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District 4
Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

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

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY THE 3RD, DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. **Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY

COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. *Excuse* absent council members. **Olivia Navarro**
6. *Approval* of Regular Council Minutes of September 19, 2019. **Olivia Navarro**
7. *Discussion and action* on approving the Accounts Payable Transaction Report for August 2019. **Charles Casiano**
8. *Discussion and action* on approving the Cash Receipts Report for August 2019. **Charles Casiano**
9. *Introduction First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of Ordinance 451 Amendment 3 amendment to decrease fiscal year 2018-2019 budget in the amount of \$32,296.00. **Adriana Rodarte**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

10. *Public Hearing* of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, Amending Ordinance No. 235 to modify Procedures and Charges for Public Records and information provided By the City of Socorro. **Michael Medina**
11. *Second Reading and Adoption* of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, Amending Ordinance No. 235 to modify Procedures and Charges for Public Records and information provided By the City of Socorro. **Michael Medina**
12. *Public Hearing* of an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas to regulate subdivisions and include requirements for Master Planning, Subdivisions and Traffic Impact Analysis requirements. **Job Terrazas**

- 13. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas to regulate subdivisions and include requirements for Master Planning, Subdivisions and Traffic Impact Analysis requirements. ***Job Terrazas***

RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

- 14. *Discussion and action*** regarding RFQ 19-05 Professional Services for Architectural Rehabilitation Design Services for the Rio Vista Community Center, including awarding the contract or identifying finalists and calling for additional information from them.

Victor Reta

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 15. *Discussion and action*** on the final plat approval for Leonor Estates Unit 1 Replat A, being all Pinecrest Estates Unit 1 Replat A and Leonor Estates Unit 1 Amending Plat.

Job Terrazas

- 16. *Discussion and action*** to authorize the City Manager or her designee to sign the Final Acceptance Letter for the Nuevo Hueco Tanks Roadway.

Michael Medina

- 17. *Discussion and action*** to amend the Parks Master Plan to include the Green Infrastructure Plan from the 2014 Comprehensive Plan.

Michael Medina

CITY MANAGER

- 18. *Discussion and action*** on the approval of the Interlocal - Agreement between the City of Socorro and Texas Department of Public Safety to implement the provisions of Texas Transportation Code 706 and to authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute contract.

Adriana Rodarte

- 19. *Discussion and action*** to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Socorro and Ysleta Del Sur for partnership regarding the Ambulance Services in the City of Socorro and Ysleta Del Sur.

Adriana Rodarte

- 20. *Discussion and action*** on claim made by Tomas Gandarilla for damage to his property.

Adriana Rodarte

- 21. *Discussion and action*** to renew Delgado Acosta Spencer Linebarger & Perez, LLP (DASLP) contract for fines and fees collection Services and to authorize the acting city manager or her designee to execute the services agreement and other documents necessary to engage the company.

Adriana Rodarte

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 22. *Discussion and action*** to approve Representative At-Large, Rene Rodriguez and any other Council Member to attend TML Region IV Meeting in Town of Horizon City, TX on November 1, 2019.

Rene Rodriguez

23. Discussion and action to authorize Representative At- Large Rodriguez to receive or participate in classes on continuing education programs for the MPO. ***Rene Rodriguez***

24. Discussion action and ratification to approve Representative Rodriguez and any other council members who want to attend the 3rd Annual Mentorship Benefit in the amount of 500.00. ***Rene Rodriguez***

WORKSHOP

25. Discussion and action on Charter Amendments Sections VII, VIII, IX, pages 28 through 39 for the 2020 Election. ***Adriana Rodarte***

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion on the following:


26. 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***

27. 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***

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

29. Adjourn

DATED THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019


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 30TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

By: 
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 9-30-19 @ 2:14 pm 
Removed: _____ Time: _____ by: _____

AMENDMENT

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice Is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Socorro, will be held on Thursday October 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm at City Hall Chambers, 860 Rio Vista Rd., Socorro, Texas for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Delgado Acosta Spencer Linebarger & Perez, LLP, (DASLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect unpaid fines and court costs as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031 and authorizing the executing of such agreement.

The Agreement to be considered is necessary for the unpaid fines, fees and court costs owed to the City of Socorro, Texas (City, to be collected I the most effective manner. The city desires that such unpaid fines, fees and court costs be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

DASLP is fully qualified to provide this representation, being part of the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, DASLP possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the City does not currently possess.

DASLP has represented the City for the past four years with competence and professionalism, in the collection of unpaid fines, fees and court costs beginning on October 12, 2015.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

DASLP will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in Tx Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 103.0031. This Article specifically provides for an additional collection fee in the amount of 30 percent in certain cases to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City because the unpaid fines, fees and court costs will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.