

*Trini Lopez*  
Mayor

*Sergio Cox*  
At Large

*Jesus S. Hernandez*  
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



*Tommy A. Faulkner*  
District 2

*Jose Hernandez Jr.*  
District 3

*Jesus Gandara Jr.*  
District 4

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

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**THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE  
PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE, REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION  
FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE, 48 HOURS PRIOR TO  
THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915)  
858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, THE 7<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF JANUARY, 2010, 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:**  
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- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**
- 3. Establishment of Quorum**
- 4. Open Forum**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 5. City Manager's Monthly Report.** *Lorenza Fraire*
  - *Grants*
  - *Accounting: Budget & Expenses, Adjustments*
  - *Purchasing of items \*\*\*\*\**
  - *Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony*
  - *Revenues*
- 6. Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a Public Hearing on an Ordinance Updating the City of Socorro, Texas' Organizational Chart.** *Tommy A. Faulkner*  
*(Tabled meeting of 11/19/09 & 11/05/09). \*\*\*\*\**
- 7. Discussion and action on City of Socorro sending a letter of concern for trash on Middle Drain ditch and for the city to provide an update on status of cleanup in a month.** *Jesus Gandara Jr.*  
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8. **Discussion and action** on status of pending ordinances that have been placed in moratoriums in the past 18 months. \*\*\*\*\*

**Jesus Gandara Jr.**

9. **Discussion and action** on status and timeline for complete implementation of Volunteer Handicap Parking Enforcement Ordinance. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Jesus Gandara Jr.**

10. **Discussion and action** on brush control on Right-of-way of Middle Drain, between Tanton Rd. and Nooch Rd. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Jesus Gandara Jr.**

11. **Discussion and action** on fixing a pothole located on Welletka between Chisolm Trail Dr. and Middle Drain Rd. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Jesus Gandara Jr.**

12. **Discussion and action** on approval for clean up in District No. 2. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Tommy A. Faulkner**

13. **Discussion and action** on status of signs and banners that were supposed to be put up on all entrances to the City Limits of the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Tommy A. Faulkner**

14. **Discussion and action** on the clean up of Belen Park and why it has not been done as per City Council's directive. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Tommy A. Faulkner**

15. **Discussion and action** on approval of the 2009 Building Codes, 2009 Mechanical Codes, 2008 NEC, 2009 Plumbing Codes, 2009 Codes Sets, 2009 Energy Conservation Codes, 2009 Fire Codes, 2009 Fuel Gas Codes, 2009 Residential Codes, and 2009 International Codes. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Sam Leony**

16. **Excuse** absent Council Members. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Gina Rodriguez**

17. **Discussion and action** on the possibility of leasing the 6 acre farm land located at Buford Rd. and Rio Vista Rd. on either a one (1) or two (2) year agreement as a source of income revenue. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Sergio Cox**

18. **Discussion and action** on the status of vacancies and failures to attend on the commissions. Vacancies and no shows on the Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustments, and Civil Service Commission. The intent is to allow Council to appoint qualified individuals when other council members fail or refuse to do so as required by Charter. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Sergio Cox**

19. **Discussion and action** on amending the City of Socorro's Purchasing Policy. \*\*\*\* \*  
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**Lorenza Fraire**

20. **Discussion and action** on challenging Council's decision of hiring Lorenza Fraire for employment with the City of Socorro on 3 to 2 votes in violation of the Socorro City Charter. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
21. **Discussion and action** to fire Lorenza Fraire, as City Manager, approved by Sergio Cox, Tommy A. Faulkner, and Jose Hernandez Jr. at previous council meeting due to incompetency and for insubordination. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
22. **Discussion and action** to set salary for Interim City Manager not to exceed \$45,000 per year based on experience as a city manager (No resume presented). \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
23. **Discussion and action** to approve overlay-repair Favila, Bovee Rd., and Old Hueco Rd. to benefit El Paso Community College (EPCC) Campus students. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
24. **Discussion and action** to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Day Parade in November using \$2,000 dollars from the Tourism account for expenditures of food, refreshments, and to accept the offer of including the Clydesdales -Wagon. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
25. **Presentation** by J. Terliky / Lt. Arreola regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Parade. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
26. **Discussion and action** on agenda policy preventing City Manager from ordering the City Secretary to not inform the public of a canceled meeting. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Jesus Gandara Jr.*
27. **Discussion and action** on approval of Administrative Cost Agreement between the Rio Grande Council of Governments and the City of Socorro, Texas for \$2,248.00 FY2010 and \$2,211.00 FY2011 for Administrative Cost of Water Plan. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*
28. **Discussion and Action** on appointment of *Mayor Pro Tem* for the duration of current council term. (This becoming necessary due to current *Mayor Pro Tem* currently incapacitated.) \*\*\*\* \*  
*Sergio Cox*
29. **Discussion and action** on establishing the City of Socorro Holiday Schedule for 2010. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Gina Rodriguez*
30. **Discussion and action** regarding the run off of water from the unincorporated areas of El Paso County onto the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Lorenza Fraire*
31. **Discussion and action** to analyze the complete report of finance and administrative activities of our City as per the end of the fiscal year 2008-2009 as per Section 4.02 of the City of Socorro, Texas Charter-Duties of the City Manager. \*\*\*\* \*  
*Mayor Lopez*

**32. Discussion and action** on approval to appoint *Diana Marroquin* to act as *Labor Standards Officer for Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)- Texas Community Development Block Program (TxCDBG) Contract #729761* for the reconstruction of Donna Marie St. in the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

**33. Discussion and action** on approval to appoint a *Review Committee and its members* in order to establish criteria and/or evaluation factors to be used for the selection and rating of competing respondents for Professional Service Contract(s), Construction Contract(s), and/or Materials Contract(s) if applicable, funded through Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)- Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) Contract #729761 for the reconstruction of Donna Marie St. for the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

**34. Discussion and action** on approval to have *Lorenza Fraire, Diana Marroquin, and Marisela Johnson*, attend the Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs (TDHCA) *1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Income Eligibility Training* to be held on *January 7, 2010 in Austin, Texas.* \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

**35. Discussion and action** on approval to award the *Request for Proposals (RFP's)* for Health Insurance Coverage for the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Cindy Capanna**

**36. Discussion and action** on approval to extend the moratorium on Ordinance 170, An Ordinance establishing truck routes with the municipal limits of the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Sam Leony**

**37. Discussion and action** on approval to extend the moratorium on Ordinance 77 relating to subdivision plat approvals. \*\*\*\*\*

**Sam Leony**

**38. Discussion and action** on approval to implement a 3% COLA increase, as permissible, for employees not included in the Police Department salary increase approved by City Council on 11/19/09. \*\*\*\*\*

**Sergio Cox**

**39. Discussion and action** on approval of the *Account Temps contract.* \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

**40. Discussion and action** on approval of proposed roads for reconstruction for the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Sam Leony**

**41. Discussion and action** on approval to direct the City Manager to patch Socorro streets with hot mix. \*\*\*\*\*

**Mayor Lopez**

**42. Discussion and action** on citizen concerns in reference to ambulance services in the City of Socorro, Texas. \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

**43. Discussion and action** on approval to award the Request for Qualification (RFQ) in order to analyze the soundness of the Recycling Center Canopy. \*\*\*\*\*

**Lorenza Fraire**

- 44. Discussion and action** on approval to award the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the Stockyard Overpass/Sparks Arroyo Projects. \*\*\*\*\* **Lorenza Fraire**

\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 10/15/09  
\*\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 11/05/09  
\*\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 11/19/09  
\*\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 12/10/09  
\*\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 12/14/09 due to no quorum  
\*\*\*\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 12/16/09 due to no quorum

- 45. Discussion and action** on the Statement of Intent to increase utility rates effective 2010 within the El Paso Service Areas which includes the Cities of El Paso and Socorro; the Towns of Clint, Anthony, and Horizon City; and the Village of Vinton, Texas. **Lorenza Fraire**

- 46. Discussion and action** on approval of the Texas Gas Service Company's proposed rate change increased filed on December 3, 2009 for the City of Socorro, Texas. **Mayor Trini Lopez**

- 47. Discussion and action** on the El Paso Electric Company's Notice of Petition to change rates, reconcile fuel costs, establish formula-based fuel factors, implement energy efficiency cost recovery factor, and for related relief. **Lorenza Fraire**

- 48. Discussion and action** on approval to authorize for the submittal of a letter of support from the City of Socorro, Texas to TX A&M Colonia Program for the submittal of a grant application. **Mayor Trini Lopez**

*The following items are added to the Agenda for the meeting of January 7, 2010*

**ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 49. Discussion and action** on approval of ratification on designating January 1, 2010 as one of the holidays for on the 2010 Holiday Schedule. **Lorenza Fraire**
- 50. Discussion and action** on approval for the City Council to order an investigation on the Mayor's misconduct for interference with Administration as per City Charter Section 3.11 and 3.10. **Lorenza Fraire**
- 51. Discussion and action** on approval of proposed amendment to Ordinance 76, Amendment 1A, Section 14, related to keeping of large animals within the City of Socorro, Texas. **Sam Leony**
- 52. Discussion and action** on approval of proposed amendment to Ordinance 106, amendment No. 3, entitled an Ordinance regulating street vendors within the City limits of the City of Socorro, Texas. **Sam Leony**
- 53. Discussion and action** on approval of proposed amendment to Ordinance 170, entitled, Ordinance establishing truck routes within the Municipal Limits of the City of Socorro, Texas. **Sam Leony**

- 54. Discussion and action** on approval of budget amendment to implement a 3% COLA increase for all non-uniformed city employees of the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Sergio Cox*
- 55. Discussion and action** on approval to amend the budget to establish and create a paid Fire Department for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Mayor Trini Lopez*
- 56. Discussion and action** on approval of the signs to be placed at all entrances to the City Limits of the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*
- 57. Discussion and action** on approval to have *Lorenza Fraire, Diana Marroquin, and Marisela Johnson*, attend the Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs (TDHCA) 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Income Eligibility Training to be held on February 4, 2010 in Austin, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*
- 58. Discussion and action** on approval to have *Lorenza Fraire, Interim City Manager*, attend the 2010 William "King" Cole Effective Local Government Series Session I to be held on January 28-29, 2010 in Austin, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*
- 59. Discussion and action** on approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the Shared Services Purchasing initiative with the City of El Paso, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*
- 60. Discussion and action** on approval to amend Ordinance 131-3, An Ordinance entitled, Historic Landmark Preservation for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Sergio Cox*
- 61. Discussion and action** on the opening of the bids for the Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for 10,500 tons Hot Mix Asphalt Concrete (HMAC) specified by the Texas Department of Transportation-Type D, and 7,467 gallons of Tac Oil Emulsion, and 721 tons of Type A Grade III base material for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*
- 62. Discussion and action** on approval to award the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Internal Audit Services for the City of Socorro, Texas.  
*Lorenza Fraire*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The City Council will retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 – 551.076 to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but Council may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION 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 DEVICES

**Discussion on the following:**

**63. Discussion** on qualifications of individuals for employment and for appointment to Boards & Commissions, job performance of employees, and receive legal advice from City Attorney regarding legal issues affecting these matters. \*\*\*\*\*  
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**Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.**

**64. Discussion** with City Attorney and receive legal advice regarding threatened or potential litigation with respect to public works projects and purchasing contracts.  
(Tabled meeting 11/19/09). \*\*\*\*\*  
**Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.**

**65. Discussion** with respect to pending and threatened lawsuits and legal claims.  
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**Tommy A. Faulkner**

**Open Session:**

**66. Discussion and action** to engage and instruct legal counsel with respect to pending lawsuits and legal claims. \*\*\*\*\*  
**Tommy A. Faulkner**

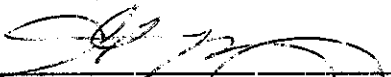
**67. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 4<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.**

By:   
**Georgina Rodriguez, 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.**

By:   
**Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk**

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