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Interim 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 15th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

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

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.)

PRESENTATION

5. **Presentation** by Interim City Manager regarding September's monthly report. **Adriana Rodarte**
6. **Presentation** to award certificates of recognition for Chile War Participants. **Victor Reta**

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

7. *Excuse* absent Council Members. *Olivia Navarro*
8. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 17, and October 1, 2015. *Olivia Navarro*
9. *Approval* of Accounts Payable transaction report for September, 2015. *Jesse Scott*
10. *Approval* of Cash Receipts Transaction Report for September, 2015. *Jesse Scott*

ORDINANCES

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

11. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of an Ordinance amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Tracts 5-A and 6-B-1A, Block 27, Socorro Grant, at 11661 Socorro, Rd., from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-1 (Light Commercial) *Sam Leony*
12. *Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing* of an Ordinance amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the Zoning of Lot 11, Block 3, La Jolla, at 100 La Cienega Dr., from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) *Sam Leony*

- 13. *Public Hearing*** on Ordinance 378, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, creating a Building and Standards Commission, appointing the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve in the Buildings and Standards Commission, amending Chapters 6, Article IV, and Chapter 28, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas to appoint the new Buildings and Standards Commission to hold Public Hearings relating to substandard Buildings and Administrative Nuisance Hearings.

James A. Martinez

- 14. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 378, an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Texas, creating a Building and Standards Commission, appointing the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve in the Buildings and Standards Commission, amending Chapters 6, Article IV, and Chapter 28, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas to appoint the new Buildings and Standards Commission to hold Public Hearings relating to substandard Buildings and Administrative Nuisance Hearings.

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- 15. *Public Hearing*** on Ordinance 379, amending Chapter 42, of the City Code of Socorro, Texas, regarding traffic rules and regulations relating to school buses and school bus stop signs/arms; creating a Civil Penalty; and providing for a Civil Fine and Penalty.

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- 16. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 379, amending Chapter 42, of the City Code of Socorro, Texas, regarding traffic rules and regulations relating to school buses and school bus stop signs/arms; creating a Civil Penalty; and providing for a Civil Fine and Penalty.

James A. Martinez

- 17. *Public Hearing*** of Ordinance 381 amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 4, Block 15, Country Green, at 10905 North Loop Dr., from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial).

Sam Leony

- 18. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 381 amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 4, Block 15, Country Green, at 10905 North Loop Dr., from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial).

Sam Leony

- 19. *Public Hearing*** on Ordinance 380 amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 11, Block 2, Lynn Park Replat at 301 Tania Dr., from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to C-1 (Light Commercial).

Sam Leony

- 20. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of Ordinance 380 amending the City of Socorro Master Plan and changing the zoning of Lot 11, Block 2, Lynn Park Replat at 301 Tania Dr., from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to C-1 (Light Commercial).

Sam Leony

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 21. *Discussion and action*** on approving Resolution 489 adopting the Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Anibal Olague

22. Discussion and action on Resolution 490 approving an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to implement the City of Socorro's Safe Routes to Schools Program (Phase II). *Anibal Olague*

23. Discussion and action to authorize the Mayor to sign agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture to implement flood control project in the City of Socorro. *Anibal Olague*

PUBLIC WORKS

24. Discussion and action to make capital upgrades to City Parks. *Douglas Lobdell*

25. Discussion and action to review speed hump plan execution to date and consider additional streets for this year. *Douglas Lobdell*

PLANNING AND ZONING

26. Discussion and action on the Planning and Zoning Commission Bylaws. *Sam Leony*

CITY MANAGER

27. Discussion and action for Waters & Company Executive Recruitment (Chuck Rohre) to present City Manager candidates for city council approval. *Adriana Rodarte*

28. Discussion and action on approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of Socorro and Texserve to enforce and administer the School Bus Safety/Stop Arm Enforcement Program and to authorize the mayor or his designee to execute the agreement. *Adriana Rodarte*

29. Discussion and action on ReadyOne Industries Secure Document Services. *Adriana Rodarte*

30. Discussion and action on city wide Unified Communication. *Adriana Rodarte*

31. Discussion and action on approving the Unaudited Financial Reports for September 2015. *Adriana Rodarte*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

32. Discussion and action on status of Onion Field Ponding area and the breeching of the brim located on Thunder Road and Rio Vista. Engineering information, designs and plans for this endeavor are needed. *Sergio Cox*

33. Discussion and action on enforcing Municipal Code Section 28-23, in regards to condemnation proceedings, for 10964 Burt Rd. This property has been dilapidated for over 10 years and no improvements or clean up has been attempted by current owners.

Sergio Cox

34. Discussion and action to initiate procedures to open the fenced in easement between Burt and Delilah for emergency vehicle access and for paving of this are to be prioritized, moving it to the top of the current list.

Sergio Cox

35. Discussion and action on moving the paving of Range War Street up to be completed in 2015 rather than 2017. Range War is now officially the property of the City of Socorro.

Sergio Cox

36. Discussion and action directing the Public Works Department to clean up now and to continue cleaning on a regular basis of at least every 3 months the City property that is located on Horizon Blvd. behind the Walgreens between North Loop and Regina.

Sergio Cox

37. Discussion and action on renewing the previous contract with Union Pacific Railroad for the leasing of the property located at the Northeast corner of Horizon Blvd. and Middle Drain Road.

Sergio Cox

38. Discussion and action to direct staff on building a walk path at 911 Memorial Park.

Gloria M. Rodriguez

39. Discussion and action to direct staff on changing speed humps measurements.

Gloria M. Rodriguez

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Discussion on the following:

40. 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

41. **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

42. **Discussion and action** regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation.

Adriana Rodarte

43. **Acquisition** of certain real property for the Old Hueco Tanks Project, the consideration to be conveyed for it and to authorize the city attorney to finalize a contract for the acquisition of same and to authorize the mayor or his designee to sign said agreement [551.071 and 551.072].

James A. Martinez

44. **Adjourn**

DATED THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

By: 


Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

By: 

Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

Agenda posted: 10-9-15 @ 2:37 

Removed: _____ Time: _____ by: _____

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Interim City Manager

#5

October 8, 2015

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Presentation by Interim City Manager, regarding September's monthly report.

SUMMARY

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

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

ALTERNATIVE

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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



Socorro Municipal Court

September 2015 Report

1. On September 3rd, the Omni and Scofflaw new warrants were submitted.
 2. On September 10th, the conviction/dismissals report was exported to DPS; the monthly report to the Texas Office of Court Administration was exported.
 3. Friday September 11, 2015, we had arraignment double docket.
 4. From September 14th to September 18th, 2015 we had the Amnesty week.
 - a. \$26,376.10 collected (Amnesty week)
 - b. **\$17,165.90** collected from defendants that took advantage of the amnesty week.
 5. From September 20th to September 25th, we had the warrant round up. (Very successful)
 - a. \$40,081.73 collected (warrant round up)
 - b. **\$31,265.02** collected from defendants that were arrested, they either paid the full amount or paid half and requested a payment plan for the remaining balance
\$48,430.92 totals collected just on warrant payments
 6. Monday September 21st we had Showcause in the morning and Juveniles pre-trials at 4:00 pm.
 7. Friday September 25th, we had Ordinance, DPS and Animal control.
 8. Monday September 28th we had attorney court at 2:30 PM with 106 cases
217 citations were issued by SPD for the month of September
 - 10** DPS,
 - 42** Animal Control
 - 13** Ordinance citations**\$89,201.79** total collected for the month of September, 2015
- \$793,166.55** total collected for the 2014/2015 fiscal year.
\$746,206.25 total collected for the 2013/2014 fiscal year
\$ 46,960.30 difference
\$621,959.71 total collected for the 2012/2013 fiscal year
\$171,206.84 difference

City of Socorro

2015 September HR Monthly Report

Rosio Marin

Human Resources Assistant

September 30, 2015

Human Resources September Report

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

1. Celebrated Anniversaries and Birthdates for the month of September 2015 on September 25th. Also, celebrated Employee of the Month, Rosa Hernandez from Socorro PD.
2. 31 candidates were interviewed for the month of September
3. Vacant Positions:
 - 1 City Manager
 - 1 CFO
 - City Clerk
 - Interviewed on 9/23/15, Candidate Olivia Navarro selected, start date 9/28/15
 - Candidate Perla R. Marin was selected from list of interviewees to fill newly vacated Assistant City Clerk position based on interview score
 - 4 Police Officer
 - 1 Communication Dispatch Supervisor
 - Interviewed on 9/24/15, Candidate Anabel Davila selected, background in process, start date pending
 - 1 Code Enforcer
 - 1 Recreations Coordinator
 - Interviewed on 9/28/15, Candidate Lizbeth Castro selected, start date 10/5/15
 - 2 Part-Time Recreation Leader Positions
 - 1 Parks Laborer
 - Interviewed on 9/21/15, Candidate Ruben Espinoza selected, start date 9/28/15
 - Candidate Carlos Morales was selected from list of interviewees to fill newly vacated Part-Time Parks Laborer position based on interview score- start date 10/2/15
4. 135 Leave Requests for the month of July
Vacation - 69
Sick – 65
Training - 1
Missing Swipes - 38
5. Three injuries reported.
 - Mario Rodriguez, PD – DOI 9/2/15, two weeks lost time
 - Cesar Gonzalez, PD – DOI 9/20/15, no lost time
 - Santiago Montelongo, PW – DOI 9/29/15, no lost time
6. FMLA: Two employees out on leave

- Guadalupe Almanzar Jr. began FMLA on 8/31/15. Tentative return date 10/5/15.
 - David Gonzalez began FMLA on 8/25/15 continuous for approximately three weeks.
7. FMLA: Four employees returned to work
 - Ricardo Ordonez returned to work on 9/2/15
 - Enrique Hermosillo returned to work on 9/4/15
 - Graciela Provencio returned to work on 9/21/15
 - Armando Mapula returned to work on 9/21/15
 8. Externship Student (Southwest University) & (International Business College)
Erika Rivera started assisting the Front Desk on 9/21/15
 9. Employment Separations for the month of August 2015
 - Erika Galvan 9/16/15
 - Juliza Perez 9/22/15
 10. New-Hires for the month of September 2015
 - Julio Valdez – Parks Supervisor 9/8/15
 - Rosio Marin – Assistant City Clerk 9/28/15
 11. Personnel Changes:
 - Assistant City Clerk, Olivia Navarro interviewed and was selected for the City Clerk position, start date: 9/28/15
 - Part-Time Parks Laborer, Ruben Espinoza interviewed and was selected for the Full-Time Parks Laborer position, start date: 9/28/15



Public Works & Parks September Update

Socorro

Public Works Department



PW

Serving the Community with Pride
Sirviendo a la Comunidad con Orgullo





Agenda

- **Public Works**
 - October Priorities
 - September Summary
 - Speed Humps
 - Potholes
 - Mowing
- **Parks**
 - New Supervisor
 - Rio Vista Improvements
 - Park Maintenance
 - Facilities Maintenance

Socorro
Public Works Department



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Public Works Priorities

October



- Neighborhood Safety (speed humps)
 - Nearing Completion
- Mowing and weeds
 - Estimated completion: 23 Oct
- Continue Potholes
- General maintenance and urgent needs



Sep Accomplishments

- Began mowing entire city
 - 6 temps, 3 weeks
 - D4, D1, D2, D3
- Neighborhood Safety
 - 19 speed humps complete
- Potholes
 - 10 streets complete
- Support to Chili War Festival & Parade



September Workload

Mostly signs and painting for speed humps

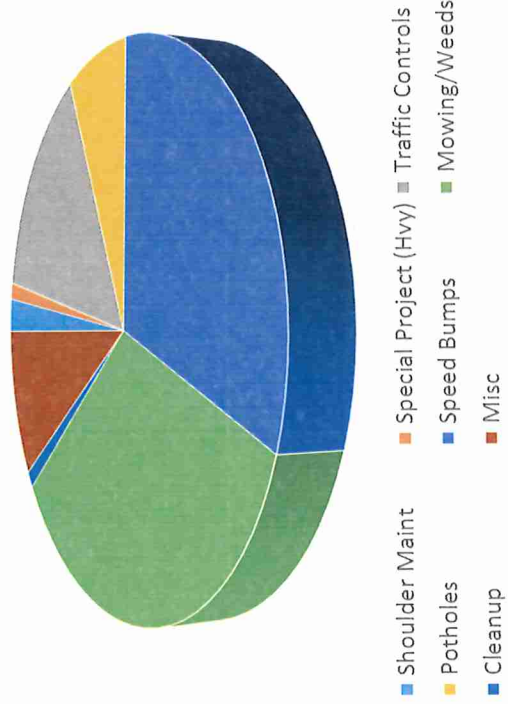
Old Hueco Tanks

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

Man-days by task:

Paving	Onion Field	Berm	Shoulder Maint	Special Project (Hvy)	Traffic Controls	Potholes	Speed Humps	Water Removal	Mowing/Weeds	Cleanup	Misc
0	0	0	4	2	29	14	58	0	65	2	18

Man-Days, September



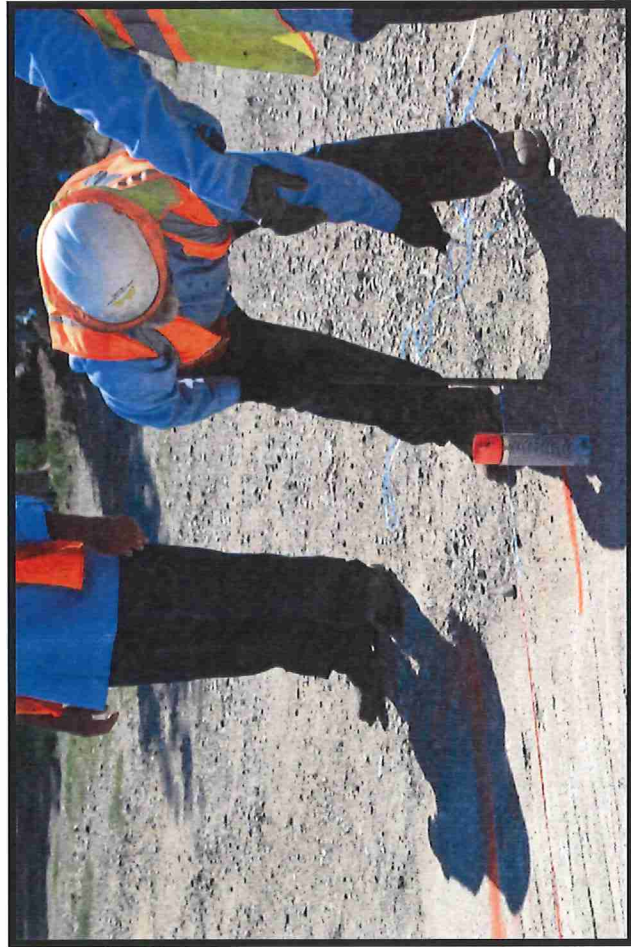
Parks was down to 1 full-time employee due to dismissal and medical absence, so PW transferred 1 employee for temp assistance

Notes:

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



Focus on Speed Humps



Proper layout is important

Complete as of 30 Sep:

Street	Compl
Bandolina	2
Cielo Mistico	1
Crowell	1
Datsun	1
Dindinger	1
Falk	1
Horn	1
Keagle	1
Marquez	1
Melendez	3
Melton	1
Middle Drain	1
Milo	2
Patti Jo	1
S. Nevarez	1
Wewoka	1
Winn	1
Letona	1



Potholes



- Dindinger
- Glorietta
- Telop
- Place
- Middle Drain
- Bauman
- Peters
- Nooch
- Passmore
- Pamela Raye
- Richardson



Mowing



Our temp mowing crew began in District 4





Chili War Festival Support



Ready for the parade



PW laborer Ricardo Ordoñez placed 3rd in chili eating!



Parks Highlights



- New Supervisor
- Hired new full-time and part-time laborers
- Assisted with Chili War Festival
 - Prep/Event Support/Recovery
- Cleaned Vineyard facility
- Began Rio Vista cleaning/organizing
- Trimmed/groomed all parks

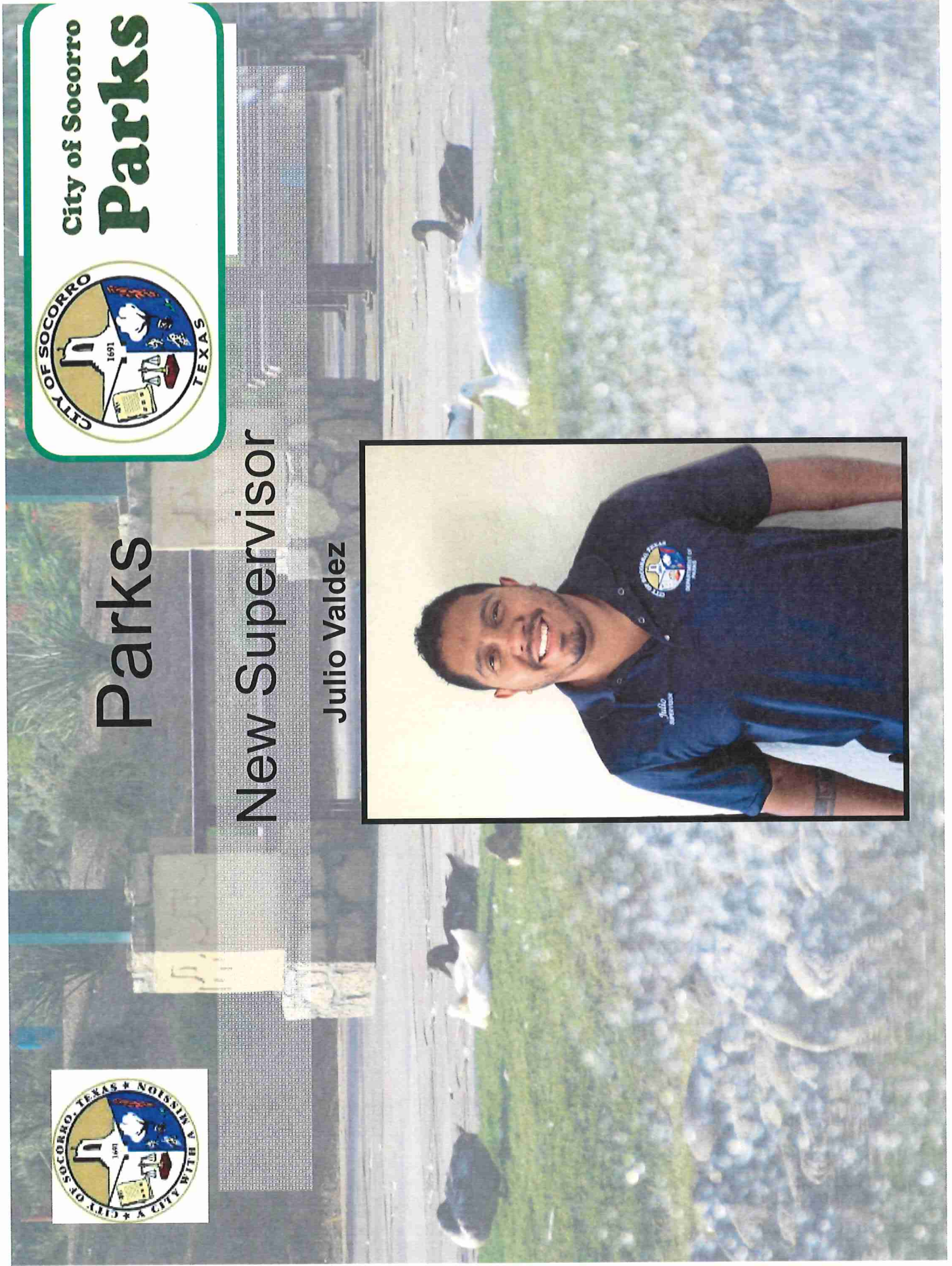
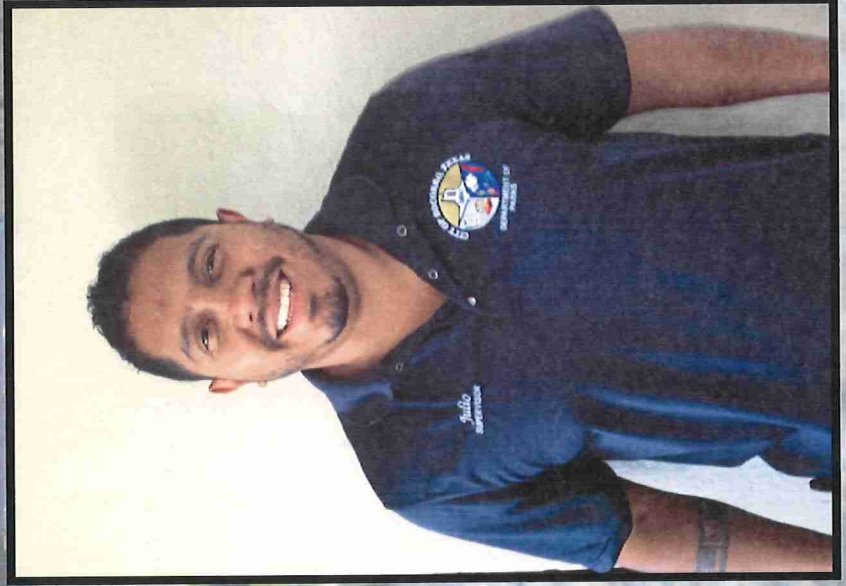


Parks



New Supervisor

Julio Valdez

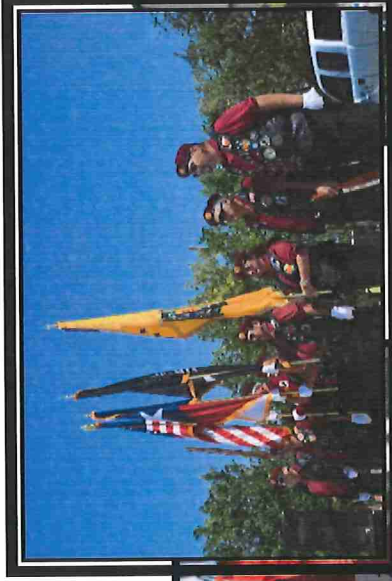




Chili War Festival Support

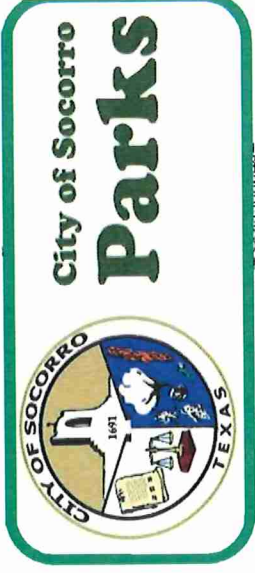


Parks employees ensured the fields and facilities were looking great for the big event:



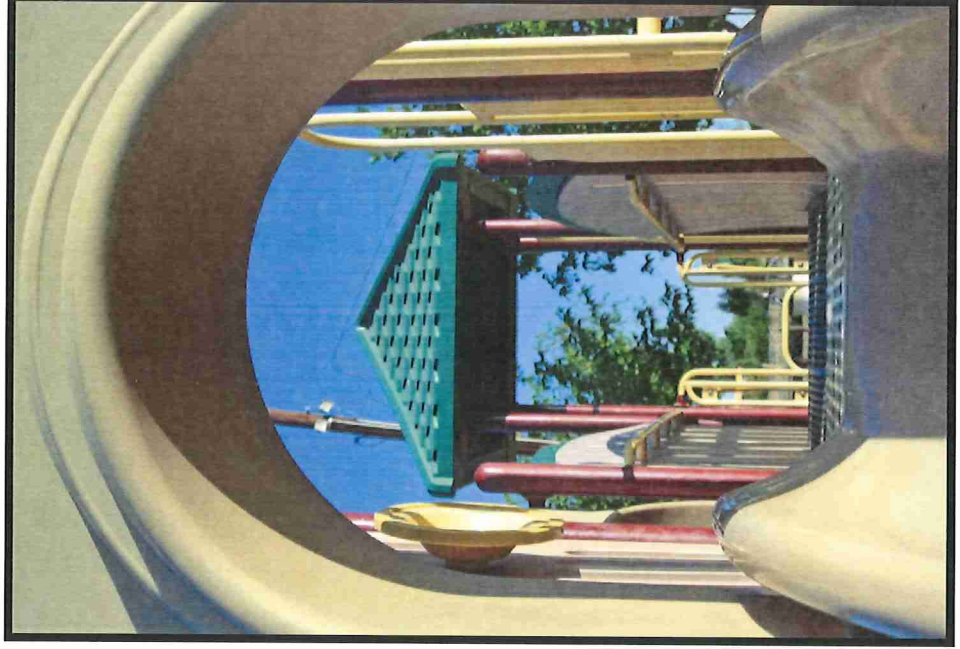
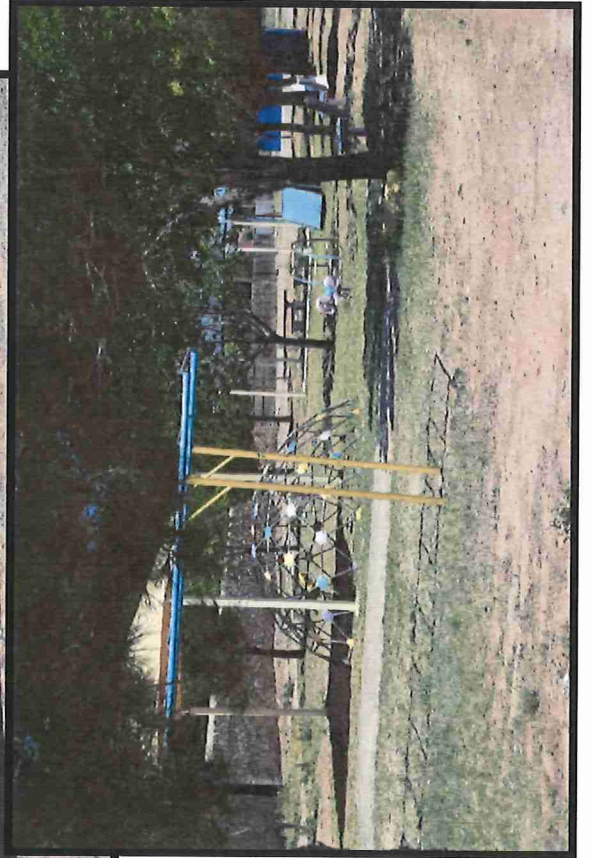


Rio Vista before/after





Great Looking Parks!





SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT SEPTEMBER 2015 MONTHLY REPORT

Date: October 5, 2015
To: Adriana Rodarte (Interim City Manager)
From: Chief Carlos R. Maldonado
SUBJECT: September 2015 Monthly Report

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

Case 2015-001924 at 10331 North Loop The reporter advised of a stabbing having occurred at the Fiesta Night Club. The victim, a 28 year old male, had been stabbed twice in the leg and once in the stomach. Police, Fire and Life Ambulance were all dispatched. Upon arrival, the assailant was no longer on scene and the victim was transported to Del Sol Medical Center via Life Ambulance. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office was also on scene, and assisted with processing the scene. The case number is being investigated as an aggravated assault.

Case 2015-001945 at 665 Rosa Blanca The reporter advised of a female at his residence refusing to leave. A Socorro Police Officer was dispatched, the call went out as a domestic dispute. While the officer was en route, the female also called The Socorro Police Department for assistance. Upon arrival, the officer determined a domestic dispute had occurred and arrested the male half. He was transported and booked into the El Paso County Jail.

Case 2015-001998/99 at Socorro and Passmore Several callers advised of a multi vehicle accident, to include one vehicle rolled over. The vehicles would be blocking the roadway in the 11400 block of Socorro Road, and there would be several injured parties. The Socorro Police Department, Socorro Fire Department and Life ambulance were all dispatched. Several parties were trapped inside their vehicles and Socorro Fire assisted in extricating them. One person was so severely injured that they would be transported via helicopter. A total of about 9 patients were transported via Life Ambulance. Socorro Rd was blocked off for several hours, and passerby's had to be detoured to avoid the accident. The vehicles were moved off the roadway, and one impounded by a wrecker. The case was investigated as an intoxicated assault, to which the party responsible was issued a total of 4 criminal warrants. The male, Damian Arroyos was arrested and booked on September 30th, 2015 on all 4 charges of intoxication assault with a vehicle. Each charge has a bond of \$50,000.

Case 2015-002051 at 11800 Socorro Rd. Reporter advised of her business having been robbed at gunpoint. The subject was described as a female, wearing a beanie, mask, cowboy's football jersey and black pants. The female took the customer's personal belongings, and the business' earnings as well. The female fled the scene on foot. The Socorro Police department was dispatched, and was unable to locate the female. The case is being investigated as an Aggravated Robbery.

September 2015 Officer Training

On September 09, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Firearms Training and Qualification for 3 of our Officers at EPCC/LETA Range.

On September 8-10, 2015 Sgt. Flores and Officer Harrelson attended Task Force Officer Training Hosted by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

On September 15, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Firearms Training and Qualification for 4 of our Officers at EPCC/LETA Range.

On September 16, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Firearms Training and Qualification for 7 of our Officers at EPCC/LETA Range.

On September 21, 2015 Sgt. Moore conducted Firearms Training and Qualification for 5 of our Officers at EPCC/LETA Range.

On September 28, through October 2, 2015 Officer Fraire and Officer Marin are attending the FTO certification course at EPCC/LETA.

Call Type
 Burglary
 MVA
 DWI
 Assault F/V
 Assault
 Alarms
 Mischief
 Forgery
 Theft
 Vehicle Theft
 Medical
 Fire
 Arrests
 Traffic Stops
 Reports
 Calls for Service

2014 2015
 8 20
 69 64
 2 2
 14 34
 12 7
 40 55
 27 15
 3 5
 27 41
 6 10
 110 26
 22 19
 42 43
 545 189
 219 241
 1660 1913

Socorro Police Department Stats Comparison September 2014 & 2015



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TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT – September 2015

Council Meeting September 2, 3, 9, 10, and 17

- 1. Prepared minutes for 5 meetings**
- 2. 5 Publications**
- 3. Received 14 Open Records Requests**
- 4. Responded to 13 Open Records**



City of Socorro

Planning & Zoning Activity Report

September 2015

INSPECTIONS

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

Structural Inspections:	23
Mechanical	34
Electrical	40
Plumbing/Gas/Sewer	70
Concrete Work	77
<i>(Incl. rock walls, footings, driveways & sidewalks)</i>	
Building Final	11
Change of Address	1
Zoning Compliance	7
TOTAL	263

CODE COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

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

Notices of Violation issued	54
Number of cleared cases (through voluntary compliance)	41
Citations Issued	9
TOTAL	104

Boards & Commissions

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

City Council.....	6
Planning & Zoning.....	24
Historical Landmark Commission.....	2
Board of Adjustments.....	0
Museum Commission.....	0

TOTAL CASES = 32



City of Socorro

Planning & Zoning Activity Report

September 2015

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

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

1. Leadership Bridge project.
 2. Safe Routes To School project.
 3. Annexation project.
 4. ROW acquisition projects (Regina Dr., Fray Olguin Rd, Rio Vista Rd., Sparks Cir., Lippert Rd., Sheryl Cir., Spur Pl., San Miguel Rd., Varela Subdivision,etc.)
 5. Flood Mitigation and Preparedness project (existing and future storm water structures)
 6. Road widening projects (Horizon-Buford, North Loop, and Old Hueco Tanks Blvd.)
 7. Connectivity and Traffic Master Plan.
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September 2014



September 2015



Planning & Zoning Department Monthly Report

	September 2014		September 2015	
Permits				
Residential Permits	33	\$4,190.50	26	\$6,702.50
Commercial Permits	5	\$3,667.50	2	\$775.00
Excavation and Grading Permits	2	\$300.00	0	\$0.00
Demolition Permits	2	\$200.00	0	\$0.00
Utility Gas Permits	12	\$600.00	10	\$500.00
Utility Water Permits	1	\$50.00	2	\$100.00
Utility Sewer Permits	3	\$150.00	3	\$150.00
Utility Plumbing Permits	11	\$1,100.00	15	\$1,045.00
Utility Electric Permits	9	\$700.00	20	\$1,220.00
Utility Mechanical Permits	6	\$600.00	13	\$2,020.00
Re-Inspection Fees	6	\$270.00	0	\$0.00
Vendor Permits	7	\$240.00	26	\$2,521.50
Event Permits	2	\$250.00	1	\$125.00
Sign Permits	1	\$117.00	2	\$784.53
Special Use Permits			0	\$0.00
Special Inspections			0	\$0.00
Park Fees	2	\$150.00	5	\$420.00
Beer & Wine	2	\$475.00	0	\$0.00
Returned Check Fees			0	\$0.00
Building Card Replacement			1	\$25.00
Solar Panel Permit			7	\$800.00

Trailer Parking Permit			0	\$0.00
Security Alarm Permit			2	\$200.00
TOTALS	71	\$13,060.00	135	\$17,388.53

Registrations

Business Registrations	14	\$557.92	16	\$546.58
Business Renewals	12	\$837.66	6	\$318.75
Car Dealership Annual Applications	1	\$125.00	0	\$0.00
	27	\$1,520.58	22	\$865.33

Applications

Conditional Use Applications	1	\$650.00	2	\$500.00
Rezoning Applications	2	\$1,000.00	2	\$750.00
Lot Split Applications			0	
Re-Plat Applications	1	\$1,750.00	0	
Subdivision Applications			0	
BOA Applications	1	\$100.00	0	
Mobile Office			0	
Mobile Home Placements	4	\$300.00	1	\$60.00
Mobile Home Transporters	3	\$135.00	1	\$45.00
	12	\$3,935.00	6	\$1,355.00

Letters

Official Address Changes	3	\$45.00	1	\$15.00
Zoning Confirmation Letters			2	\$90.00
Certificate of Occupancy	23	\$1,150.00	12	\$600.00
Letters Of Zoning Compliance	3	\$45.00	7	\$105.00
Flood Determination Letter			0	\$0.00
	29	\$1,240.00		\$810.00
Grand Total		\$19,755.58		\$20,418.86



City of Socorro
Department of Recreation
Centers
September Monthly Report
Issued by:
Victor Reta-Recreation
Centers Director

October 8, 2015

Goals:

- The Recreation Centers' goal is to establish themselves as a resource center in the community aimed at encouraging, educating, & empowering others through social, civic, and betterment opportunities for the people of Socorro.
- As Recreation Centers Director it is my ultimate goal that I meet the needs of the public in the City of Socorro, with solutions & answers; by creating good standing overarching partnerships I aim to provide an easily accessible network of aid. As such, I expect to have a highly effective team of employees who will receive continuing education & training so that they are capable of executing & facilitating the demands of the department with polite & welcoming community service.
- Goal of the month: Reflection

RVCC (Rio Vista Community Center):

- September monthly report (supporting documentation attached)
- Community Garden Upkeep
- Received (3) New Senior Citizen Registration
- 16 De Septiembre Dance
- County Senior Health & Wellness Expo
- UTEP Shine Program Citizenship Cooperative Project Began
- Area Agency on Aging- Tomando A Tu Salud Workshops Continued

CACC (Chayo Apodaca Community Center):

- September Monthly Report Attached
- Arcade Received Maintenance
- Began New Hours of Operation
- Received Donations of books
- Steam Cleaned Carpets & Upholstery

Department Supervisory, Staff, and Cross Department Collaboration

- Invited to Attend Park University Anniversary Breakfast
- Attended National Recreation Parks Association Annual Conference
- Coordinated:
 - Chile War Festival- 9/12
 - Border Professionals Development Conference-9/23
 - National Night Out -10/3

- TX A&M Fun Run/ Walk-10/10
 - Fright Farm- 10/30
- Contacted by Socorro High School Regarding Health Fair 10/15
- Completed Interviews for Recreation Coordinator
- Finalized Inventory of Assets w/ Interim CFO
- Met w/ Supporting Depts. Regarding Capital Improvement Plan
- Attended West TX Prevention Coalition Mtg & BPDNC Steering Committee Mtg.

Events:

- Chile War Festival
 - Saturday September 12
 - Cougar Park
 - 11 AM-12AM
 - Free Admission:
 - Farmers Market
 - Fresh Chile Available
 - Live Music/ Entertainment
 - Rides/ Games
 - Face Painting
 - Prize Giveaways
 - Jumping Balloons
 - Food & Drink Vendors
- 1st Annual Border Professionals Development & Networking Conference
 - Wednesday September 23, 2012 8AM-5PM
 - City Council Chambers
 - 125 Participants
 - Food Truck Lunches
 - Topics: Domestic Violence, Building a Better Leader, No Te Dejes, iGuardian, Crime Victims, & LGBT Awareness
- TX A&M Fun Run/Walk
 - Saturday October 10, 2015 8 AM – 11 AM
 - Bulldog Park
 - 1 Pet/ Family w/ Up-to-date Vaccinations
 - Health & Wellness Campaign w/ TX A7M
- Fright Farm
 - Friday October 30, 2015 6 pm – 9 pm
 - Rio Vista Community Center
 - Jumping Balloons, Haunted House, Face Painting, Trick-Or-Treating

Rio Vista Community Center

MONTHLY REPORT September 2015

Fitness and Wellness

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Time(s):</u>	<u>Month Total:</u>
Aerobics	Adriana	M-F 8-9am	243
Zumba	Adriana	M-F 9-10am	69
Zumba	Alejandra	MTWR 6-7pm	190
Senior Fitness	Rocio	TTR 10-10:30am	40
Yoga	Nenna	MTWR 6-7pm	36
			578

Community Enrichment

<u>Class:</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Time(s):</u>	<u>Month Total:</u>
Family Violence Support		W 1-2pm	17
Al-Anon		F 12:30-2:30	24
GED		MWTR 9am-12am	194
		MWTR 5pm-7pm	252
Citizenship		TTR 6:30pm-8pm	154
Nutrition Class		Varies	16
ESL		WF 9am - 12pm	97
Senior Nutrition		M-F 9am-1pm	599
			1353

Transportation

	<u>Month Total:</u>
Pick Ups	108
Drop Offs	129
Other	4
Church	17
	258

Calls & Visitors

	<u>Month Total:</u>
Phone Calls	215
Visitors	35
	250

Events

<u>Total Events</u>	<u>Total Turnout</u>
4	64
	64

Volunteers

	<u>Month Total:</u>
Volunteers / Community Service	4
	4

Total RVCC Visitor/Participant Traffic:

2507

E. G. "Chayo" Apodaca Community Center



September Monthly Report 2015

Day	Computer Use	Laptop Use	Arcade	Volunteers	Visitor	Conference	Total
1	33	3	6	1	4	3	50
2	45	0	11	1	6	0	63
3	27	0	18	1	4	3	53
4	35	0	9	2	9	0	55
5	43	3	6	0	3	3	58
6							
7							
8	22	0	4	0	3	0	29
9	19	0	15	0	0	0	34
10	21	0	13	0	0	0	34
11	17	0	6	1	4	0	28
12							
13							
14							
15	21	0	11	0	5	0	37
16	19	0	3	0	5	0	27
17	15	0	7	0	8	0	30
18	26	0	18	0	6	0	50
19	22	0	13	2	10	0	47
20							
21							
22	30	0	10	0	0	0	40
23	30	0	11	1	2	0	44
24	21	0	16	0	11	0	48
25	23	0	11	0	2	0	36
26	18	0	12	0	7	0	37
27							
28							
29	32	0	31	1	15	0	79
30	31	0	16	1	10	0	58
31							0
Total							
			Monthly Total				937

IT Projects and Improvements September, 2015.

Projects.

Fiber Up and Running in Chayo Apodaca, Court/Police Substation, RVCC, Administration.

Surveillance Camera Installation Completed for Public Works.

Disaster Recovery Project to be implemented.

VoIP Project to be implemented.

Administration

Managing the City's website.

Managing the work phones for the City.

Managing the Network.

Finished Asset Inventory.

Court.

September Scofflaw records were processed successfully.

Updated Omni base for Isela and Cynthia.

Recreations Center

Setup Temp Employee with Computer and Email.

Chayo Apodaca

Faronics License to be renewed and Installed.

Public Works

Setup Intern with Computer and Email.

Police Department

Updated Poona Computers.

Planning and Zoning

Setup Employee with Work Phone and Email.

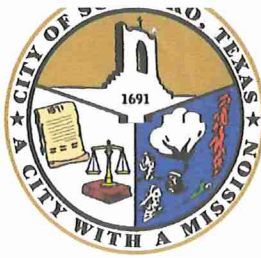
Parks

Setup Park Supervisor with Laptop, work Cellphone, Network and Email Accounts.

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#4

DATE: 10/7/2015

TO: Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

FROM: Victor Reta, Recreations Centers Supervisor

SUBJECT: *Presentation to award certificates of recognition for Chile War Participants*

SUMMARY: The City of Socorro would like to recognize all the participants that volunteered their time for the 2015 Chile War Festival. The City will be providing certificates of appreciation, community service hours and a photo with City Council to SHS Culinary Students, SHS NJROTC, Vietnam Veterans, & MTA Member Cathe Apodaca.

BACKGROUND: This year the 2015 Chile War Festival was hosted by The City of Socorro & Mission Trail Association on Saturday September 12, 2015 at Cougar Park; we would like to recognize the people who donated their time at coordinating & organizing the event.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
N/A

ALTERNATIVE:

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recreation Centers Recommends Approval.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:

1. HR Director (City Manager Absent) _____ Date _____
2. CFO _____ Date _____
3. Attorney _____ Date _____

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**REGULAR OUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Sergio Cox
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Anthony Gandara (Arrived to the meeting at 6:24 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

STAFF PRESENT:

Lt. Eddie Smith
Carlos Maldonado, Chief of Police
Rosio Marin, HR Assistant
Doug Lobdell, Parks and Public Works Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Girls Scouts of Socorro

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

PROCLAMATION

4. ***PROCLAMATION ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, ON OCTOBER 3, 2015 AT BULLDOG PARK.*** ***OFFICER LINDA CUSTIC OLVERA***

Proclamation read by Mayor Jesus Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Heriberto Reyes, Harry Etter, Sergio Jaime, Lorenza Fraire and Ralph Duran spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak on this item but declined.

7. ***PRESENTATION BY ANIBAL OLAGUE ON THE STATUS OF PROJECTS AND GRANTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.*** ***ANIBAL OLAGUE***

Presentation made by Anibal Olague.

Anthony Gandara arrived to the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

8. ***PRESENTATION BY CHIEF OF POLICE REGARDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR A ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY.*** ***CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO***

Presentation made by Chief Carlos Maldonado.

Sergio Jaime spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *move up item number eighteen (18) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE REQUEST TO APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF DENYING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN, AND REZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 6, SPANISH TRAIL SUBDIVISION AT 10250 CONQUISTADOR DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).

SAM LEONY

Presentation made by Sam Leony.

Esteban Maldonado, son of owner Gloria Maldonado spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara to *approve staff's recommendation*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve with a stipulation that only a duplex be built*. Motion died due to no second.

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the zoning with a special condition*. Motion not approved.

Ismael Salas, Heriberto Reyes, Sergio Jaime and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

Ayes: Sergio Cox

Nays: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *move up item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITIZENS REQUEST FOR A (1) ONE HOUR TO (1 ½) HOUR QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION DURING PUBLIC COMMENT AND PRIOR TO THE START OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS. THIS HOUR WOULD BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION TIME BETWEEN CONSTITUENTS, COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION.

SERGIO COX

A motion was made by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*.

An amended motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Sergio Jaime was signed up to speak but declined.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CONSENT AGENDA

9. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2015.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

ORDINANCES

11. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE 376, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.*

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

12. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 15, COUNTRY GREEN, AT 10905 NORTH LOOP DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).*

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve (12)*.

Jim Martinez, City Attorney recommend the approval of this item with a special condition to limit the use to restaurant.

Victor Perez rescinded his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *direct staff to bring back this item with suggested recommendation.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, LYNN PARK REPLAT, AT 301 TANIA DR., FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL). *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number thirteen (13).*

Gloria M. Rodriguez rescinded her motion.

A motion was made by Gloria M. Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *direct staff to bring back this item with appropriate reclassification.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. *SAM LEONY*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

HUMAN RESOURCES

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING LEAVE POLICY FOR EXEMPT EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. *ROSIO MARIN*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve item number fifteen (15).* Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ACCEPT THE KABOOM! LET'S PLAY GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE GRANTEE LETTER OF AGREEMENT. THE CITY WILL CONTRIBUTE THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 AS A MATCH TO THE PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. *ANIBAL OLAGUE***

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

Anibal Olague and Lorenza Fraire spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, CITY ATTORNEY AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO SIGN AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN FY2015. *CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Lorenza Fraire and Sergio Jaime were signed up to speak on this item but were not present.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

CITY MANAGER

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO FLOOD PLAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

Lorenza Fraire and Sergio Jaime were signed up to speak on this item but were not present.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANUAL. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number twenty*. Motion passed.

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

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *delete items number twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

25. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 8:29 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez

Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

Date minutes were approved

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Anthony Gandara
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Interim City Manager

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Anthony Gandara
Sergio Cox

STAFF ABSENT:

Rene Rodriguez
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, Interim City Manager
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk
James A. Martinez, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

STAFF PRESENT:

Jessie Scott, Interim CFO
Rosio Marin, HR Assistant
Doug Lobdell, Public Works and Parks Director
Julio Valdez, Parks Supervisor
Carlos Maldonado, Police Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Douglas Lobdell.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION ON LAS VENTANAS DE SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation by Tom Floren and Bill Clifton from Las Ventanas made the presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2015. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TRANSACTION REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2015. JESSIE SCOTT

9. APPROVAL OF THE CASH RECEIPTS TRANSACTION REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2015. JESSIE SCOTT

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *move up items twenty-seven (27) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR THE LEADERSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT. SAM LEONY

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING STAFF TO ACQUIRE
ORMSBY STREET FOR IMMEDIATE PAVING. ANTHONY GANDARA**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

ORDINANCES

**10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING ON ORDINANCE 378, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
SOCORRO, TEXAS, CREATING A BUILDING AND STANDARDS
COMMISSION, APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND
ZONING COMMISSION TO SERVE IN THE BUILDINGS AND
STANDARDS COMMISSION, AMENDING CHAPTERS 6, ARTICLE IV,
AND CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO APPOINT THE NEW BUILDINGS
AND STANDARDS COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS
RELATING TO SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE
NUISANCE HEARINGS. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING ON ORDINANCE 379, AMENDING CHAPTER 42, OF THE CITY
CODE OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, REGARDING TRAFFIC RULES AND
REGULATIONS RELATING TO SCHOOL BUSES AND SCHOOL BUS
STOP SIGNS/ARMS; CREATING A CIVIL PENALTY; AND PROVIDING
FOR A CIVIL FINE AND PENALTY. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACTS 5-A AND 6-B-1A, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, AT 11661 SOCORRO, RD., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twelve*.

Sergio Cox withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *postpone item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, LYNN PARK REPLAT AT 301 TANIA DR., FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL).

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MASTER PLAN AND CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 15, COUNTRY GREEN, AT 10905 NORTH LOOP DR., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL).

SAM LEONY

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 376, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

- 16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 376, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING AND AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

- 17. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 377 REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. SAM LEONY**

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m.

No speakers for

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 377 REGULATING THE PROPER STORAGE, HANDLING, ACCUMULATING, TRANSPORTING AND DISPOSAL OF SCRAP TIRES. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

HUMAN RESOURCES

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR A PART TIME CLERK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT. ROSIO MARIN**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 488 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,956.90 TO THE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION UNDER THE OPERATION BORDER STAR 2016 GRANT CYCLE.
ANIBAL OLAGUE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

PUBLIC WORKS

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITIZEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR WEED CONTROL.
DOUGLAS LOBDELL

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Sergio Cox to *delete item number twenty-on (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CHANGES TO SCOPE OF WORK AND PROJECT DESIGN, INCLUDING AN OPTION FOR PREFABRICATED RESTROOM, FOR MAURO ROSAS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.
DOUGLAS LOBDELL

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-two with the recommendation made by Mr. Lobdell to direct city manager to instruct Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to include an option for the Mauro Rosas Park plan with a prefabricated restroom*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE MURAL WALL ON
HORIZON BLVD. DOUGLAS LOBDELL**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Victor Perez to *approve with the recommendation made by Mr. Lobdell to coordinate with Socorro High School for the art students to create the mural.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

PLANNING ZONING DEPARTMENT

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL
FOR DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION REPLAT "R", BEING A REPLAT OF
LOTS 5, 10, & 11, BLOCK 1, DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION, EL PASO
COUNTY, TEXAS. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *approve item number twenty-four (24).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL
FOR DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION REPLAT "S", BEING A REPLAT OF
LOTS 3, 9, 10, 11 & 12, BLOCK 3, DAIRYLAND SUBDIVISION, EL PASO
COUNTY, TEXAS. SAM LEONY**

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

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL
FOR VILLA VALENCIA ESTATES UNIT ONE, BEING ALL OF TRACT 1B,
BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Sergio Cox seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-six (26) with a park and another exit point.* Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR AUGUST 2015. JESSIE SCOTT**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE OPENGOV
APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CITY SOURCED
APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR JESUS RUIZ**

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

**32. 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**

33. 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

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33), and thirty-four (34).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

35. CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL CONCERNING LEGAL ISSUES RELATING TO JAVIER VARELA V. SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT; SOAH DOCKET NO. 407-13-5925. F5 [551.071].

BRUCE KOEHLER

36. ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE OLD HUECO TANKS PROJECT, THE CONSIDERATION TO BE CONVEYED FOR IT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAME AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SIGN SAID AGREEMENT [551.071 AND 551.072].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete item number thirty-six (36).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

37. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Sergio Cox to *adjourn at 7:25 p.m.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Anthony Gandara, and Sergio Cox

Nays:

Absent: Rene Rodriguez and Gloria M. Rodriguez

Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

Olivia Navarro
Assistant City Clerk

Date minutes were approved