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

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

LA INSTALACIÓN ES ACCESIBLE PARA SILLAS DE RUEDAS Y HAY PLAZAS DE ESTACIONAMENTOS 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

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 NOVEMBER, 2023 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/city-clerk-public-notice THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACESS 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 NOVEMBER, 2023 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Hueco Elementary School.

City of Socorro Regular Council Meeting November 16, 2023 Page 2

3. Establishment of Ouorum

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

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

5. *Excuse* absent council members.

Olivia Navarro

6. Approval of Regular Council Minutes of November 2, 2023.

Olivia Navarro

7. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing request for the proposed amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Lot 1, Block 1, Bauman Estates located at 597 Barnhart Drive, Socorro, Tx from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to allow a duplex.

Lorrine Quimiro

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- **8.** Discussion and action to adopt a fireworks sales application for the processing of firework sales permits.

 Lorrine Quimiro
- Discussion and action to proceed with Phase III of sidewalk construction and the submission of future funding for sidewalks.

 Lorrine Quimiro
- **10.** Discussion and action to approve an event permit for El Paso Marathon 2024 to be held on February 18, 2024.

 Lorrine Quimiro

CITY MANAGER

- 11. Discussion and action on staff's recommendation to hire a Deputy City Manager for the City of Socorro, Texas.

 Adriana Rodarte
- 12. Discussion and action to approve the contract for the Chief of Police. Adriana Rodarte

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

13. Discussion and action to waive event and permit fee for the 1st Annual Socorro High School Softball tournament at Cougar and Rio Vista Parks on December 9 and 10, 2023.

Alejandro Garcia

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:

14. 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

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15. *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

- **16.** Discussion and action regarding pending litigation and receive status report regarding pending litigation.

 Adriana Rodarte
- 17. Discussion and action regarding petition to release real property from the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Socorro, Texas [551.071 and 551.072]. James A. Martinez
- 18. Adjourn

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023

By:	Growner
	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.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager Olivia Navarro, City Clerk Lorrine Quimiro, City Planner Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director Charles Casiano, Finance Director Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief Lt. Eddie Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ms. Buendia of Socorro High School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Albert Ortiz spoke to during Public Comment.

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

- 6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2023.
 OLIVIA NAVARRO
- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO
- 9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* ON APPROVING SEPTEMBER 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO
- 10. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

REGULAR AGENDA PUBLIC HEARING

11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR VALLEY QUAIL ESTATES BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 11A, BLOCK 19, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:11 pm No Speakers for Public Hearing Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR VALLEY QUAIL ESTATES BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 11A, BLOCK 19, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item* number twelve (12). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAM OFFICER COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST. CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve item number thirteen (13). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT: POLICY 4.6 OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT.

LT. EDDIE SMITH

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve item fourteen (14). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A ROSARY TO THE VIRGEN OF GUADALUPE AT 10628 SHADEY VALLEY ON DECEMBER 9, 2023, FROM 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item* number fifteen (15). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT AND PAYMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item* number sixteen (16). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY MANAGER

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE 92ND WINTER MEETING / JANUARY 17-19, 2024, WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR THE US CONFERENCE OF MAYOR.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve item seventeen. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE A CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve city staff's recommendation to hire Robert C. Rojas for item number eighteen (18). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENEW AND RATIFY STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING SERVICES TO FORMA GROUP, LLC TO PROVIDE A VALUED APPROACH AND CONTINUED REPRESENTATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CALLING A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to approve item twenty (20)

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Rudy Cruz Jr., to call December 14, 2023 as the Regular City Council Meeting date for December.

Ayes: Rudy Cruz, Jr., Jr.

Nays: Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon Villalobos

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Ruben Reyes to *call December 7, 2023 as the Regular City Council Meeting date for December*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon Villalobos

Nays: Rudy Cruz, Jr. Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION AND ADOPTION OF THE "SHOPPING DISTRICT" ON NUEVO HUECO ROAD IN SOCORRO, TEXAS. IN ADDITION, ADDING THIS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROHIBIT AND BAN FROM THIS DAY FORWARD NEW HEAD SHOP OR SMOKE SHOP ESTABLISHMENTS. TO INCLUDE ANY RETAIL OUTLET SPECIALIZING IN PARAPHERNALIA USED FOR CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS AND TOBACCO AND ITEMS RELATED TO CANNABIS CULTURE AND RELATED COUNTERCULTURES. (VAPE SHOPS, SMOKE SHOPS ETC.)

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to approve item twenty-one (21). Motion passed.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to direct staff to look into stricter restrictions for the establishment of businesses and retail outlet specializing in paraphernalia and consumption of cannabis, tobacco and related items such as vape shops. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FOR MAYOR IVY AVALOS AND COUNCILWOMAN YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS TO ATTEND THE NALEO INSTITUTE ON HEALTH: CREATING PATHWAYS TOWARD LATINO WELL BEING EVENT ON NOVEMBER 16 AND 17, 2023 IN NEWPORT BEACH, CA.

YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

A motion was made by Rud Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to approve item number twenty-three (23). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:48 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:29 PM

24. 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

25. 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

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to delete items twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND UPDATE REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS AT SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT [551.071 AND 551,074]

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve the city manager's recommendation as discussed in closed session.

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

Villalobos Navs:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to adjourn at 7:31 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

Ivy Avalos, Mayor	
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk	Date minutes were approved



CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2023

REZONING REQUEST

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT:

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, BAUMAN ESTATES LO-CATED AT 597 BARNHART DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A DUPLEX.

NAME: 597 Barnhart Dr. Rezoning

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 597 Barnhart Dr.

PROPERTY LEGAL

DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, Block 1, Bauman Estates

PROPERTY OWNER: Ricardo Nava

PROPERTY AREA: 0.463 Acres

CURRENT ZONING: R-1 (Single Family Residential)

CURRENT LAND USE: Single Family Residential

FUTURE LAND USE MAP: Single Family Residential

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: Request for APPROVAL of Rezoning of property from R-1

Single Family Residential to R-2 Medium Density Residential to

allow a Duplex.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the rezoning request.

P & Z COMMISSION: Commissioners voted for APPROVAL on the Rezoning

request on October 17, 2023.

Ivy Avalos Mayor

Ruben Reyes Representative At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1

James A. Martinez Socorro City Attorney



Alejandro Garcia District 2 / Mayor Pro Tem

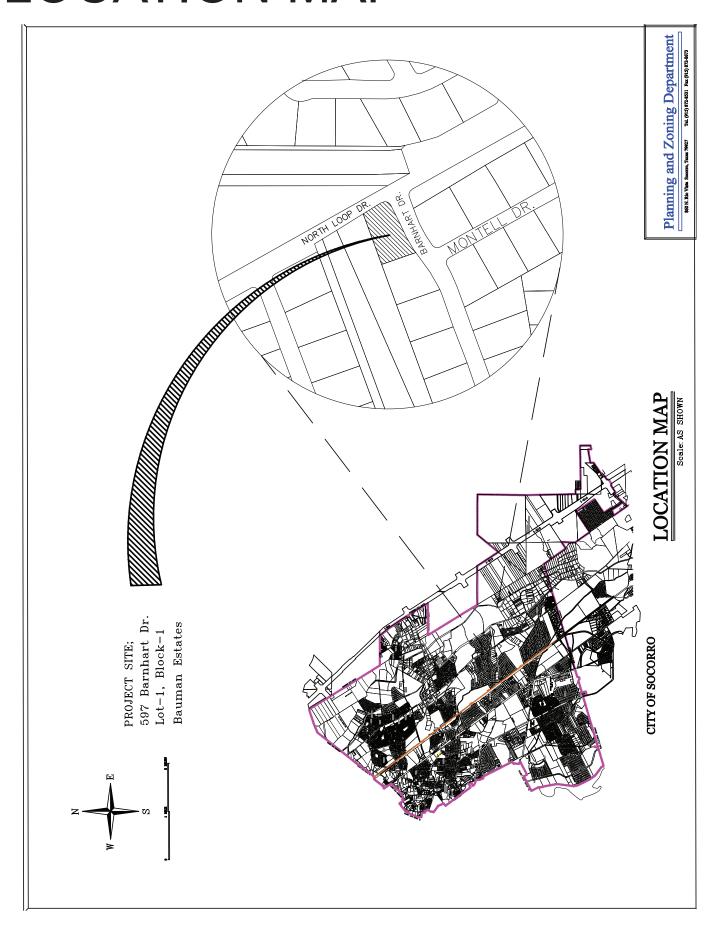
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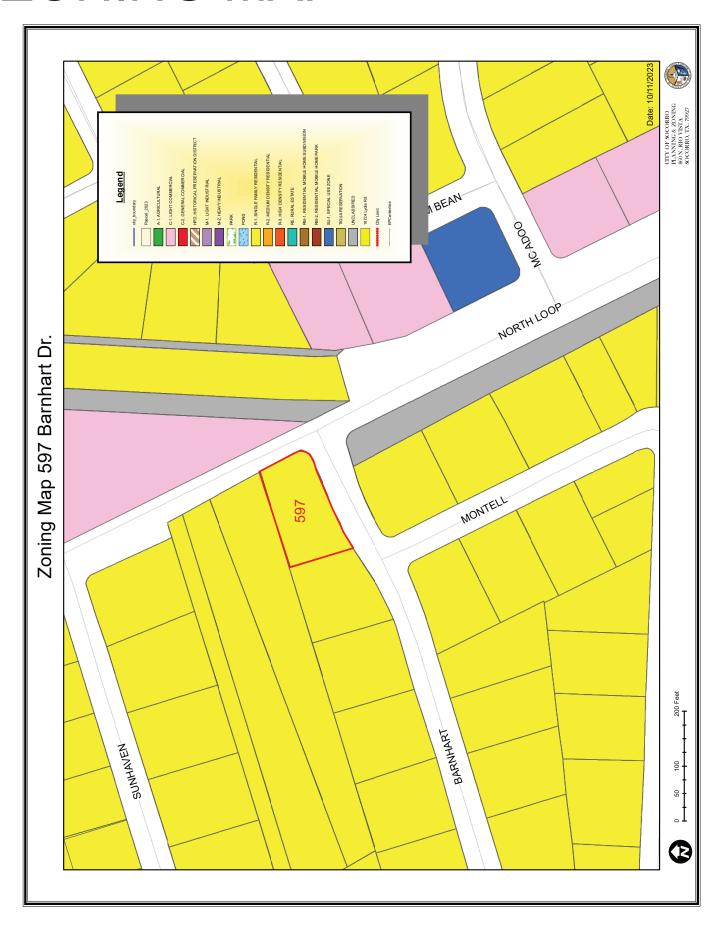
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City Manager

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY OF SOCORRO:	THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
That pursuant to Chapter 46 of the Codification of Ordi Zoning Ordinance of the City of Socorro, that the proper ESTATES, LOCATED AT 597 BARNHART DR, FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENDUPLEX.	rty being LOT 1, BLOCK 1, BAUMAN SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE
READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this	day of 2023.
	CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS
ATTEST:	Ivy Avalos, Mayor
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	

LOCATION MAP



ZONING MAP



SITE PICTURES

View of property from North Loop Dr.



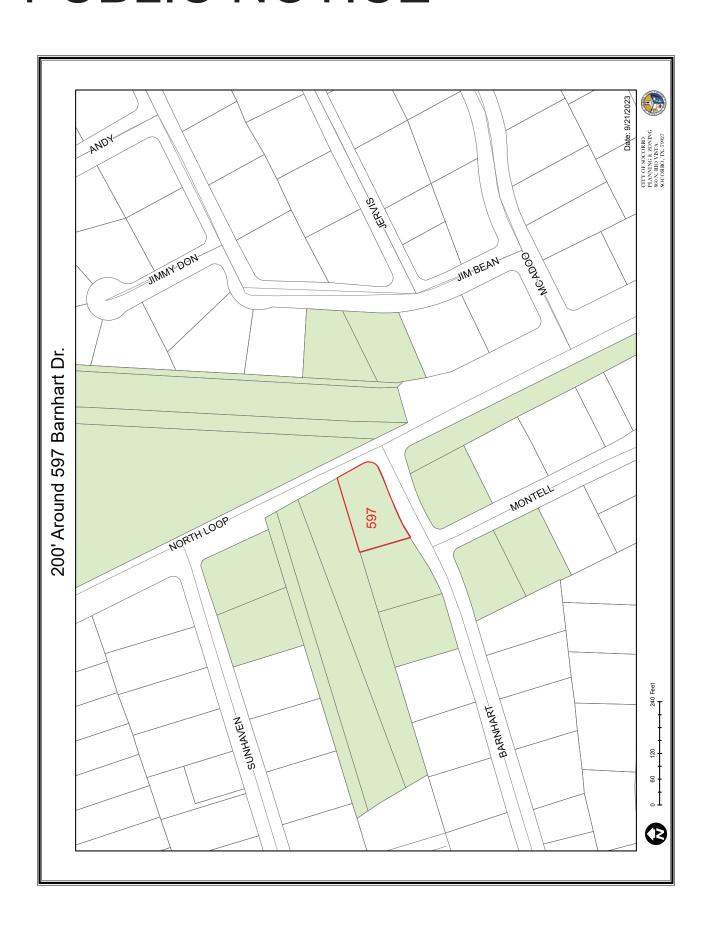
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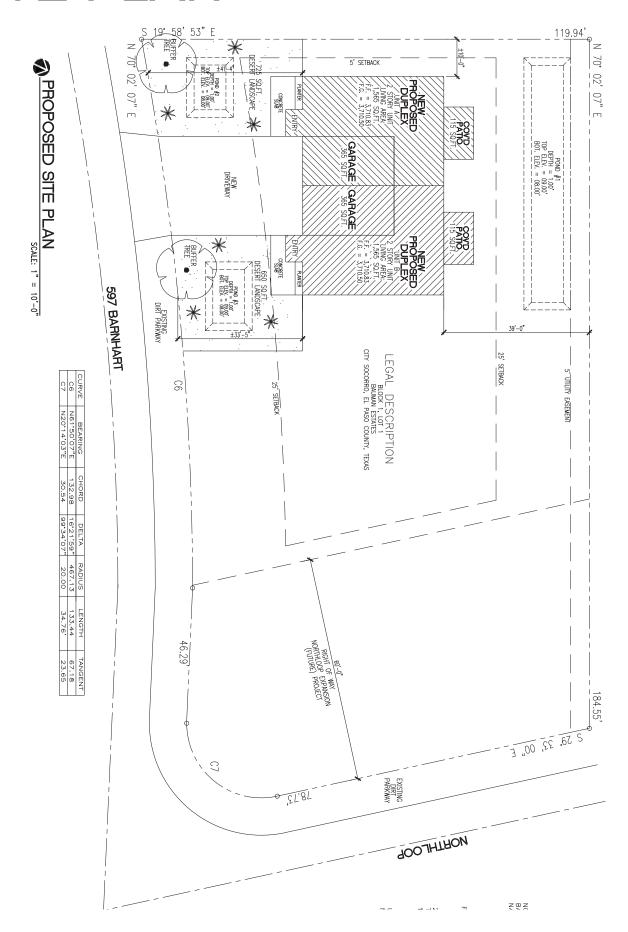
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PUBLIC NOTICE



SITE PLAN



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Cesar Nevarez
District 1



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District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: November 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

TO: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

FROM: Lorrine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

SUBJECT: Discussion & Action to adopt a fireworks sales application for the processing of firework sales permits.

SUMMARY: At their February 2, 2023, meeting City Council approved ordinance no. 562 amending Chapter 16, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article V. Fire Code and Local Regulations, Section 16-47. Fireworks to establish requirements for the permitted sale of fireworks within the City of Socorro limits. That ordinance called for City Council adoption of the fireworks sale application.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE: An adopted Fireworks Sales Application is required to proceed with the issuance of Fireworks Sales Permits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$0 ALTERNATIVE: Denial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:

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



APPLICATION FOR FIREWORKS SALES 2023

Applicant Information		
Name/Name of Organizatio	n:	
		Zip:
Mailing Address (if differen	t):	
		Zip:
Email:	P	hone Number:
Sales Location		
Location Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Legal Description::		
Checklist		
The following items must be su fireworks sale permit:	bmitted in order to apply fo	or an be considered for issuance of a
1. A completed firework sale	es application (as deemed	complete by the City.)
2. Written authorization from	n the property owner for the	e location of the firework sales.
•		d, utilities, location of permanent d, drive aisles and driveways.
4. \$750.00 Application fee.		
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requirements by City Ordin	ance No. 562 and app lerstand that future bus	mit application and agree to abide by al licable City ordinances of the City siness registration notifications may be
Applicant's Signature		Date
Planning Department Approva	1	Date

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Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: November 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

TO: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

FROM: Lorrine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

SUBJECT: Discussion & Action to proceed with Phase III of sidewalk construction and the submission of future funding for sidewalks.

SUMMARY:

On September 15, 2022, City Council approved \$600,000 for Phase II of sidewalk construction outside the Safe Routes to School network. Construction of these sidewalks is underway. City Council instructed staff to proceed to an additional phase. Camacho-Hernnadez & Associates would like to present their recommendation for the next phase of sidewalk construction.

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): CO's 2019

Funding Source: CO's 2019

Amount: 600,000.00

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE: City Council identified the need to address gaps in sidewalks across the City.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$600,000

ALTERNATIVE: Denial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:

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

Sidewalks Presentation



Socorro City Council November 16, 2023



Sidewalk Objectives

- Enhance integration of multimodal transportation infrastructure and facilities
- Provide safe and adequate accommodations for all users
- Increase community connectivity and cohesion
- Capitalize on the value of existing community amenities
- > Decrease overall cost of moving people, goods, and services
- > Capture more short trips by walking and biking and improve health





Sidewalk Plan - City of Socorro

- Master Sidewalk Plan
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) replaced by TxDOT Transportation Systems Program
- 2019 CO Funds Phase 2 under construction
- Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program (TASA) COS Not Selected
- Converted all into Existing Sidewalks
- 2019 CO Funds Phase 3



Interactive Map

- Considerations
 - > Schools
 - Places of Worship
 - Medical Facilities
 - > Parks
 - Districts
 - > ROW

Link: City of Socorro Sidewalk Presentation - 2/16/23 - Google My Maps



2019 CO Funds

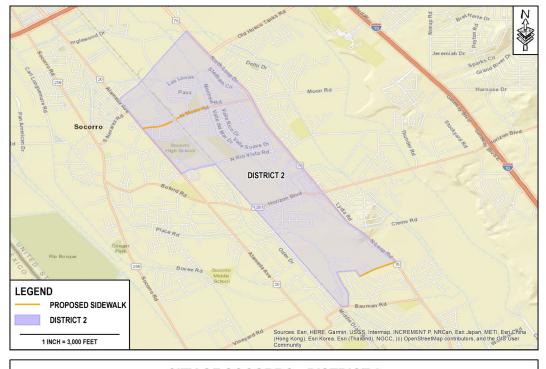
- Factors
 - *\$600k available
 - * Approx \$150,000/mi
 - Connectivity
 - Evenly distribute among Districts





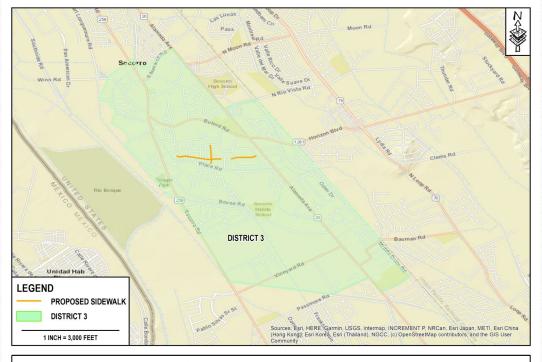
CITY OF SOCORRO - DISTRICT 1 PHASE 3 PROPOSED SIDEWALKS





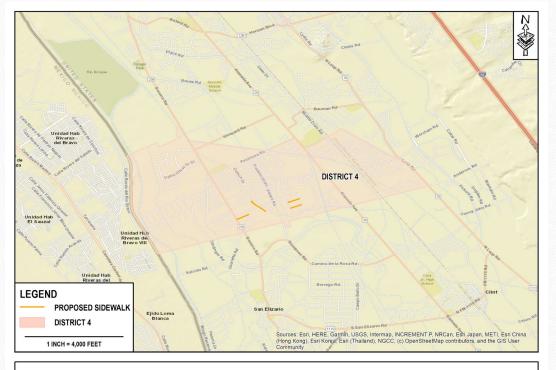
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CITY OF SOCORRO - DISTRICT 3 PHASE 3 PROPOSED SIDEWALKS





CITY OF SOCORRO - DISTRICT 4 PHASE 3 PROPOSED SIDEWALKS



Sidewalk Summary

District	Road	Length (ft)	Est. Cost
1	Eligio Dr.	2,542	\$72,215.91
1	Grijalva Dr.	2,993	\$85,028.41
2	North Moon Rd	3,309	\$94,005.68
2	Lihona Dr.	2,051	\$58,267.05
3	Escalante Dr.	3,763	\$106,903.41
3	Manzana Dr.	1,193	\$33,892.05
4	Flor Preciosa	1,354	\$38,465.91
4	Flor Amarilla	902	\$25,625.00
4	Flor Del Sur	854	\$24,261.36
4	Fray Olguin Ct.	957	\$27,187.50
4	Flor Marsha	470	\$13,352.27
4	Flor Blanca	876	\$24,886.36
		TOTAL	\$604,090.91

QUESTIONS





Ivy Avalos Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2/Mayor ProTem

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

District 4

DATE: November 8, 2023

TO: Mayor & Council

CC: Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

FROM: Lorrine Quimiro, City Planner

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR EL PASO MARATHON 2024.

SUMMARY

Mike Coulter, with El Paso Runners Foundation has submitted a request for an event permit as per Section 36-255 of the City of Socorro Municipal Code. The event is the annual El Paso Marathon, 1/2 Marathon and 5K run, see attached map for race route.

BACKGROUND

- Event Name: El Paso Marathon
- Location: Race begins at San Elizario High School and ends at the El Paso Coliseum. The segment through Socorro takes runners on Socorro Road to Winn Road and then onto Pan American Drive.
- Date: February 18, 2023
- Time: Race begins at 7:00 AM in San Elizario and the last runner reaches the Socorro City end by approximately 9:40 AM.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Section 36-255 requires City Council approval for events with over 200 participants. The applicant needs to coordinate with TxDOT.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

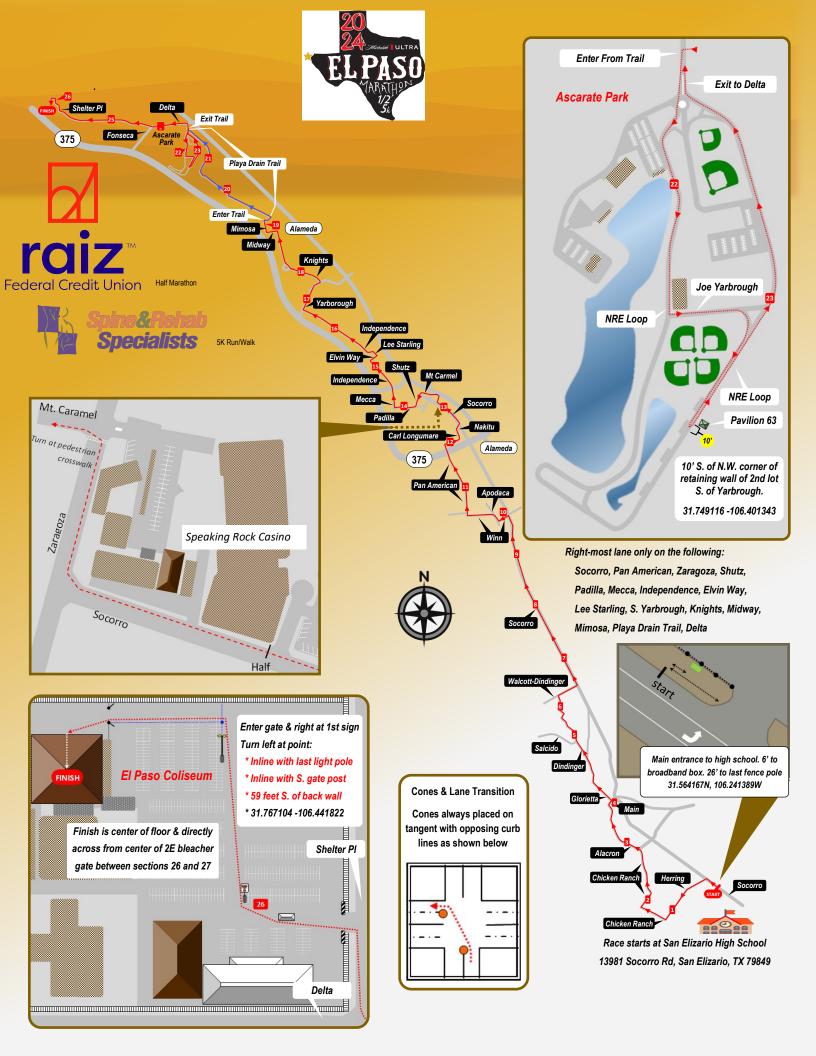
ALTERNATIVE: Denial

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends APPROVAL.



Event Permit # EVT2310-015

1.	Applicant's Name: El Paso Marathor	n Foundation dba El Paso F	Runners Foundation		
2.	Applicant's Address: P.O. Box 2443 / El Paso / TX / 79952				
3.	Date of Event: February 18, 2024				
4.	Address of Event: San Elizario High School				
5.	Phone Number: 915-274-5222				
6.	Legal Description Subdivision:				
	Tract:Lot:	Block:			
7.	Zoning:				
This	s permit is issued on the express condition	on that the event authorized sh	nall be in compliance		
with	n the provision set forth in Ordinance #4	8, and all amendments to said	ordinance.		
This	s application becomes a permit upon rec	eipt of the permit fee and sign	ned approvals.		
	Mike Coulter	08/28/2023	\$_125 °°		
App	licant's Signature	Date	Fee		
Plan	nning Department Approval	Date			



Ivy Avalos Mayor

Ruben Reyes At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2/ Mayor Pro Tem

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and action on the Staff's recommendation for Deputy City Manager.

SUMMARY

Hiring of Deputy City Manager

On September 29. 2023 administrative staff opened the position for Deputy City Manager. We received a total of 19 resumes, 12 not meeting minimum requirements. 7 qualified applicants only 3 submitted required documentation and were eligible to participate in the interviews on November 3, 2023.

The interview panel consisted of Finance Director Charles Casiano, City Development Director Alejandra Valadez, City Planner Lorrine Quimiro and City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

The following are the ranking numbers for the 3 candidates:

- Candidate Victor Perez received an average score of 92.20%.
- Candidate Jesus Ruiz received an average score of 89.04 %
- Candidate Enrique Davila received an average score of 64.80 %.

Staff recommends Candidate Victor Perez as the Deputy City Manager.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source: General Fund

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A	
Co-op Agreement (Name/Contract#) N/A	
<u>ALTERNATIVE</u>	
Deny	
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	
Staff recommend the hiring of Victor Perez	
REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION	
1. City Manager	Date
2. CFO	Date
3. Attorney	Date

Elia Garcia Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Ralph Duran
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3/ Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: City Manager, Adriana Rodarte

SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve contract for Chief of Police.

SUMMARY

Request for changes: Salary to 131,000.00 Carry over Sick and Vacation Leave

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Please see attached

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): 001 / 05101 / 00005

Funding Source: General Fund

Amount: Starting Salary of \$131,000.00

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

<u>ALTERNATIVE</u>

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

1.	City Manager	
2.	CFO	Date
3.	Attorney	

Ivy Avalos Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At-Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2 / Mayor ProTem

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

District

Employment Contract for Chief of Police

This Contract is entered into between the City of Socorro (the "City") and Robert C. Rojas (the "Chief of Police") on the date set forth below.

The City and the Chief of Police (collectively the "Parties"), for and in consideration of the terms stated in this Contract, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. **Employment.** The City agrees to continue to employ the Chief of Police, until the City or Chief of Police terminates such employment as set forth herein.
- **2. Residence.** During his employment with the City, Chief of Police agrees to maintain his primary residence in El Paso County, Texas.
- 3. Certification and Credentials. The Chief of Police represents that any records or information provided in connection with his employment application are true and correct. The Chief of Police shall provide the City, throughout the life of this Contract, with a valid and appropriate Peace Officer License from the State of Texas (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement). If the Chief of Police's license expires, or is restricted, canceled, or revoked, this Contract may be terminated.
 - 4. Representations. At the beginning of this Contract, and at any time during this Contract, the Chief of Police agrees to submit to a review of his national criminal history record information. The Chief of Police also agrees to notify the City, in writing, of any arrest or of any indictment, conviction, no contest or guilty plea, or other adjudication of the Chief of Police, before or during the Chief of Police's employment.
 - 5. **Duties.** The Chief of Police agrees to perform the duties of Chief of Police for the City of Socorro in conformity with the City Charter, City Ordinances and Texas State Law, for the duration of this agreement. Such duties include, but are not limited to: supervision of the daily operations of the Socorro Police Department; supervision of all department personnel; preparation of the Police Department budget; reports to City Council when requested or required in order to

ensure proper communication; responsibility for proper expenditures, disbursements, and collections of funds in accordance with the City Charter, City Ordinances and Texas State Law; creation, monitoring and enforcement of all necessary policies and procedures to be used by the Police Department; and responsibility for the training of all Police Department personnel.

- 6. **No Outside Employment.** The Chief of Police is a key administrator for the City and he shall devote his full-time attention, knowledge and skill to his duties and may not undertake outside employment of any kind without the written approval of the City Manager, with written notice to the City Council.
- 7. **Compensation.** The City agrees to pay the Chief of Police an annual salary of \$131,000.00, which shall be prorated in accordance with the actual period of time the Chief of Police provides services under this Contract.
- 8. Benefits. The City shall provide benefits to the Chief of Police as a regular, full-time employee and as provided by Texas law and City policies. The City reserves the right to amend its policies at any time during the term of this Contract to reduce or increase these benefits, at the City's sole discretion. Additionally, the Chief of Police shall be entitled to receive or participate in the following additional benefits:
 - 8.1 **Vehicle.** The Chief of Police shall be provided with the use of a City-owned vehicle for use in his official capacity. The City agrees to keep GPS and other location data regarding this vehicle confidential to the greatest extent allowed by the Texas Public Information Act and other laws of the State of Texas.
- 9. **Termination or Suspension.** The City may suspend the Chief of Police's employment, with or without pay, or terminate this Contract at will as determined by City Council or its designee. No property interest, express or implied, is created in continued employment under this Contract. If the Chief of Police is terminated by the City without good cause, he shall receive his regular salary for a period of twelve (12) months (including insurance). In partial consideration for this payment, the Chief of Police shall make himself available (up to four [4] hours per day) as a consultant and adviser for the City of Socorro for that twelve (12) month period. During this twelve (12) month time period, the former Chief of Police shall be considered an employee of the City. The term "good cause" means: (i) any act or omission committed by the Chief of Police that constitutes a material breach of this Agreement after the City has notified the Chief of Police that the same or substantially similar act or omission previously committed by the Chief of Police is contrary to this Agreement and the policies, procedures and standards established by the City; and (ii) any act of dishonesty, fraud, or

misconduct by the Chief of Police that is unprofessional, unethical, or detrimental to the reputation, character, or standing of the City, including without limitation any arrest, indictment or conviction for any criminal offense, not including minor traffic violations.

10. Confidentiality. The Chief of Police will not at any time during his employment or thereafter directly or indirectly divulge, disclose or communicate to any individual or entity in any manner whatsoever any information that is confidential by law, except as part of his duties as set forth in Paragraph 4. This includes confidential personnel information, law enforcement investigatory information, and other confidential information that is restricted from disclosure.

11. General Provisions.

- 11.1 **Amendment.** This Contract may not be amended except by written agreement of the Parties.
- 11.2 **Severability.** If any provision in this Contract is, for any reason, held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of the Contract. This Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Contract.
- 11.3 **Entire Agreement.** All existing agreements and contracts, both verbal and written, between the Parties regarding the employment of the Chief of Police are superseded by this Contract. This Contract, and any addenda, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.
- 11.4 **Applicable Law and Venue.** Texas law shall govern construction of this Contract. The Parties agree that venue for any litigation relating to the Chief of Police's employment with the City, including this Contract, shall be in El Paso County, Texas. If litigation is brought in federal court, the Parties agree that venue shall be with the El Paso Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas.
- 11.5 **Paragraph Headings.** The headings used at the beginning of each numbered paragraph in this Contract are not intended to have any legal effect; the headings do not limit or expand the meaning of the paragraphs that follow them.

12. Notices.

- 12.1 **To the Chief of Police:** The Chief of Police agrees to keep a current address on file with the City's human resources office. The Chief of Police agrees that the City may meet any legal obligation it has to give the Chief of Police written notice regarding this Contract or the Chief of Police's employment b\ hand-delivering the notice to the Chief of Police or by sending the notice by certified mail, regular mail, and/or express delivery service to the Chief of Police's address of record.
- 12.2 **To the City:** The City agrees that the Chief of Police may meet any legal obligation he has to give the City written notice regarding this Contract or the Chief of Police's employment by providing one copy of the notice to the Mayor, one copy to the City Manager and one copy to the City Clerk. The Chief of Police may provide such notices by hand delivery, or by certified mail, regular mail, and/or express delivery service.

I have read this contract and agree to abi	ide by its terms and conditions:
Chief of Police	Date signed:
City of Socorro	
By:	Date signed:

Basic Compensation. As compensation for all services rendered under this Agreement, the Employee will be paid by the City a salary in the annual amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$130,000.00) during the period of employment from the Commencement Date through September 31, 2024, plus longevity pay as required by Section 141.032, Texas Local Government Code, payable in equal bi-weekly installments. Thereafter, effective each October 1 during the term of this Agreement, the Employee will receive a pay increase in the then current annual salary amount of two percent (2%), or the amount of pay increase that was paid to civilian employees at or near the start of the then current City fiscal year, whichever is greater.

So I am content in my annual salary and I trust that if needed in one or two years you will adjust if necessary but maybe adding language in like the 2% or city employee increase would keep both of us from having to discuss this each year. Again I trust you in what you decide.

Civic Development. With the Mayor's prior approval and depending upon the availability of funding, the City agrees to pay for the civic membership dues and subscriptions of the Employee necessary for the Employee's continuation and participation in state and local associations necessary and desirable for the Employee's continued professional participation, growth, and advancement, and for the good of the City.

We discussed this and you explained that this can be covered using the city card with justification. So not necessary unless you feel it is.

Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits. The City agrees to include the Employee in the hospital, surgical, medical, dental benefit plan, and vision benefits plan as specified the City of Socorro Employee Policy Manual (the "City Employee Policy Manual"). The costs of premium for the Employee will be paid by the City.

This is not addressed in the contract but maybe just a reference to the Medical, Dental, and Vision is covered as part of the Civil Service. If not we could write it in.

Education Incentive Pay. The Employee will be paid an additional Three Hundred and 10/100 Dollars (\$300.00) per month upon Commencement because the Employee holds a master's degree.

This would be regarding my Master's Degree I believe we discussed this with the new plan you are incorporating. I also have a Master Peace Officer License. It may be good to write in as well.

Paid Time Off (PTO). As of the Commencement Date, the Employee will have three hundred (300) hours of accrued vacation leave. In addition, the Employee will be entitled to the following PTO during the term of this Agreement:

Contract Year	Time Period	PTO Hours

Year One	March 7, 2022 to December 31, 2022	160
Year Two	January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023	200
Year Three	January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	240
Year Four	January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025	240

I understand that Socorro Employees accrue both sick and vacation so my hope is to have a running start on both.

My current balances with the Sheriff's Office are 1012.96 sick and 473.23 vacation. My reason for telling you this is to show that I do not abuse time. I would like to have (maybe both 320 total hours 160 sick / 160 vacation) with no cap (if possible). I do not expect a pay out I just like the peace of mind. I currently accumulate 7.39 hrs vacation a pay period and 4.62. I do not expect that but if I could accumulate as 4.62 vacation and 3.69 sick every pay period. This would be the same as employee with over 5 years of service.

Resignation. If the Employee terminates this Agreement by voluntary resignation of the position of Chief of Police, the Employee shall give the Mayor thirty (30) days' written notice in advance unless Mayor agrees otherwise

I am okay with you all adding this because i do want you all to know that i have no plans on leaving. This I believe gives you all piece of mind in addition I have no issue with you writing in that I will assist in selecting the next chief.

ITEM 13

Ivy Avalos Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia District 2 / Mayor Pro - Tem

Rudy Cruz Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

November 13, 2023

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: District 2 Representative, Alejandro Garcia

SUBJECT: *Discussion and action* to waive event and permit fee for the 1st Annual Socorro High School Softball tournament at Cougar and Rio Vista Parks on December 9 and 10, 2023.

SUMMARY

Please see attached application and flyer

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):

Funding Source:

Amount:

Quotes (Name/Commodity/Price) N/A

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

ALTERNATIVE

No approval

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION

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



WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Applicant's Name: Shawn O'Neal
Applicant's Address: 10150 Alameda AVC.
City: Socorro State: Texas zip: 79927 Address of Proposed Waiver: Cougar Park Rio Vista Park
Address of Proposed Waiver: Cougar Park Rio Vista Park
Reason for request and circumstance causing conflict:
Possible overflow games for softball tournament being held
at Socorro High School.
11/07/2023
Applicant's Signature Date
City Council Action: Approved Disapproved
Date:
Planning and Zoning Director:

