allowable Costs/Cost Principles**

20.205

Recommendation: We recommend that management continue enforcing the existing corrective action plan and complete the required training by TXDOT. In addition, we recommend that a written policy be implemented that details the process for oversight and review of project progress in accordance with the TXDOT manual.

Management’s response: Management agrees with auditor recommendation. Refer to Corrective Action Plan.

**III. AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD
PROGRAMS AUDIT**

Finding 2021-001:

**Lack of adequate documentation to support program expenses
Highway Planning and Construction
Allowable Costs/Cost Principles**

20.205

See finding above.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Year Ended September 30, 2021

**I. AUDIT FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH “GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS”**

Prior Year Findings: None

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CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Year Ended September 30, 2021

Finding 2021-001:

**Lack of adequate documentation to support program expenses
Highway Planning and Construction
Allowable Costs/Cost Principles**

20.205

Management's view:

Proposed corrective action:

Anticipated correction date:

Responsible official:

DRAFT

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: 06/09/2022

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Ivy Avalos

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to direct staff to research options and develop proposals to impose or revise setback requirements for properties with swimming pools.

SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE IF NOT APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro-Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 9, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: At-Large Representative, Ruben Reyes

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to expand the participation of IDEA students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and experience the local government function at council meetings.

SUMMARY

Have received several calls from parents who children go to IDEA public school requesting to participate in the ceremonial pledge of Allegiance. Would like to request this council to be inclusive and allow any student that wishes to participate in the pledge of allegiance to do so.

The responsibility for raising a well-educated and civic-minded generation of children cannot rest solely with schools. The research review by Henderson & Mapp examined 51 research studies that offered perspectives on the relationship between parent (and community) involvement and student achievement. As a whole, “these studies found a positive and convincing relationship between family involvement and benefits for students, including improved academic achievement... Although there is less research on the effects of community involvement, it also suggests benefits for schools, families, and students, including improved achievement and behavior.”

When you work to increase community involvement, remember that when schools, parents, and communities’ partner together, great things can happen in the lives of children and young adults.

Reference: Why Community Involvement in Schools is Important | Pride SurveysPride Surveys

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Same as above

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: N/A

Amount: N/A

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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

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Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large / Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: 6/9/2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Ruben Reyes

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve the appointment of Ricardo Avalos to the Ethics Commission Place 5.

SUMMARY

Mr. Ricardo Avalos has experience as an alderperson and mayor for Clint. He also is part of ESD#2 appointed by the County Commissioners Court and County Judge. He is currently a teacher at Socorro High School and the head coach for the cross-country team and assistant coach for the track team. He would like to help redeem the name of Socorro and continue to restore our publics trust in its elected officials and non-elected officials. (No relation to Mayor Ivy Avalos)

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE IF NOT APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF SOCORRO

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Please rank in numeric order only the Boards and Commissions you wish to serve on:

___ Board of Adjustment

___ Civil Service Commission

☒ Ethics Commission

___ Historical Landmark Commission

___ Planning & Zoning Commission

___ Building and Standards Commission

Application Instructions

1. Please print or type answers to all questions.
Write N/A if not applicable.

2. Application packet consists of:

- Completed application form
- Essay questions (for each board or commission being applied for)
- Personal resume

3. Forward the completed Application Packet to:
City Clerk, City of Socorro, 123 S. Horizon, Socorro,
Texas 79927

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Last Name: Avalos

First: Ricardo

M.I.

2. Street Address: [REDACTED]

Apt/Unit #:

City: Socorro

State: TX

ZIP: 79927

Mailing Address (If different):

3. Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

4. E-Mail Address: rick80avalos@gmail.com

5. Do you currently reside in Socorro?

☒ YES ☐ NO

6. Are you currently serving on a board or commission?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, which one? Emergency Service District Board #2

Term expires: 10/2023

7. Have you ever serve on a board or commission?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, list name of board or commission and term(s) of office:

Board/Commission Name: Emergency Service District

Term: presently serving

Board/Commission Name:

Term:

Board/Commission Name:

Term:

8. Do you understand the term length and attendance policy for the position you have applied for?

☒ YES ☐ NO

9. Do you understand the importance of attendance at all regular meetings of the boards or commission you have applied for and the importance of completion of the term?

☒ YES ☐ NO

Signature: _____

Date: **06/08/2021**



CITY OF SOCORRO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION
ESSAY QUESTIONS

Name of Board or Commission applying for: Ethics Commission

1. Have you ever attended a meeting of this board of commission? ☐ YES ☒ NO

2. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission?

I would like to help with ensuring that our elected officials and non elected officials are adhering to the letter of the law and being the best public service available to our constituents. This board also helps with redeeming the name of the City of Socorro and continue to restore the publics trust in our elected and non-elected officials.

3. What are your qualifications/skills or education that you will bring to this board or commission?

I am currently serving as a commissioner on the Emergency Service District #2 which is position that is appointed by the County Commissioners and County Judge. I have served in this position for seven years now. The board has oversight over all county volunteer

Signature: _____

Date: 06/08/202

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DATE June 9, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

SUBJECT: *Discussion and action* to approve the appointment of Alberto Lagunas to the Board of Adjustments Place 3.

SUMMARY

Mr. Lagunas has experience and skills (electricity, fiberoptic, building homes and carpentry and would like to help the growing community.

BACKGROUND

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

ALTERNATIVE

NO APPROVE

STAFF RECOMMENDATION



CITY OF SOCORRO

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Please rank in numeric order only the Boards and Commissions you wish to serve on:

- ☒ Board of Adjustment
☐ Civil Service Commission
☐ Ethics Commission
☐ Historical Landmark Commission
☐ Planning & Zoning Commission
☐ Building and Standards Commission

Application Instructions

1. Please print or type answers to all questions. Write N/A if not applicable.
2. Application package consists of:
 - Completed application form
 - Essay questions
3. Forward the completed Application Package to: City Clerk, City of Socorro, 124 S. Horizon, Socorro, Texas 79927

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.	Last Name	Lagunas	First	Alberto	M.I.	
2.	Street Address	[REDACTED]			Apt/Unit #	
	City	El Paso	State	TX	ZIP	79927
	Mailing Address (if different)					
3.	Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone	[REDACTED]
4.	E-mail Address	[REDACTED]				
5.	Do you currently reside in Socorro?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
6.	Are you currently serving on a board or commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
	If yes, which one?	Term Expires?				
7.	Have you ever served on a board or commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
	If yes, list name of board or commission and term(s) of office:					
	Board/Commission Name					Term
	Board/Commission Name					Term
	Board/Commission Name					Term
8.	Do you understand the term length for the position you have applied for and the attendance policy?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
9.	Do you understand the importance of attendance at all regular meetings of the boards or commission you have applied for and the importance of completion of the term?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				

Signature: [Signature]

Date: 06/09/22



ESSAY QUESTIONS

Name of Board or Commission applying for:

1. Have you ever attended a meeting of this board or commission? ☒ YES ☐ NO

2. Why do you want to serve on this board or commission?

To help the community

3. What are your qualifications/skills or education that you will bring to this board or commission?

high school education, and technical
skills (electricity, ~~the~~ fiberoptic, building homes in
Carpentry)

Signature: _____

Date: 06/09/22

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

June 10, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve Resolution 706 and letter urging Governor Greg Abbott to call a special emergency session to address gun violence.

SUMMARY

On behalf of the City Council of the City of Socorro, Texas we are writing this letter to urge you to call an emergency legislative session in order to address the current gun epidemic that has haunted our state for so long.

Texas leads the nation in mass shootings. After each shooting, we stand somber with our fellow Texans, watch the countless press conferences, attend roundtables and hear our state leadership promise change. After Uvalde, we implore our state leaders to take real action now with stricter gun laws and more resources for mental health.

In 2019, our lives changed forever when a gunman, a Texan, drove across our state and opened fire in an El Paso Wal-Mart with an AK-47, taking the lives of 23 innocent people and injuring 27 on August 3rd. In response, the Texas Safety Commission was created to identify strategies to help prevent mass shootings but has failed to pass any meaningful legislation that addresses gun control.

The City of Socorro supports evidence-based, common sense gun safety laws. We support categorizing gun violence as a serious public health issue and urge the state to provide meaningful enforceable solutions to prevent further mass shootings. If the state had taken these steps since the shooting in El Paso's Wal-Mart in 2019, we wholeheartedly believe lives could have been saved.

On behalf of the City of Socorro and the Texas families who will be sending their children back to school this fall, the teachers, counselors and support staff who are the backbone of our education system, we urge you to reconvene the 87th Texas Legislature for a Special Session to address gun violence effective immediately.

We implore you to not only consider legislation aimed at placing the burden of gun violence on our teachers, administrators, and students, as you have done in past legislative sessions, rather to enact legislation that will prevent the next massacre.

As proud Texans, we urge the Texas Legislature to consider the following:

- Required Training to include a license to carry
- Universal Background Checks on all firearm sales
- The age to purchase an Assault-Rifle to be raised to 21 years of age
- Risk Protective Order Laws
- Closing the Gun Show Loophole
- Greater Access to Mental Health Services
- Social Media Safety and Threat Assessment

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

Funding Source: General Fund

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 _____

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RESOLUTION 705

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2022, following a year-end awards ceremony on campus of Robb Elementary, 19 children and 2 adults were gunned down in Uvalde, Texas, in what was the second deadliest school shooting in American history behind Sandy Hook Elementary where 26 people lost their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Since 2015 when Governor Greg Abbott took office there have been 6 mass shootings and a combined loss of 92 lives in the state of Texas and 111 injured; and,

WHEREAS, Red flag laws were discussed by Governor Greg Abbott after the El Paso shootings, but then later shelved following the election, these laws have been passed in the Republican State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, While the U.S. House of Representatives has passed nationwide bills with safety measures. Those bills remain stalled in the Senate. There are not 60 votes there to open debate; and,

WHEREAS, The Texas Legislature has failed to address mass shootings in any meaningful way. At the current time, the Legislature is not in session and will not return until January 2023; and,

WHEREAS, While most Texas schools have dismissed for the summer, there are a finite amount of days that action can be taken before schools reopen for the next year. Administrators, faculty and staff as well as students and their parents deserve the comfort of knowing that swift action was taken to address the overwhelming concern of looming domestic terror on campuses and in communities across the state; and,

WHEREAS, The only person in the State of Texas who can call a special session to address mass shootings to protect our children and residents is The Honorable Governor Greg Abbott; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott has shown a special proclivity to call special sessions on issues important to him including Social Media Censorship, Transgender Children Participating in Youth Sports, Outlawing the Provision of Abortion Drugs by Mail, Critical Race Theory, and the Bathroom Bill.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City of Socorro does hereby respectfully ask Governor Greg Abbott to call a special session and allow those Democrats and Republicans legislators who have expressed a desire to pass common sense and effective laws to protect the people of the state from mass shootings.

Further, the Council requests the following topics be included in special called session:

- Raising the Age to buy an Assault Rifle to 21 years
- Red Flag Laws
- Universal Background Checks
- Closing the Gun Show Loophole
- Increased public safety monitoring of social media
- Strengthening Mental Health Funding through Medicaid Expansion like many Republican states that originally adopted expansion such as Arizona, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota and more recently Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2022

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

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June 16, 2022

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State Capitol
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Austin, Texas 78701

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Respectfully,

Ivy Avalos
Mayor
City of Socorro, Texas

CC: Honorable U.S. Congresswoman Veronica Escobar
Honorable U.S. Congressman Tony Gonzales
Ms. Sandra Keefe, Mitigation Division Director
El Paso County Judge Samaniego