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City Manager

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

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

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, THE 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 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 POSED ONLINE AT [HTTP://COSTX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE](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 15<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.**

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**1. Call to order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Socorro High School.**

**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. Proclamation** to recognize February 24<sup>th</sup> as Texas Government Communicators Day.  
*Victor Reta*
- 6. Presentation** on Socorro Athletic Club, Socorro Developmental League. *Alejandro Garcia*

**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**

- 7. Excuse** absent council members. *Olivia Navarro*
- 8. Approval** of Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024, and Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2024. *Olivia Navarro*

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

9. **Public Hearing** of an Ordinance requested by the Texas Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on SH20 (Alameda Avenue) from 55 MPH to 45 MPH within the City of Socorro limits.  
*Lorraine Quimiro*
10. **Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance requested by Texas Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on SH20 (Alameda Avenue) from 55 MPH to 45 MPH within the City of Socorro limits.  
*Lorraine Quimiro*

**HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT**

11. **Discussion and action** on approving the job description for Transit Coordinator.  
*Carol Candelaria*

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

12. **Discussion and action** to adopt Resolution 785 authorizing the City of Socorro to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor's FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) to fund overtime for officers supporting the border initiative. There is no match requirement for this grant.  
*Alejandra Valadez*
13. **Discussion and action** to ratify a Letter of Support for the Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program.  
*Alejandra Valadez*
14. **Discussion and action** to ratify a Letter of Support for Project Vida's Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX.  
*Alejandra Valadez*
15. **Discussion and action** to approve Construction Contract Change Order Number 6 for the Passmore Shared Use Path Project (CSJ: 0924-06-604) under Contract No. 22-07-01 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc in the amount of \$1,628.00 pending concurrence from TxDOT.  
*Alejandra Valadez*
16. **Discussion and action** to approve Resolution 786 authorizing the submission of three (3) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the following projects: Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project. There is no match requirement for these grant applications.  
*Alejandra Valadez*

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

- 17. Discussion and action** to approve the request of \$5,000.00 for the National Historic Landmark Unveiling Event to be held on May 11, 2024. ***Victor Reta***

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- 18. Discussion and action** to approve and support to develop a sports park (DBat) facility that attracts and promotes the baseball/softball community in El Paso County Baseball and Softball Academies. ***Alejandro Garcia***

- 19. Discussion and action** to approve Resolution 787 declaring Escontrias Steam Academy's Centennial Legacy Anniversary in the year 2024. ***Rudy Cruz, Jr.***

- 20. Discussion and action** to provide a Letter of Support for The El Paso Center for Children's FY25 application for the Fatherhood: Educating Fathers for Empowering Children Tomorrow (EFFECT) Program. ***Rudy Cruz, Jr.***

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

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT

Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY

Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

***Discussion on the following:***


- 21. 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***

- 22. 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***

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


**24. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

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

**DATED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2024**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 2-12-24 @ 2:59 am  
Removed: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEM 5**

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Mayor

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At Large

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City Manager

February 12, 2024

TO: City Clerk: Olivia Navarro

FROM:

Victor Reta

Division Director of: Recreation, Communication, Special Events, Emergency Management & Legislative Affairs  
Serves as: Public Information Officer & Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: *Proclamation to recognize February 24<sup>th</sup> as Texas Government Communicators Day*

**SUMMARY:** Governor Greg Abbott recently declared February 24<sup>th</sup> as Texas Government Communicators Day! The City of Socorro, Texas would like to support the gesture by requesting Mayor to issue her own proclamation in solidary with the Governor and support the City's Communication Staff.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:** As per City Policy all city proclamations are approved by the Mayor.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** \$0

**ALTERNATIVE:** Denial

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval

Please see the quote sheets attached.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:**

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

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## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Governor Greg Abbott has pronounced that the state of Texas shall observe and recognize February 24, 2024 as Government Communicators Day. The City of Socorro would like to reiterate the same sentiments

WHEREAS, the role of government communications professions is to inform, educate and engage their communities; and

WHEREAS, robust communication in government creates trust and inspires residents to take action and be involved; and

WHEREAS, government communications create relationships and calls to action, build awareness and understanding through storytelling, engage and foster engagement on civic issues, and use all channels to include people in critical decisions; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to have strong communications in government because it is a foundational element of living in a democracy where citizens have the freedom to make their voices heard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Socorro is proud and has deep gratitude and recognition for government communicators' professionalism, dedication, hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Ivy Avalos Mayor of the City of Socorro do hereby proclaim February 24, 2024, as

## GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS DAY

in the City of Socorro and encourage all residents to thank the members of the Communications Department who have dedicated their careers to ensure the City of Socorro has effective, impactful, and successful communication strategies that resonate and are relevant.

Dated this 15th day of February 2024.

ATTEST:

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Ivy Avalos, Mayor

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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

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February 12, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: District 2 Representative, Alejandro Garcia**

**SUBJECT: Presentation on Socorro Athletic Club, Socorro Developmental League.**

**SUMMARY**

The Socorro Athletic Club will be a program designed to coordinate and facilitate year-round youth athletic activities.

The Socorro Developmental League (SDL) will establish and affordable Developmental League for players 7–10-year-old and provides the opportunity for players to get an opportunity to participate while having fun and developing their overall understanding of the game.

SOCORRO ATHLETIC CLUB

# ***SOCORRO DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE***

## ***OPENING SEASON***

PRESENTED BY:

LAURA ARREDONDO

WELLNESS COORDINATOR

CITY OF SOCORRO



# ***WHAT IS THE SOCORRO ATHLETIC CLUB?***



- THE SOCORRO ATHLETIC CLUB WILL BE THE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO COORDINATE AND FACILITATE YEAR-ROUND YOUTH ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
- THE SAC WILL SERVE TO COORDINATE:
  - GAMES
  - PRACTICE FIELDS
  - UMPIRES
  - VENDORS
  - SUPPORT STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS
  - MARKETING
  - FIELD MAINTENANCE
  - REGISTRATIONS

# PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



## CITY MARATHONS & RACES

- EL PASO MARATHON
- COLOR RUN
- \*COS HARVEST 10K
- \*AUTISM AWARENESS SOCIETY RACE



## ADULT WELLNESS CLASSES

- ZUMBA
- YOGA
- BOOTCAMPS
- AEROBICS
- HEALTH FAIRS
- SOCORRO SUNDAYS



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

- AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAMS
- INTERCESSION CAMPS
- SUMMER I & II CAMPS
- MUTS
- SOCORRO SUNDAYS
- SOCORRO PAL FLAG FOOTBALL

# ***SOCORRO DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE OVERVIEW***

- AGES 7-10: CO-ED
- 4 TEAM MINIMUM
- 12 PLAYERS PER TEAM
- 1 COACH PER TEAM MINIMUM
- 2 UMPIRES PER GAME MINIMUM
- 6 WEEK SEASON
- \$50 REGISTRATION FEE FOR SOCORRO RESIDENTS

**\*SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE \***

- \$75 REGISTRATION FEE FOR NON-SOCORRO RESIDENTS
  - REGISTRATION FEES COVER:
    - INSURANCE
    - UMPIRE DUES
    - EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS
    - FIELD MAINTENANCE
    - POSTSEASON PARTY



# ***SOCORRO DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE TIMELINE***

- MARCH -APRIL 2024
  - REGISTRATION
  - MARKETING
  - RECRUITMENT
  - SPONSORS
  - ORIENTATION
  - SCHEDULING
- PRACTICES @ RIO VISTA PARK
  - 5:00 PM -6:30 PM
- APRIL -JUNE 2024
  - GAMES
    - SATURDAYS - COUGAR PARK
    - 75 MIN LIMIT: WIN/LOOSE
    - 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12 PM \*IF NEEDED
    - 6 RUN LIMIT/INNING
- JUNE 2024 END-OF-SEASON PARTY



# ***ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES***

- COS STAFF:
  - WELLNESS COORDINATOR:
    - OVERSEE RECRUITMENT, REGISTRATION, SCHEDULING
    - MARKETING
    - FIELD ASSIGNMENT \*MUST COORDINATE WITH NORMA
    - FIELD MAINTENANCE COORDINATE W/MARISELA
    - ORDERING OF EQUIPMENT
    - VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
      - PLAYERS INSURANCE
      - COACHES/VOLUNTEERS' BACKGROUND
      - TRAINING COMPLETION
- COACHES
  - ONE PER TEAM
- UMPIRES
  - SHS ATHLETES & VOLUNTEERS



# ***ASSISTANCE NEEDED:-***

- COACHES (12 PREFERRABLE, 6 MINIMUM)
- SPONSORS (FUNDRAISING GOAL IS (\$5,000)
- SUPPORT STAFF
  - LABORERS
  - UMPIRES
- SUPPLIES
  - CHALK
  - HEAVY DUTY BASES
  - BATS
  - BALLS
  - HELMETS
  - GLOVES
  - SCOREBOARD
  - UNIFORMS

# ***FORSEEABLE CHALLENGES:-***

- CITY STAFFING
- AVAILABILITY TO MAINTAIN FIELDS
- SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS
- SOCIOECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON PARENTS

# ***OUR ACHIEVEMENT***

- POST-SEASON PIZZA PARTY
  - MEDALS
- PLAYER AND GROUP PHOTOS
- RECOGNITION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS
- SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUTOUTS



## ***FOSTERS***

- POSITIVITY
- TEAMWORK
- LEADERSHIP
- INTEGRITY
- SOCIAL SKILLS
- ATHLETICISM
- COMMUNICATION
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- HONESTY
- FRIENDSHIP
- WORK ETHIC
- ADAPTABILITY
- RESPONSIBILITY
- ACCOUNTABILITY



# LIABILITY INSURANCES

*PRICES ESTIMATED AT FULL  
OCCUPANCY*



***AYSAA INSURANCE:  
\$25/TEAM  
1 YEAR EFFECTIVE DATE***



***AIG INSURANCE  
\$50/CHILD  
\*SUPPLEMENTAL ONLY***



***AMERICAN SPECIALTY INSURANCE  
\$1,000 FOR 6 TEAMS***

***• DIFFERS BY # OF TEAMS***



# ***AVAILABLE SPONSORSHIPS:-***

- \$150 - SPONSOR OF GAME, LOGO ON SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING, (2) PA'S DURING GAME
- \$500-OUTFIELD BANNER 3' X 5 '
- \$1,000- OUTFIELD BILLBOARD 4' X 8'
- \$700- TEAM UNIFORMS (SHIRT, PANTS, CAP & EMBROIDERY)
- \$1,500- END OF SEASON PIZZA PARTY & PARTICIPATION MEDALS

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**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Chief Robert C. Rojas  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director  
Carol Candelaria, HR Director  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Jose Botello, City Planner  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Campestre Elementary School Students.  
Hope Amerman, Grace Amerman, Alice Acosta and Jimena Acosta.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMENT**

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up items thirty-eight (38), through (41) forty-one to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT PURCHASE OF FIXED LICENSE PLATE READERS FROM ELSAG IN AMOUNT IS \$62,133.00.**

***CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-eight (38).* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

**39. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT PURCHASE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,260.00 WITH A REOCCURRING ANNUAL COST OF \$1,085.00. CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-nine (39).* Motion passed.

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

**40. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE GRANT PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) SPEED MONITORING TRAILERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,095.00. CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number forty (40)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**41. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LEXIPOL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$\$25,490.40.* CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number forty-one (41)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5. *PRESENTATION FROM KAILA PERALES OF THE TEXAS MISSION OF MERCY REGARDING DENTAL PROGRAM.* RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Kaila Perales made the presentation.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:46 pm.

**6. *PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY INPUT PROCESS AND FINDINGS FOR THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGIC PLAN CURRENTLY IN DEVELOPMENT.* ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 6:52 pm

Griselda Martinez made a presentation.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 6:55 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:01 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
8. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2024.**  
**OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2023 MONTHLY REPORT.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**
10. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 2, TRACTS 6 AND 6A, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11051 NORTH LOOP DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX. FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR ENCLOSED MANUFACTURING (WAREHOUSES), COMPOUNDING, ASSEMBLING OR TREATMENT OF ARTICLES.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
11. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REPLAT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FOR EASTWIND INDUSTRIAL REPLAT 'A' SUBDIVISION, BEING LOT 1, BLOCK 1 AND LOT 1, BLOCK 2, EASTWIND INDUSTRIAL, SOCORRO, TX.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
12. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZONE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 24E, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
13. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT RESUBMISSION FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT 2. BEING ALL OF TRACT 8, 9, 10A, AND 11C, AND A PORTION OF TRACT 10A1 AND 11C1, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
14. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 8. BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION, SECTION 2-276 MEMBERS AND TERMS.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

**15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TX. ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORDINANCE 186 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TX. AMENDMENT NO. 6.**

**CAROL CANDELARIA**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Consent Agenda and move item number ten (10) out of Consent and into the Regular Agenda to be last on the agenda.* Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

**16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11686 SOCORRO ROAD, SOCORRO, TX. FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**

**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 pm

**17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11686 SOCORRO ROAD, SOCORRO, TX. FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**

**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:16 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:20 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

**18. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR FIGUEROA SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. WITH A WAIVER FOR REQUIREMENT OF A SOILS REPORT.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:20 pm.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:21 pm

**19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR FIGUEROA SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. WITH A WAIVER FOR REQUIREMENT OF A SOILS REPORT.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *deny*.

Elaborio Figueroa, owner of the property spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve and amend the Ordinance to delete the waiver soil requirement*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VINEDO ACRES REPLAT "I", LOCATED AT 342 F.E. JACKSON RD., SOCORRO, TX. FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME DISTRICT) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:34 pm

No speakers for public hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:35 pm

**21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VINEDO ACRES REPLAT "I", LOCATED AT 342 F.E. JACKSON RD., SOCORRO, TX. FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME DISTRICT) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**22. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 19, BLOCK 1, DELIP SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 634 BURMA PLACE, SOCORRO, TX. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:38 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:39

**23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 19, BLOCK 1, DELIP SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 634 BURMA PLACE, SOCORRO, TX. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays: Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Absent:

**24. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON ESTATES MASTER PLAN, BEING ALL OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:46 pm.  
No speakers for Public Hearing.  
Public Hearing closed at 7:47 pm.

**25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON ESTATES MASTER PLAN, BEING ALL OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**26. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON ESTATES SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 7:50 pm.  
No speakers for Public Hearing.  
Public Hearing closed at 7:51 pm.

**27. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON ESTATES SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**28. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON PARK MASTER PLAN BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2, 2-A, 3-B, 3-B-1, 3-B-5, 4-C-1-L, 4-E-1-A, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 7:55 pm.  
No speakers for Public Hearing.  
Public Hearing closed at 7:55 pm

**29. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON PARK MASTER PLAN BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2, 2-A, 3-B, 3-B-1, 3-B-5, 4-C-1-L, 4-E-1-A, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

Jorge Azcarate from CEA spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**30. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2-A, 3-B-1, 4-C-1-L, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 7:59 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 8:00 pm.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out at 8:00 pm.

**31. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2-A, 3-B-1, 4-C-1-L, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Jorge Azcarate from CEA spoke on this item.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 8:02 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up items forty-two (42) through forty-five (45)*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

## **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

### **42. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 782 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT-GRADE CROSSING AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE RAILROAD FEDERAL SIGNAL PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS AT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD AND N. MOON RD. ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TX.**

**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number forty-two (42)*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Resolution with an Amendment to the second paragraph to read "that certain Public Highway At-Grade Agreement is hereby approved and Mayor is hereby authorized to sign such agreement on behalf of the city."* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

### **43. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 783 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, FOR MAINTENANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION, AND REGULATION OF STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND ENTERED THROUGH A MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.**

**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item forty-three (43).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

### **44. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 784 GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF THE VALLE NUEVO PRELIMINARY PLAT PER CH.38 SUBDIVISION – ARTICLE L SEC. 38-8.7.**

**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item forty-four (44)*. Motion passed.

Cesar Nevares stepped out at 8:11 pm.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**45. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBERS TWO, THREE, AND FOUR FOR THE PASSMORE SHARED USE PROJECT (CCSJ:0924-06-604) UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC., ADDED BY CHANGE ORDER #2 \$3,010.37, ADDED BY CHANGE ORDER #3 9,586.73 ADDED BY CHANGE ORDER #4 4 734.44. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item forty-five (45)*. Motion passed.

Roxane Rivera, Construction Manager spoke on this item.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 8:35 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 777 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM (JAG) FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 8:38 pm.

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

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 778  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION  
(CJD) FY 2025 JUVENILE JUSTICE & TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT  
PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT PAL  
PROGRAM. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**

***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to  
*approve item number thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 779  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), FY 2025 BULLET-RESISTANT  
SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS  
GRANT.**

***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to  
*approve item number thirty-four (34).* Motion passed.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 8:41 pm.

**35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 780  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), FY 2025 RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY  
ARMOR GRANT FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS  
NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to  
*approve item number thirty-five (35).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 781 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CRIME VICTIMS' ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS A 20% REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 8:44 pm.

**37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS A&M COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO TREE PLANTING PROJECT. THERE IS A MATCH OF UP TO \$20,000 FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:13 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**46. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SUPPORT THE TEXAS MISSION OF MERCY THROUGH PROMOTION OF THIS FREE EVENT THROUGH ALL CITY OF SOCORRO MEDIA PLATFORMS.**  
**RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item forty-six (46)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**47. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND LANGUAGE TO CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS CHAPTER 8 SEC. 8-49 OF THE MUNICODE.***

***RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item forty-seven (47)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**48. *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***

**49. *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***

**50. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.***

***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items forty-eight (48), forty-nine (49) and fifty (50)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**10. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 2, TRACTS 6 AND 6A, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 11051 NORTH LOOP DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX. FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR ENCLOSED MANUFACTURING (WAREHOUSES), COMPOUNDING, ASSEMBLING OR TREATMENT OF ARTICLES.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny*.

An amended motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**51. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 8:57 pm*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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**Ivy Avalos, Mayor**

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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

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Date minutes were approved.

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2 1/

*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** **February 1, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Mayor: Ivy Avalos
- Representative At-Large: Ruben Reyes
- Representative District 1: Cesar Nevarez
- Representative District 2: Alejandro Garcia
- Representative District 3/ Mayor Pro Tem: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

- Representative District 4: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

- City Manager: Adriana Rodarte
- City Attorney: James Martinez
- City Planner: Lorraine Quimiro
- Finance Director: Charles Casiano
- Communications Director: Victor Reta \*Interim for City Clerk
- City Development Director: Alejandra Valadez
- Information Technology Director: Estevan Gonzales
- Police Officer: Lucero Quintana
- Police Officer: Rogelio Martinez
- Planner: Jose Botello
- Grants Compliance Officer: Dolores Ayala
- Information Technology Technician: Alfredo Ferando
- Wellness Coordinator: Laura Arredondo
- Recreation Leader: Isabela Perez

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: **6:03 PM**

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**

Pledge of Allegiance led by H. D. Hilley Elementary Students.  
Abril Corral, Ethan Muñoz, & Lluvia Vaquera

### **3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with (5) five members present: Mayor & (4) four voting council members.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### 4. PUBLIC COMENT

The members of the public who signed up to speak for public comment are:

1. Frank Apodaca \*Declined to speak.
2. Pat Gardea
3. Sandra Saucedo \*Declined to speak.
4. Miriam Cruz
5. Margarita Perez
6. Carolos Garay \* Declined to speak.
7. Adrian Ontiveros \* Declined to speak.

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *move up item twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion Passed.  
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Nays:  
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION** to approve the appointment of Francisco Villalobos to the Ethics Commission Place 6. **Mayor Ivy Avalos**

- A motion was made by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve the appointment of Ethics Commissioner Place 6 Francisco Villalobos*. Motion Passed.  
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz Jr.  
Nays:  
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**29. SWEARING IN** of newly appointed commissioner: *Francisco Villalobos*.

**Mayor Ivy Avalos**

## 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.**

**Victor Reta**

**6. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of an Ordinance requested by Texas Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on SH20 (Alameda Avenue) from 55 MPH to 45 MPH within the City of Socorro limits.**

**Lorraine Quimiro**

**7. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Unaudited Financial Report.**

**Charles Casiano**

**8. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Cash Receipts Report.**

**Charles Casiano**

**9. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Accounts Payable Report.**

**Charles Casiano**

- A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to *approve the consent agenda in it's entirety. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES**

- 10. Public Hearing** of an Ordinance approving the Proposed Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Block 2, Tracts 6 and 6A, Socorro Grant located at 11051 North Loop Drive, Socorro, Tx. from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-MUD (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) to allow for Enclosed Manufacturing (Warehouses), Compounding, Assembling or Treatment of Articles.

**Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 6:22 PM
- Speakers for this item were:
  - Frank Apodaca
  - Margarita Perez
- Public Hearing Closed at: 6:26 PM

- 11. Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance approving the Proposed Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Block 2, Tracts 6 and 6A, Socorro Grant located at 11051 North Loop Drive, Socorro, Tx. from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-MUD (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) to allow for Enclosed Manufacturing (Warehouses), Compounding, Assembling or Treatment of Articles.

**Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to *approve the item for discussion. Motion Passed.*
- Mr. Jorge Ascarate presented on this item.
- Mr. Frank Apodaca spoke on this item.
- A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to *suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Ms. Pat Gardea to speak. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- A motion was made by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Ms. Margarita Perez to speak. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- Voting to the original motion for approval by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, to *suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Carolos Garay to speak. Motion Passed.*
- Motion Passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- Voting to the original motion for approval by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**. Motion Passed.  
Ayes: Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Nays: Ruben Reyes,  
Abstain: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia  
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**12. Public Hearing** of an Ordinance to approve a Replat and Variance Request for Eastwind Industrial Replat 'A' Subdivision, being Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Eastwind Industrial, Socorro, Tx.  
**Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:11 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:12 PM

**13. Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance to approve a Replat and Variance Request for Eastwind Industrial Replat 'A' Subdivision, being Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Eastwind Industrial, Socorro, Tx.  
**Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. Motion Passed.  
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Nays:  
Absent: Cesar Nevarez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**14. Public Hearing** of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat for Horizone Subdivision, being a portion of Tract 24E, Block 9, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.  
**Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:18 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:19 PM

**15. Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat for Horizone Subdivision, being a portion of Tract 24E, Block 9, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.  
**Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes** to approve. Motion Passed.  
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Nays:  
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**16. Public Hearing** of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat Resubmission for Socorro Logistics Center Unit 2. being all of Tract 8, 9, 10A, and 11C, and a portion of Tract 10A1 and 11C1, Block 5, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.  
**Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:22 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:23 PM

**17. Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat Resubmission for Socorro

Logistics Center Unit 2. being all of Tract 8, 9, 10A, and 11C, and a portion of Tract 10A1 and 11C1, Block 5, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.

***Lorraine Quimiro***

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 18. *Public Hearing*** of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV. Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Authorities, Division 8. Building and Standards Commission, Section 2-276 Members and Terms.

***Lorraine Quimiro***

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:28 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:28 PM

- 19. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV. Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Authorities, Division 8. Building and Standards Commission, Section 2-276 Members and Terms.

***Lorraine Quimiro***

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 20. *Public Hearing*** of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Tx. adopting an amended Ordinance 186 of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Socorro, Tx. Amendment No. 6.

***Adriana Rodarte***

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:31 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:31 PM

- 21. *Second Reading and Adoption*** of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Tx. adopting an amended Ordinance 186 of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Socorro, Tx. Amendment No. 6.

***Adriana Rodarte***

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**22. Discussion and action** to approve a Foreign Trade Zone Distribution Site Operator Agreement with Pilot Air Freight, LLC. *Alejandra Valadez*

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**23. Discussion and action** to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of El Paso, Texas, and the City of Socorro, Tx, for assistance and cooperation in the Leadership Steering Committee for the Regional Climate Initiative. *Alejandra Valadez*

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**24. Discussion and action** to approve a Letter of Support for El Paso County's FY24 RAISE Grant Application for the Bob Hope Drive project. *Alejandra Valadez*

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**25. Discussion and action** to update the ARPA Spending Framework for the City of Socorro, Texas. *Alejandra Valadez*

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

## **RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**26. Discussion and action** to award the Fireworks Contract for the 2024 Independence Day Xtravaganza Event to Big Dog Pyro in the amount of 35,000.00. *Victor Reta*

- A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

## **CITY MANAGER**

**27. Discussion and action** requesting approval of a \$58,000 allocation to fund the salary of the City of Socorro Community Initiative (CSCI) Executive Director. **Adriana Rodarte**

- A motion was made by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *delete items 30,31, & 32.. Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

### **33. Adjourn**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to adjourn. *Motion Passed.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM

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Mayor Ivy Avalos

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Minutes approved

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Minutes prepared by Communications Director: Victor Reta

Minutes prepared on: Friday February 2, 2024

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



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District 2 / Mayor ProTem

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District 3 / Mayor ProTem

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

*Adriana Rodarte*  
City Manager

**DATE:** January 25, 2024

**TO:** Mayor & Council

**CC:** Adriana Rodarte, City Manager

**FROM:** Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner Development Director

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON SH 20 (ALAMEDA AVENUE) FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH WITHIN CITY OF SOCORRO LIMITS.**

**SUMMARY**

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) conducted a speed study for SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) from S. Americas Ave. to San Elizario and TxDOT is recommending reducing the speed from 55 MPH to 45 MPH within City of Socorro limits. According to the study, the average speeds, physical roadway improvements, crash history, driveway density, and schools zones warrant lowering the limit to 45 MPH and providing a uniform speed limit on the corridor.

**BACKGROUND**

TxDOT routinely conducts speed studies on its roadways to ensure that they are on pace with the ongoing developments. Physical improvements to the roadway, increased roadside development, and increase in traffic volumes prompted conducting the speed study on SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) from SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) from S Americas Ave. to San Elizario.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The portion of SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) that crosses over Socorro requires an Ordinance from the municipality for the speed limit to be reduced.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None

**ALTERNATIVE:** Deny

**NO APPROVE :**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For the safety of the public, the Planning and Zoning Department recommends APPROVAL to allow the reduction of the speed limit to the recommendation from TxDOT.

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Mayor

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City Manager

## ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE II, SECTION 42-6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO LOWER THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON SH 20 (ALAMEDA AVE.) FROM 55 MPH TO 45 MPH WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO LIMITS.**

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

**Section 1.** That pursuant to Chapter 42, Article II, § 42-6 of the Codification of Ordinances of the City of Socorro, Texas, the Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance of the City of Socorro, the posted speed limit on SH 20 (Alameda Ave.) is hereby adopted as 45 MPH within the city Socorro Limits.

**Section 2.** Except as herein adopted, Chapter 42 of the Socorro City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

**State Law reference—** Powers of local authorities, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 542.202(12); traffic signs, signals and markings, V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 544.02(b).

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2024.

CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ivy Avalos, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
James A. Martinez, City Attorney

SH 20

DEVELOPMENT		INDUSTRIAL/AGRICULTURAL		COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL		SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL		RURAL/RESIDENTIAL		COMMERCIAL	
RES. SIGHT DISTANCE	←										
BALL BANK OR ADVISORY SPEED											
CURVES OVER 2											
GRADES OVER 3											
SURFACE WIDTH AND TYPE											
R.O.W. AND ROAD WIDTH											

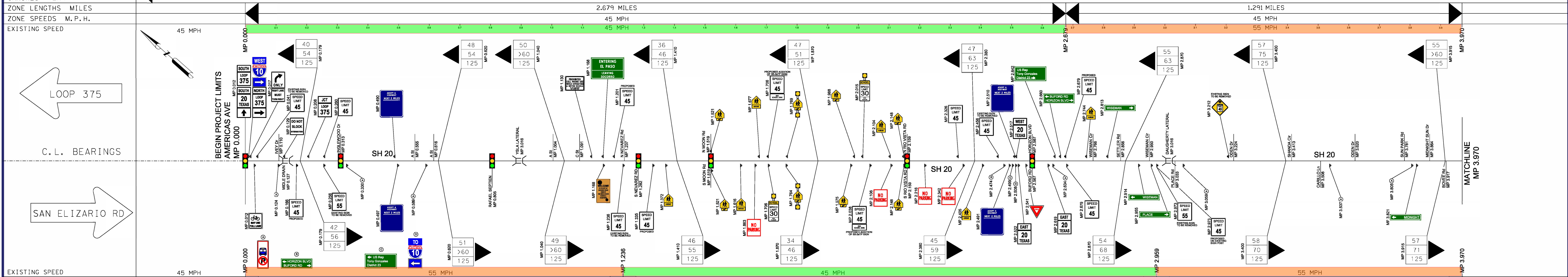
SEE BELOW

MP 179

WHEN FLASHING  
45 MPH

MP 205

**\*\* SCHOOL ZONE \*\***  
30 MPH



ZONE SPEEDS	M. P. H.		45 MPH		45 MPH		45 MPH
ZONE LENGTHS	MILES		2.679 MILES		1.723 MILES		1.011 MILES
CRASHES	YEAR	(2021)	(18)(22) (20) (18,2)(19,4)(20,2)(22) (18)	(19,2)(20)(21)(22,2) (18)(19,2)(20)(21,2)(22,3)	(20)(21)(22) (20) (22) (18)(21) (18,2) (23)	(18) (21) (19)(21)	(19)(21)
R. O. W.	AND RDBD. WIDTH		54'		60'		54'
SURFACE WIDTH	AND TYPE		54' ASPHALTIC CONCRETE		60' ASPHALTIC CONCRETE		54' ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

DEVELOPMENT		RESIDENTIAL/INDUSTRIAL	AGRICULTURE
DISTRICT NO. 24	COUNTY EL PASO	MINUTE NO.	DATE
HIGHWAY SH 20	CITY EL PASO SOCORRO CLINT	REPLACES	DATE
DATE OF STUDY 05 16 2023	SCALE 1 500	REPLACED BY	DATE
		CANCELLED BY	DATE











LIMITS OF ZONE							
SECTION ONE		LENGTH 3.790 MILES		SECTION TWO		LENGTH	
BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT	BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT
	MP 0.000	0002-02			MP 0.000		
ENDS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT	BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT
	MP 3.790	0002-02			MP 0.000		



42	85 PERCENTILE SPEED
62	TOP SPEED MEASURED
125	NUMBER OF CARS CHECKED

- FATAL CRASH
- ◐ PERSONAL INJURY CRASH
- PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASH

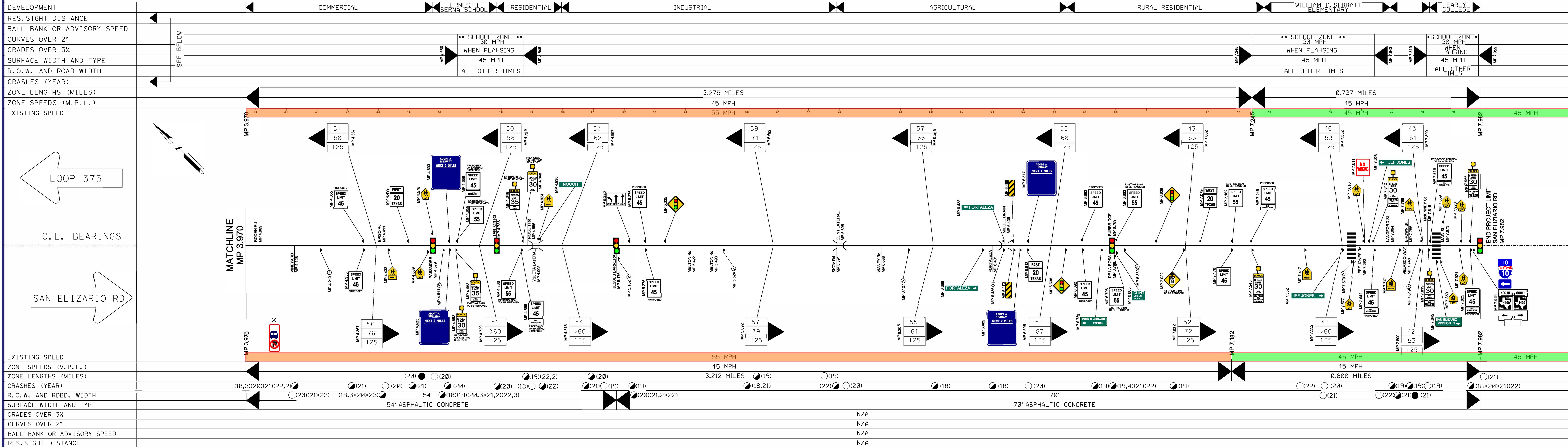
SPEED ZONE

FROM LOOP 375 TO SAN ELIZARIO RD

- |   |   |   |                    |
|---|---|---|--------------------|
|  | EXISTING SIGN POST                        |  | RAILROAD TRACK     |
|  | PROPOSED SIGN POST                        |  | CITY LIMITS        |
|  | EXISTING BACK-TO-BACK SIGN POST           |  | BRIDGE             |
|   |   |  | DRAINAGE STRUCTURE |
|  | EXISTING SPAN WIRE OR<br>MAST-ARM MOUNTED |  | EXISTING CROSSWALK |
|  | CATTLE GUARD                              |   |                    |

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 <b>Texas Department of Transportation</b>			
 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 10px;">consor</span>			
F-12040			
<div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0 auto;">SPEED STUDY</div> <div style="font-size: 2.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0 auto;">EL PASO COUNTY</div> <div style="font-size: 3em; font-weight: bold; margin: 0 auto;">SH 20</div>			

SH 20



DEVELOPMENT				AGRICULTURAL			
DISTRICT: NO. 24		COUNTY: EL PASO		MINUTE NO.:		DATE: / /	
HIGHWAY: SH 20		CITY: EL PASO, SOCORRO & CLINT		REPLACES:		DATE: / /	
DATE OF STUDY: 05/16/2023		SCALE 1"= 500'		REPLACED BY:		DATE: / /	
				CANCELLED BY:		DATE: / /	
LIMITS OF ZONE							
SECTION ONE		LENGTH 4.012 MILES		SECTION TWO		LENGTH	
BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT	BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT
	MP 3.970	0002-02			MP 0.000		
ENDS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT	BEGINS	STA. OR M.P.	CONT. AND SECT.	PROJECT
	MP 7.982	0002-02			MP 0.000		

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62 TOP SPEED MEASURED  
125 NUMBER OF CARS CHECKED

- FATAL CRASH
- PERSONAL INJURY CRASH
- PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASH

## SPEED ZONE

FROM LOOP 375 TO SAN ELIZARIO RD

- EXISTING SIGN POST
- PROPOSED SIGN POST
- EXISTING BACK-TO-BACK SIGN POST
- EXISTING SPAN WIRE OR MAST-ARM MOUNTED
- CATTLE GUARD
- RAILROAD TRACK
- CITY LIMITS
- BRIDGE
- DRAINAGE STRUCTURE
- EXISTING CROSSWALK

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SPEED STUDY  
EL PASO COUNTY  
SH 20

FED. RD. DIV. NO.	FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.
6		2
STATE	DISTRICT	COUNTY
TEXAS	ELP	EL PASO
CONTRACT	SECTION	JOB
0002	02	SH 20

SH0020 (0002-02) Strip Map Summary_SL0375 to FM1110																		
SPEED CHECK MILE POINT	0.179	0.620	1.040	1.410	1.870	2.380	2.870	3.400	3.915	4.367	4.729	4.997	5.692	6.205	6.596	7.032	7.552	7.800
85TH PERCENTILE SPEED (MPH)	41	50	50	41	41	46	55	58	56	54	51	54	58	56	54	48	47	43
SPEEDING																		
85TH PERCENTILE SPEED ZONE AVERAGE (MPH)	47			43			55										45	
85TH PERCENTILE SPEED OVERALL AVERAGE (MPH)	50																	
EXISTING SPEED LIMIT (MPH)	55			45			55										45	
PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT (MPH)	45			45			45										45	
MEETS SPEED REDUCTION THRESHOLD																		
DRIVEWAYS	10			29			136										17	
TRAFFIC SIGNALS	3			4			4										1	
CRASHES (2018-2022)	K(0) A(0) B(13)			K(0) A(3) B(27)			K(1) A(8) B(22)										K(1) A(0) B(3)	
KAB CRASH RATE AVERAGE (2018-2022)	24.85			54.38			41										32.73	
CRASH RATE AVERAGE (2018-2022)	172.63			470.68			276.97										264.36	
STATEWIDE CRASH RATE AVERAGE (2018-2022)	216.60 by Highway System and 202.03 by Road Type																	
85TH VARIANCE FACTORS	Crash History, Developed Area			Existing Speed Limit to Remain			Crash History, Developed Area, High Driveway Density, School Zone										Existing Speed Limit to Remain	

K= Fatal Injury; A= Suspected Serious Injury; B=Suspected Minor Injury

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District 4

**DATE:** February 7, 2024

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** HR Director, Carol Candelaria

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and action on approving the job description for Transit Coordinator

**SUMMARY**

This action approves the new job descriptions for Transit Coordinator. This position is a Grant funded and will be under the Recreation Department.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

This position has been discussed with City Manager, Adriana Rodarte, City Communications Director/Historical Preservation Officer, Victor Reta and Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept): 001 / 05101 / 02**

**Funding Source: General Fund**

**Amount: \$53,248.00 (Includes \$41,600.00 annualized salary & fringe benefits)**

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

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

**N/A**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Human Resources is recommending approval of job descriptions.**

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

1. City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## City of Socorro Job Description

**DRAFT**

<b>Job Title:</b> Transit Coordinator	<b>Department:</b> Recreation
<b>FLSA Status:</b> Full Time - Non-Exempt	<b>Salary:</b> \$20.00 to \$25.00 <i>Grant Funded</i>
<b>Approved:</b> TBD	<b>Last Revised:</b> N/A

### Position Summary:

Under general supervision, the coordinator provides public transit-human services transportation plan and identifies the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes.

### Duties, Functions, and Responsibilities:

- Overall responsible for the coordination of Transit & Fleet Services in the City of Socorro, Texas.
- Conduct daily assessments on fleet vehicles and emergency supplies for safety operation, efficiency, or broken parts, and report defects and issues.
- Coordinate all fleet maintenance requests with the appropriate department and maintain log reports, records and maintenance activity as needed.
- Acquisition of expansion or replacement of vehicles, and related to procurement, testing, inspection, and acceptance costs.
- The provision of coordination services, including employer-oriented transportation management organizations and human service organization' customer-oriented travel navigator systems and neighborhood travel coordination activities such as coordinating individualized travel training and trip planning activities for customers.
- Vehicle rehabilitation or overhaul and preventative maintenance.
- Dispatch, drive, and coordinate fleet vehicles daily to provide continuous consistent services to our community.
- Provides strategies for meeting local needs and prioritizes transportation services and projects for funding implementation.
- Provide safe, reliable, and consistent transit services daily in a variety of weather conditions.
- Create and submit detailed reports for all activities involving fleet and transit services.
- Provide required assistance during times of emergency. Serve as a contact to receive calls and coordinate with police, fire, security, and other applicable City of Socorro departments at night and on weekends and holidays concerning emergencies and take appropriate action.
- Support for mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human services agencies providing transportation.
- Support for short-term management activities to plan and implement coordinated services.
- Support of state and local coordination policy bodies and councils.
- Demonstrate required training such as transit evacuation, wheelchair loading and unloading, and other professional development for staff.
- Attend and complete required training programs to include cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, state certification course(s), and defensive driving classes to maintain safety certification.
- Report all accidents, vehicle damage, student inquiries, and mechanical failures by the department's supervisor.
- Implement effective transportation practices and inspect equipment (radios, communication equipment, vehicle wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices) for safety, cleanliness, and serviceability.
- Support the promotion, enhancement, and facilitation of access to transportation services including the integration and coordination of services for individuals with disabilities, seniors, and low-income individuals.
- Attend training programs for individual users on awareness, knowledge, and skills of public and alternative transportation options available in their communities.
- Attendance is an essential function of the job.
- Regular worksite attendance is an essential function.
- Responsible for any other duties and assignments issued by the City of Socorro.

### Required Skills:

## City of Socorro Job Description

- Application of good knowledge of local, state, and federal codes, regulations, and guidelines governing municipal transportation.
- Application of considerable knowledge of data gathering and research methods and techniques.
- Application of good knowledge of customer service and safety techniques.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with City officials, coworkers, and the public.
- Ability to drive and operate cars, trucks, vans, ADA, and Commercial vehicles.
- Ability to work various shifts including but not limited to days, nights, weekends, and holidays, as needed.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Operation Software; specifically, Word, Excel, & PowerPoint
- Requires continual sitting; requires moderate standing, bending, reaching, kneeling, and squatting.
- Must possess the ability, skill, patience, and understanding to work with youth, adults, seniors, and community members with mobility disabilities.
- Must be able to lift, carry, push, and/or pull up to 50 lbs. or more repeatedly during work hours.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- A candidate must possess an Associate's degree in Transportation, Planning, Engineering, Business or a related field preferred.
- A minimum of two (2) years or more work-related experience in operating a fleet or public transit vehicle.
- A minimum of two (2) years' experience or more coordinating transportation and/or fleet services
- A minimum of two (2) years' experience conducting research, analyzing data, and creating reports directly related to transit services and activities.
- Possess a valid Texas class "C" Driver's License.
- Acceptable driving record.
- Must be insurable by the City's liability insurance carrier.
- Must be able to complete required transit safety training within one year of hire.

### Equipment:

- Operates office equipment such as typewriter, computers and software, calculator, copy machine, scanner, shredder, fax machine, and multi-line telephone.

### Physical Requirements:

- Must be able to lift a minimum of 25 pounds.
- Sits, stands for extended periods of time.

### Conditions of Employment:

- Pass Pre-Employment Drug Screening.
- Pass Background Check.
- Work flexible hours and overtime as required.
- Bilingual Skills: English & Spanish preferred.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Human Resources Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Yvonne Colon - Villalobos**  
District 4

**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to adopt Resolution 785 authorizing the City of Socorro to submit a grant application to the Office of the Governor's FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) to fund overtime for officers supporting the border initiative. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**SUMMARY**

The City of Socorro's Police Department is requesting to continue its participation in the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) program and seeks FY 2023 funding to cover operational overtime costs associated with its law enforcement activities.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

Socorro PD has participated in, and received grant funding from, Operation Stonegarden in FY 2015, FY 2016, FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020, FY 2021 and FY 2022. The submission of the FY 2023 OPSG grant application to the Office of the Governor's would extend our participation in Operation Stonegarden for another fiscal year.

Because of the City of Socorro's geographical location along the U.S./Mexico border, our Police Department must operate at capacity in order to meet and neutralize the threats and risks associated with criminal activities at our borders. Like many law enforcement agencies across the nation, Socorro PD must meet this and other demands and responsibilities with a limited force, budget, and resources.

The OPSG Program supports enhanced cooperation and coordination among Customs and Border Protection (CBP), United States Border Patrol (USBP), and Federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. The OPSG Program provides funding to support joint efforts on border security initiatives.

Socorro PD will seek funding through OPSG 2023 to cover the overtime costs of personnel engaging in law enforcement activities.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

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

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City of Socorro will not submit an application to the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) to fund overtime for officers supporting the border initiative. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve -** The City of Socorro WILL apply to the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) to fund overtime for officers supporting the border initiative. There is no match requirement for this grant.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

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

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City Manager

## RESOLUTION 785

WHEREAS, The CITY OF SOCORRO finds it in the best interest of the citizens of SOCORRO, TEXAS that the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden be operated in Socorro, Texas for the 2024-2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees to provide applicable matching funds for the said project as required by the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden grant application; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, CITY OF SOCORRO assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO will request funding from the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden via Grant No. 3007209 to fund overtime payments for its law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF SOCORRO designates the Mayor and his/her designee as the grantee's authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF SOCORRO approves submission of the grant application for the FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ivy Avalos  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro  
Grant No. 3007209

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**Adriana Rodarte**  
City Manager

February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to ratify a Letter of Support for the Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will ratify a Letter of Support for Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program. There is no financial commitment on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro is part of the Mission Trail Alliance, a collaborative of entities focused on developing the historic Mission Trail and highlighting the history and culture of communities along the Mission Trail, including Socorro, San Elizario and the City of El Paso.

The Mission Trail Alliance will submit an application on behalf of all MTA partners to the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program requesting technical assistance to conserve the natural, cultural, and recreational resources along the El Paso Mission Trail and promote greater public access and outdoor recreation opportunities in this region.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

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

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City of Socorro will not ratify a Letter of Support for the Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve -** The City of Socorro WILL ratify a Letter of Support for the Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

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

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February 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Socorro to express our full support for the Mission Trail Alliance's application for technical assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program.

As partners united under the Mission Trail Alliance, we strongly believe that the conservation of the natural, cultural, and recreational resources along the El Paso Mission Trail and promoting greater public access and outdoor recreation opportunities in this region are top priorities that bring immense value to our communities that include, San Elizario, Socorro, and El Paso, all in the County of El Paso, Texas.

Approximately 5 miles of the historic Mission Trail lies within the City of Socorro, a relatively small, low-to-moderate income community of roughly 37,000 residents. As this project would result in the preservation and promotion of Socorro's historic district, the City of Socorro can assist this project through linkages to local community groups, meeting space for public meetings, and staff time to assist with coordination efforts.

The RTCA program represents an exceptional opportunity for the Mission Trail Alliance to tap into specialized expertise that will be instrumental as we work to plan, design, promote and steward a world-class linear trail network honoring El Paso's history. We are fully confident that through skilled facilitation and technical guidance from the NPS team, our locally driven collaboration will make tremendous strides toward realizing our ambitious vision.

The City of Socorro and the broader Mission Trail Alliance partnership we represent stand ready and eager to match the NPS investment by contributing our own substantial time, energy, talents, and resources toward the successful completion of this effort. The City of Socorro designates Alejandra Valadez ([grants@costx.us](mailto:grants@costx.us)) to be the

primary point of contact for the MTA RTCA project. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile project to benefit our community.

Sincerely,

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***Adriana Rodarte***

City Manager

City of Socorro, Texas

124 Horizon Blvd.

Socorro, Texas 79927

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February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to ratify a Letter of Support for Project Vida's Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will ratify a Letter of Support for Project Vida's Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX. There is no financial commitment on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas through this action.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The City of Socorro has entered into a collaborative MOU with Project Vida for the provision of small business and microbusiness support services at the E.G. Chayo Apodaca Community Center. Project Vida has offered technical assistance to small businesses in Socorro and is a valued resource partner for our small business community.

Project Vida will submit a grant application to the NASDAQ Foundation to support the expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP). This program is dedicated to providing direct and technical assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals, particularly women entrepreneurs, in El Paso County and its unincorporated communities. If funded, the MTAP program will address the pressing need for training and technical assistance in accounting, marketing, understanding business structures, computer literacy, and navigating federal income taxes, as well as facilitate access to fair-rate business loans, providing a pathway for economic empowerment.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

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

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City of Socorro will not ratify a Letter of Support for Project Vida’s Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve** - The City of Socorro WILL ratify a Letter of Support for Project Vida’s Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

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

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City Manager

January 29, 2024

RE: Project Vida's Expansion of the Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP) Grant Application for El Paso County and Unincorporated Areas of El Paso County, TX.

Dear Nasdaq Foundation Grant Review Team,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Socorro, Texas to express my strong support for Project Vida's Microenterprise Technical Assistance Program (MTAP). This program is dedicated to providing direct and technical assistance to low- and moderate-income individuals, particularly women entrepreneurs, in El Paso County and its unincorporated communities.

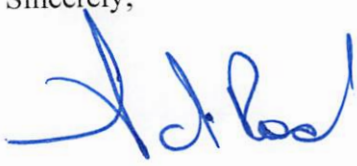
Microbusinesses in these areas face significant challenges, with owners often lacking the necessary skills and knowledge to overcome obstacles. The proposed MTAP expansion aims to address these challenges by offering training, management assistance, bookkeeping services, workshops, seminars, and special events tailored to low- and moderate-income microenterprise owners.

These initiatives will support microenterprises in areas such as Westway, Canutillo, Fabens, Tornillo, Agua Dulce, and Montana Vista, as well as surrounding communities like San Elizario, City of Socorro, Town of Horizon, Clint, and Village of Vinton.

This project is crucial as it addresses the pressing need for training and technical assistance to improve financial literacy in accounting, marketing, understanding business structures, computer literacy and navigating federal income taxes. Moreover, it aims to facilitate access to fair-rate business loans, providing a pathway for economic empowerment.

I firmly believe that MTAP's expansion is an excellent method of incorporating individuals from low- and moderate-income backgrounds into the mainstream business world, thereby promoting economic growth and stability in our community.

Sincerely,

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***Adriana Rodarte***

City Manager

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February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to approve Construction Contract Change Order Number 6 for the Passmore Shared Use Path Project (CSJ: 0924-06-604) under Contract No. 22-07-01 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc in the amount of \$1,628.00 pending concurrence from TxDOT.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will approve Change Order #6 addressing Base Bid 1 Item 1 increased quantities needed for the removal of concrete (rip rap) due to delay in concrete pouring in March 2023 due to the beginning of the 2023 irrigation season.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

Change Order #6 addressing Base Bid 1 Item 1 increased quantities needed for the removal of concrete (rip rap) due to delay in concrete pouring in March 2023 due to the beginning of the 2023 irrigation season.

This Change Order will result in an increase of \$1,628.00 to the project cost.

Please see the Construction Contract Change Order #6 included in the backup.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Account Code (GF/GL/Dept):** CO19

**Funding Source:** CO19

**Amount:** \$1,628.00

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

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City of Socorro will not approve Construction Contract Change Order Number 6 for the Passmore Shared Use Path Project (CSJ: 0924-06-604) under Contract No. 22-07-01 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc in the amount of \$1,628.00 pending concurrence from TxDOT.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve -** The City of Socorro WILL approve Construction Contract Change Order Number 6 for the Passmore Shared Use Path Project (CSJ: 0924-06-604) under Contract No. 22-07-01 with Huitt-Zollars, Inc in the amount of \$1,628.00 pending concurrence from TxDOT.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

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

## CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: 6

1. CONTRACTOR: Allen Concrete

2. Change Order Work Limits: Sta. 37+00 to Sta. 37+72

3. Type of Change (on federal-aid non-exempt projects): Minor (Major/Minor)

4. Describe the change and the reason for the change order. When necessary, include exceptions to this agreement.

The quantity for Bid Item No. 1 was not correctly calculated on sheet 60 for the removal of the riprap at the Franklin Feeder. The plans call for 32 SY of removal and only 12 SY was accounted for in the sheet table. Furthermore, the EPCID#1 will required additional removal for the placement of the abutment of the pedestrian bridge. The quantity needs to be increased by 76 SY for a total of 135 SY

CCSJ: 0924-06-604  
Project: Passmore SUP  
Highway: CS-Passmore  
County: El Paso  
District: El Paso  
Contract Number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. New or revised plan sheet(s) are attached and numbered: N/A

Each signatory hereby warrants that each has the authority to execute this Change Order.

<p>By signing this change order, the contractor agrees to waive any and all claims for additional compensation due to any and all other expenses; additional changes for time, overhead and profit; or loss of compensation as a result of this change. Further, the contractor agrees that this agreement is made in accordance with Item 4 and the Contract. Exceptions should be noted in the response for #5 above.</p> <p>THE CONTRACTOR _____ Date _____</p> <p>By _____</p> <p>Typed/Printed Name _____</p> <p>Typed/Printed Title _____</p>	<p>The following information must be provided</p> <p>Time Ext. #: _____ Days added on this C.O.: <u>0</u></p> <p>Amt. added by this change order: <u>1628.00</u></p>
	<p><b>For TxDOT use only:</b></p>
	<p>Days participating: _____</p>
	<p>Amount participating: _____</p>
	<p>Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Name/Title _____</p>

### RECOMMENDED FOR EXECUTION:

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ APPROVED

☐ REQUEST APPROVAL

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Engineer's Seal:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NUMBER: 6**

**Estimated Cost: 1628.00**

CCSJ: 0924-06-604

Paid by Invoice? ( ☒ Yes ☐ No )

**TABLE A: Force Account Work and Materials Placed into Stock**[illegible]**TABLE B: Contract Items**

				ORIGINAL + PREVIOUSLY REVISED		NEW		
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	ITEM COST	QUANTITY	ITEM COST	OVERRUN/ UNDERRUN
104-6009	PAVEMENT SEALER 4"	SY	22.00	61.00	1,342.00	135.00	2,970.00	1,628.00
<b>TOTALS</b>					1,342.00		2,970.00	1,628.00

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CCSJ: 0924-06-604

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February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action to approve Resolution 786 authorizing the submission of three (3) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the following projects: Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project. There is no match requirement for these grant applications.

**SUMMARY**

City Council will approve the submission of three (3) grant applications to the FY24 RAISE program for the Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

The Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project, are documented priorities for the City of Socorro. These grant applications will request planning dollars for community engagement activities, public input, feasibility study, environmental activities, and benefit-cost ratio to increase sidewalks, biking trails, and ADA accessibilities to Rio Vista Road, Moon Road, and 4-D segment of the Paso del Norte Trail.

The City of Socorro is located in an Area of Persistent Poverty (AOPP) and is designated a historically disadvantaged community (HDC); as such, no matching funds are required for these grant applications.

Please see the backup attached.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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

**Funding Source:** N/A

**Amount:** N/A

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

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

## **ALTERNATIVE**

Not approve – The City of Socorro will not approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of three (3) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the following projects: Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Approve** - The City of Socorro WILL approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of three (3) grant applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the following projects: Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project, Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project.

## **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION**

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

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## RESOLUTION 786

**WHEREAS**, the City of Socorro finds it in the best interest of the community to submit three (3) grant applications to the USDOT's FY24 RAISE Grant Program,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:**  
**THAT:**

The City of Socorro authorizes the submission of applications to the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FY 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the following projects:

- 1) Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project,
- 2) Moon Road Complete Streets Project, and
- 3) 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte Trail Planning and Design Project; and

**THAT** the City Manager, or designee, is authorized to sign any documents necessary for the proper submission of said applications.

Passed and Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

CITY OF SOCORRO

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ivy Avalos  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Olivia Navarro

The background of the slide features a photograph of a white church bell tower with a cross on top and two bells inside. To the left, a large wooden sign with the word 'ASTORIA' is visible. The image is split diagonally by a yellow and dark blue overlay.

City of Socorro, Texas

# FY24 RAISE Projects

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# Outline

- Community Profile and Background
- RAISE Merit Criteria
- Project Location & Limits
- Project Scope
- Project Outcomes



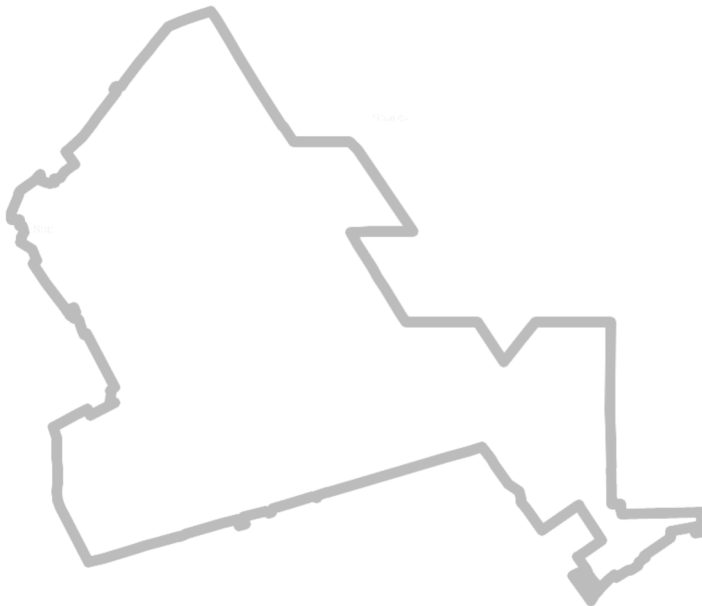
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# Community Profile

- The City of Socorro, Texas is the second largest municipality in El Paso County, and one of the fastest growing communities in the County.





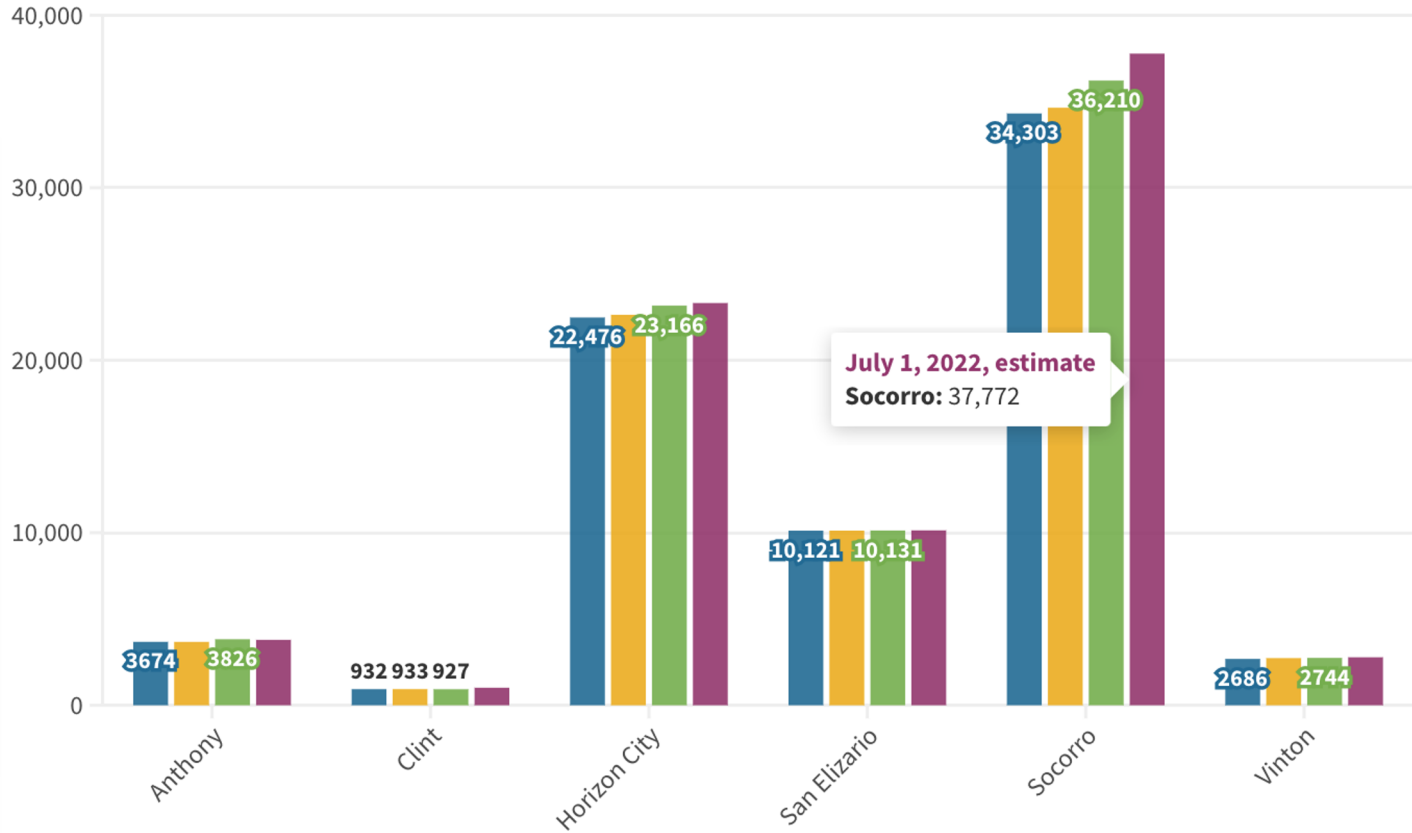
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## Population trends for smaller cities in El Paso County

■ April 1, 2020, census ■ July 1, 2020, estimate ■ July 1, 2021, estimate ■ July 1, 2022, estimate



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

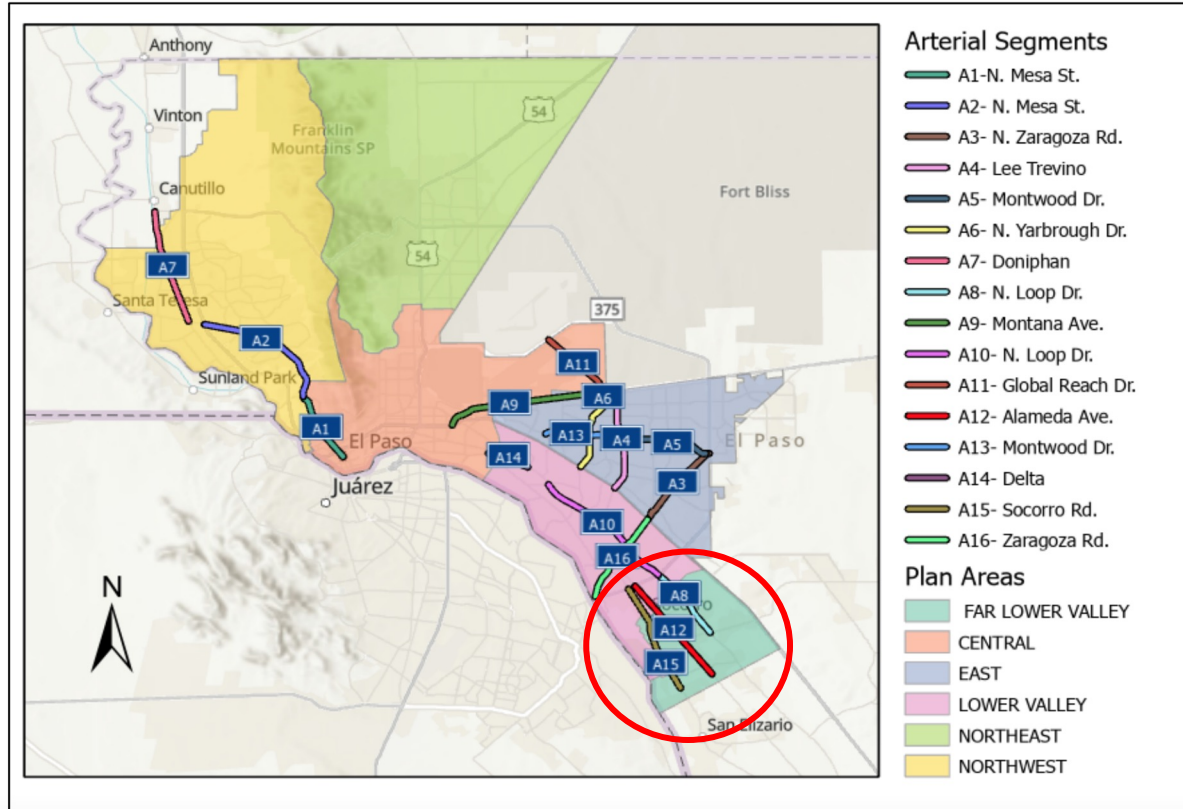


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# Community Background



Source:  
RMS 2050 MTP.  
2021 CMP Segment  
Performance Analysis

3 of 15 congested  
segments identified  
were located in  
Socorro, Texas

Figure 1- Arterial Connected Corridors



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# Community Background



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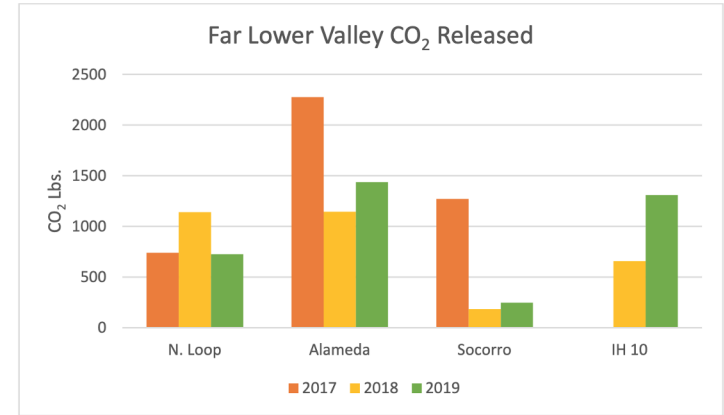
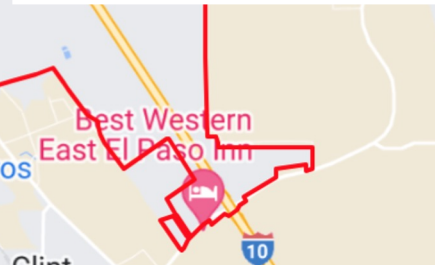


Figure 23 - Far Lower Valley CO<sub>2</sub> Released



## Existing Constraints:

- Historic properties
- Irrigation canals and ditches (Historic)
- Railroad
- Vulnerable populations



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# Community Background



- Fourteen (14) K-12 Public Schools
- One (1) Community College
- Two (2) National Register Properties
- One (1) National Historic Landmark



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# RAISE Program Merit Criteria

- Safety
- Environmental Sustainability
- Quality of Life
- Mobility and Community Connectivity
- Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity
- State of Good Repair
- Partnership and Collaboration
- Innovation



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# Proposed Projects





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# Complete Streets Conversions





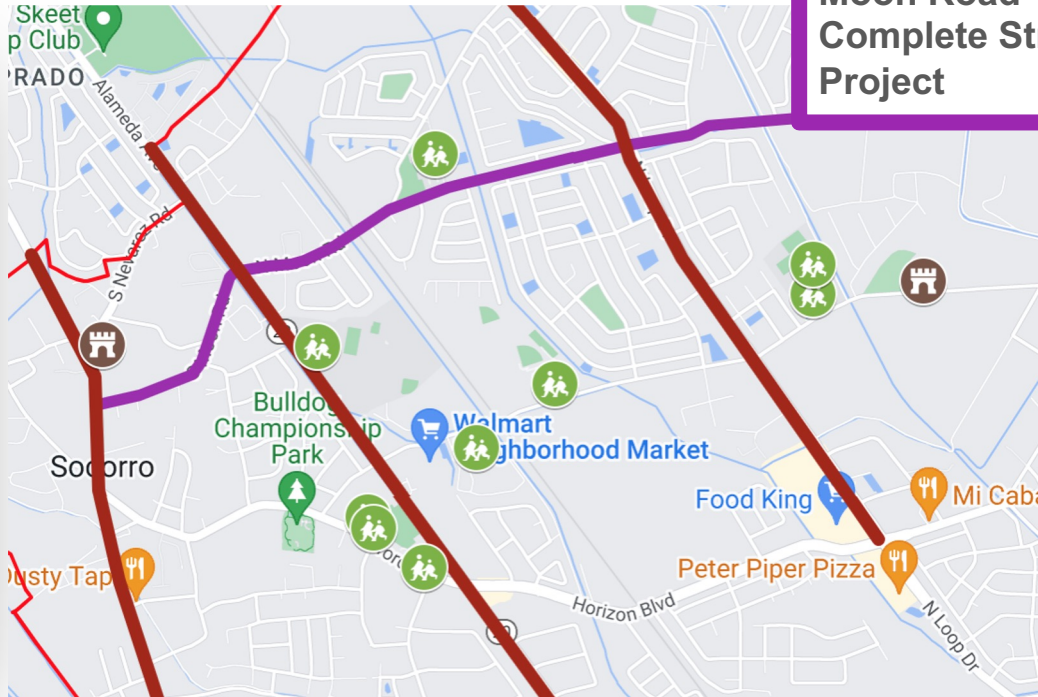
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# Moon Road Complete Streets Project

## Moon Road Complete Streets Project



### Limits:

Socorro Road to Grijalva Drive (2.17 mi)

### Scope:

Planning - Environmental analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, and benefit-cost analysis for Complete Streets Conversion of Moon Road following principles of universal design

### Outcomes:

Improved mobility and connectivity, safety, and environmental sustainability

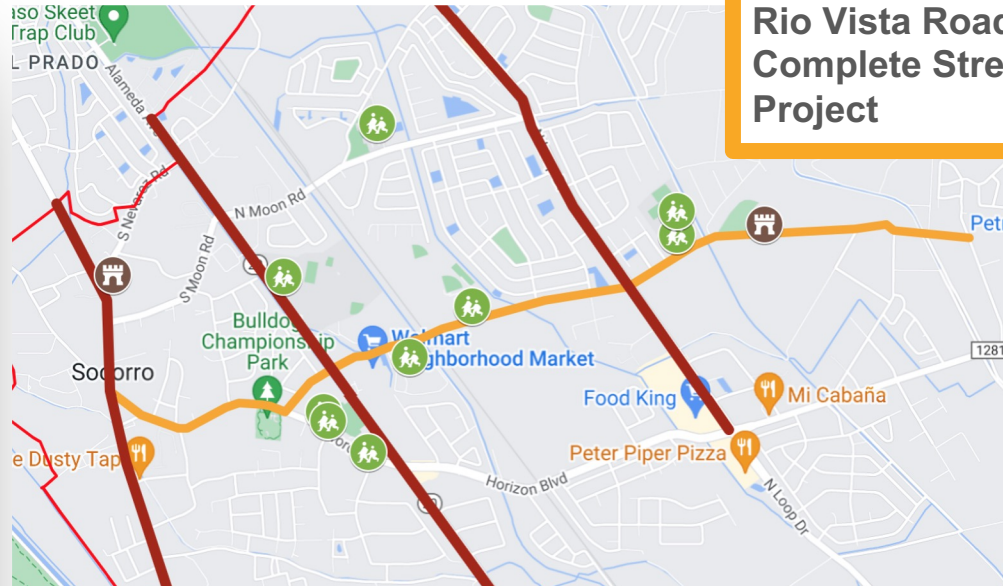


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# Rio Vista Road Complete Streets Project



**Rio Vista Road  
Complete Streets  
Project**

## Limits:

Socorro Road to Thunder Road (3.15 mi)

## Scope:

Planning - Environmental analysis, community engagement, feasibility studies, and benefit-cost analysis for Complete Streets Conversion of Rio Vista Road following principles of universal design

## Outcomes:

Improved mobility and connectivity, safety, and environmental sustainability

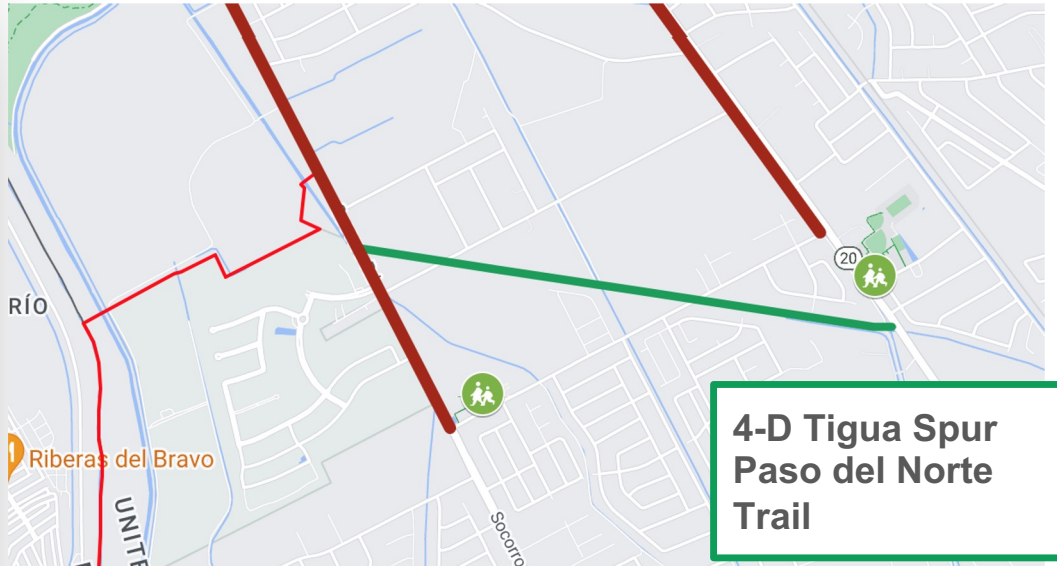


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# 4-D Tigua Spur Paso del Norte (PDN) Trail Project Planning & Design Phase



## Limits:

Socorro Road to Alameda  
Ave. (1.6 mi)

## Scope:

Planning - Environmental,  
Engineering and Design for  
the 4-D Trail segment

## Outcomes:

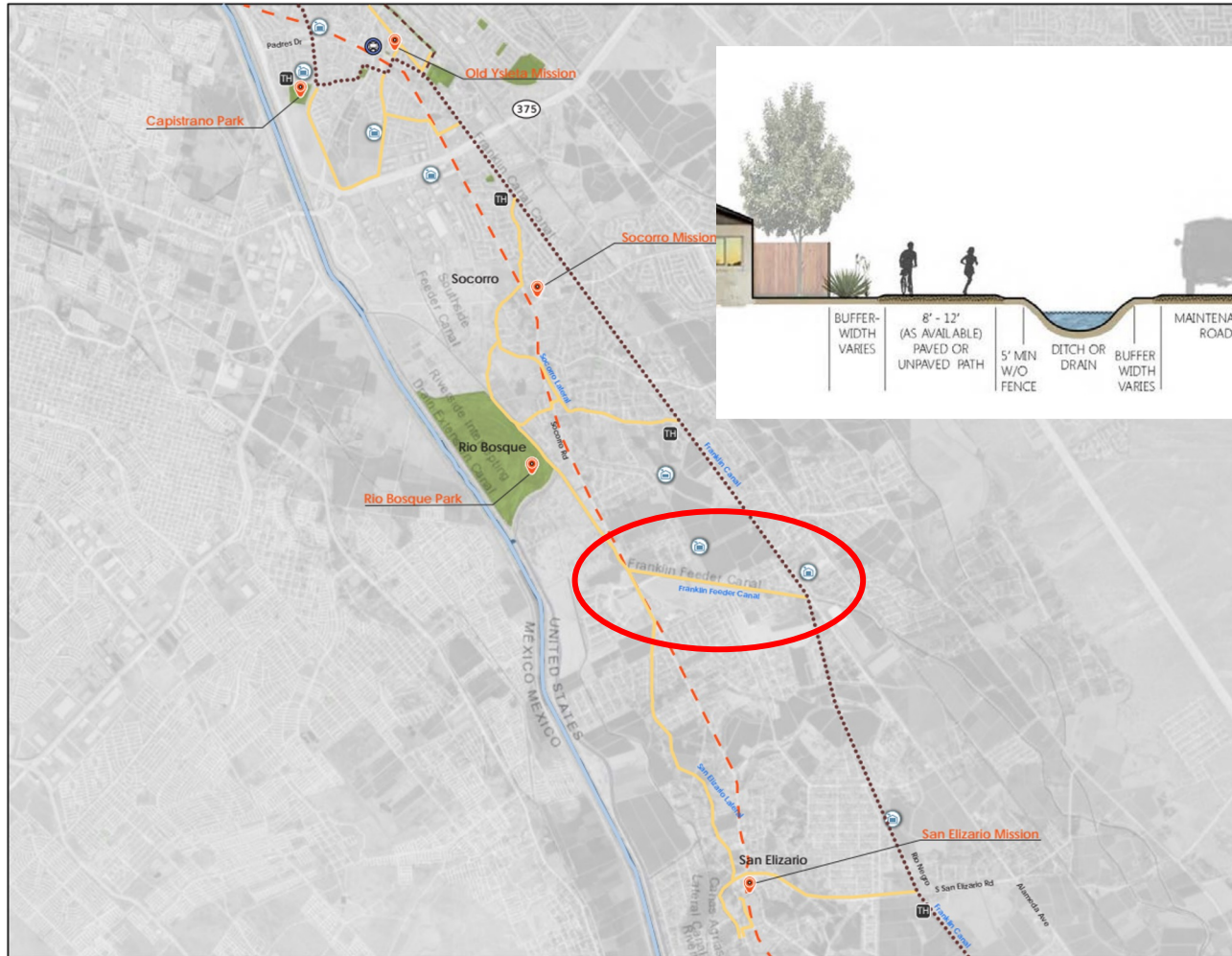
Improved mobility and  
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Thank you!



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February 12, 2024

**TO: City Clerk: Olivia Navarro**

**FROM:**

Victor Reta

**Division Director of Recreation, Communication, Special Events, Emergency Management & Legislative Affairs Serves as: Public Information Officer & Historic Preservation Officer**

**SUBJECT:** Discussion & Action regarding the National Historic Landmark Unveiling Event

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland signed to award Rio Vista Farm the distinction of National Historic significance equal to the Alamo. The National Park Service is working with staff to create an unveiling event for Saturday, May 11. The goal of the unveiling is to"

- Hold a public event unveiling the historical plaque
- Provide public education & engagement on the NHL program.
- Celebrate historical preservation, culture, and heritage.

This would line up with Historic Preservation Month programming.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:** The City was not sure when the NHL review would take place and as such was not budgeted for back in April of 2023. Staff is requesting to authorize funds to create a public programming event.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Requesting an additional \$5,000 to be added to the department budget with sponsorship opportunities available to offset the cost to the City.

The breakdown would be:

- \$2,000 in public engagement (musical acts, provisions, chairs, tables)
- \$1,500 in utilities (light tower rentals, generators, spyder power boxes)
- \$1,500 in advertising (message boards, paid ads, boosted social media posts)

**ALTERNATIVE:** Denial

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of funds.

Please see the quote sheets attached.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION:**

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

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February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: District 2 Representative, Alejandro Garcia**

**SUBJECT: Discussion and action to approve and support to Develop a sports park facility that attracts and promotes the baseball/softball community in El Paso County Baseball & Softball Academies.**

**SUMMARY**

The presentation will be regarding the possible development of a DBat franchised training facility within the City of Socorro. The facility would have both indoor and outdoor facilities specifically for baseball and softball including a pro shop. Attached are the talking points and the video sent.

**Marco Hernandez**

**D-BAT EL Paso**

## **I. Introduction**

A. Develop a sports park facility that attracts and promotes the baseball/softball community in El Paso County

B. Importance of sports facilities in community development

## **II. Economic Benefits**

A. Increased tourism and local business revenue during events

B. Job creation in facility operations and maintenance

C. Potential for sponsorships and partnerships with local businesses

## **III. Community Engagement**

A. Providing a recreational space for residents of all ages

B. Fostering a sense of community through sports events and activities

C. Encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle

## **IV. Youth Development**

A. Offering organized sports programs for youth

B. Providing a safe and supervised environment for physical activity

C. Opportunities for skill development and teamwork

## **V. Social Impact**

A. Hosting community events, leagues, and tournaments

B. Strengthening social bonds and community pride

C. Creating a hub for social interactions and shared experiences

## **VI. Educational Opportunities**

A. Collaboration with local schools for sports programs

B. Workshops and clinics to promote sports education

C. Scholarships and educational incentives for talented athletes

## **VII. Long-term Sustainability**

- A. Consideration of environmentally friendly design and operations
- B. Potential for revenue generation through facility rentals
- C. Maintenance plans to ensure the longevity of the facility

## **VIII. Case Studies and Success Stories**

- A. Successful sports facility developments in other cities
- B. Positive outcomes, economic growth, and community benefits

## **IX. Conclusion**

- A. Key points
- B. The positive impact on the community





### Onsite state of the art D-BAT Baseball and Softball Academy

- Fully Stocked Proshop
- 11 Baseball/Softball Fields in total
  - 2 High School Fields
  - 2 Softball Fields
  - 3 Fastpitch Fields
  - 4 Youth Baseball Fields
- 1 turf Practice field with full size dugouts and lights
- Air Conditioned Bathrooms at each field
- 3 Machine Cages
- 6 rental lanes
- Full Concessions
- 400+ paved parking spaces



### Activities:

- High School Tournaments
- Little League Games
- Youth Select Baseball Tournaments
- Youth Select Fast Pitch
- Tournaments
- Men's Softball
- Leagues/Tournaments
- Senior Men's Softball
- Leagues/Tournaments
- CoEd Leagues
- Cage Rentals
- Machine Credits
- Field Rentals
- Turf Field Rentals
- Camps, Clinics, Showcases
- Waffle Ball Leagues

**D-BAT Kerrville Sports Complex**  
111 Home Run Dr. | Kerrville, TX. 78028

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RESOLUTION 787

WHEREAS: Escontrias STEAM Academy and City of Socorro City Council declare Escontrias Centennial legacy anniversary on the year 2024; and,

WHEREAS: Escontrias School was erected in 1924 in Socorro, Texas, designed in a Mission Revival style by Trost & Trost. Although the school building has been remodeled, it still bears much of the original Trost design elements and is in excellent condition today; and,

WHEREAS: Irma Escontrias Sanchez is the granddaughter of Silverio and Pilar Escontrias who once owned a working ranch in what is now Hueco Tanks State Park as well as a family farm in Socorro, Texas that was later donated for the first school in Socorro, Texas named Escontrias Elementary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: by the Mayor and the City Council of Socorro, that the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of Escontrias Elementary, the City of Socorro, and the community as a whole would like to recognize the Escontrias Family Legacy.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution be spread among the community and minutes of this Council and that a copy, suitably engrossed, be sent to the family of the late Silverio and Pilar Escontrias granddaughter Irma Sanchez Escontrias in testimony of the recognition of the City of Socorro.

*SIGNED, this 15th day of February 2024*

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*Ivy Avalos, Mayor*

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ATTEST: Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

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February 9, 2024

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**FROM: District 3 City Representative Rudy Cruz Jr.**

**SUBJECT: Discussion and Action**

**To provide a** Letter of Support for The El Paso Center for Children's FY25 application for the Fatherhood: Educating Fathers for Empowering Children Tomorrow (EFFECT) Program

**SUMMARY**

This is a 5-year grant funded by the state. The grant will help fathers/male caregivers and children develop a relationship, parenting skills, through the Nurturing Fathers curriculum: The Nurturing Fathers Program is an evidence - based, 13-week training course designed to teach parenting and nurturing skills to men. Each 2 ½ hour class provides proven, effective skills for healthy family relationships and child development. NFP has been successfully implemented in Schools, Head Start, Churches, State DSS, Prisons, Halfway Houses, Prevent Child Abuse, Parenting and Counseling Centers, Military, Community Action Agencies and many others. The curriculum is also available in Spanish.

**STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE**

**High levels of father figure involvement is correlated with higher levels of sociability, confidence and self-control in children. Children who are involved with their fathers are less likely to act out in school or engage in risky behaviors during their adolescent years.**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## The Nurturing Fathers Program

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- El Paso Center for Children is seeking support from the community to be able to bring a program just for fathers/care givers.
- Support that we have received from local non-profits such as Paso del Norte, the Family Leadership Council, police department, JPD, etc.
- How will this benefit the agency providing the letter of support? By being able to refer their clientele that fits the criteria for services and there are not a lot of programs that are focused just for fathers.

February 15, 2024

Beth Senger, CEO  
El Paso Center for Children, Inc.  
2200 N. Stevens  
El Paso, TX 79930

Re: Letter of Support for El Paso Center for Children's FY25 application for the Fatherhood:  
Educating Fathers for Empowering Children Tomorrow (EFFECT) Program

Dear Beth,

We are happy to offer this letter of support to you as you seek funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

Thank you for pursuing this opportunity for our community to increase the availability and accessibility of services and resources to fathers/step-fathers and father figures in El Paso.

I understand this project will customize outreach, marketing, education, and systems-level efforts to appeal to men who play this critical role in the development of children in our community. I also understand you are proposing to host one or more community meetings to bring fathers together and learn about their challenges and successes. Please let me know about those so I can share that information in my network.

I am familiar with the other programs offered by El Paso Center for Children and feel this is a good fit for your organization and that you will implement this program effectively. I also appreciate the added value that your partnership with the Paso del Norte Children's Development Center will bring by allowing you to serve families with children who have special needs. We hope your request for funding from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is successful.

Sincerely,