

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 19TH, DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009, 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**

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 5. *Public Hearing* on Ordinance 271, Amendment No. 1. An ordinance amending Ordinance 271 regarding the budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2009 and ending on September 30, 2010, for the City of Socorro, Texas.**

Mayor Lopez

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 6. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting minutes of 09/17/09 and 10/01/09**

Olivia Navarro

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 7. *Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a Public Hearing* on an Ordinance Updating the City of Socorro, Texas' Organizational Chart. ***Tommy A. Faulkner*** (Tabled during meeting of 11/05/09).**

8. **City Manager's Monthly Report. *******
 - **Update on Master Plan**
 - **Accounting**
 - **Grants**

Lorenza Fraire

9. **Approval of Special Council meeting minutes of 09/10/09, 08/28/09 and 08/24/09.**

Gina Rodriguez

10. **Approval of Regular Council Meeting minutes of 08/20/09 and 09/03/09. *******
(This item was tabled during the meeting of 10/15/09 & 10/01/09). **Olivia Navarro**

11. **Discussion and action to hold the Quarterly TML Regional meeting in Socorro, Texas. ** *** ***** *******

Mayor Lopez

12. **Discussion and action on approval to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the El Paso County on behalf of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of deploying the Crime Records Information Management Enterprise System. ** *****

Chief Jaime Avalos

13. **Discussion and action on approval to change the Socorro Police Department Badge from the current design to a new design which includes the Socorro Mission. ** *****
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Chief Jaime Avalos

14. **Discussion and action on approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Socorro, Texas and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for assistance in engaging in complex or lengthy investigations. ** *** ***** *******

Chief Jaime Avalos

15. **Discussion and action on approval to convert the old Fire House 341 Moon Rd. into a Community Recreational Center. ** *** *******

Tommy Faulkner

16. **Discussion and action on complete report from baseball league program using Rio Vista Park under Mr. R Moreno Moreno to include number of participants/financial/insurance, etc. ** *** ***** *******

Mayor Lopez

17. **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.

18. **Discussion and action on status of pending ordinances that have been placed in moratoriums in the past 18 months. **** *******

Jesus Gandara Jr.

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

20. **Discussion and action on brush control on Right-of-way of Middle Drain, between Tanton Rd. and Nooch Rd. **** *******

Jesus Gandara Jr.

21. **Discussion and action** on fixing a pothole located on Welletka between Chisolm Trail Dr. and Middle Drain Rd. **** *****
Jesus Gandara Jr.
22. **Discussion and action** on approval for clean up in District No. 2. **** *****
Tommy A. Faulkner
23. **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. **** *****
Tommy A. Faulkner
24. **Discussion and action** on the clean up of Belen Park and why it has not been done as per City Council's directive. **** *****
Tommy A. Faulkner
25. **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. **** *****
Sam Leony
26. **Excuse** absent Council Members. **** *****
Gina Rodriguez
27. **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. **** *****
Sergio Cox
28. **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. **** *****
Sergio Cox
29. **Discussion and action** on amending the City of Socorro's Purchasing Policy. **** *****
Lorenza Fraire
30. **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
31. **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
32. **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
33. **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**
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34. **Discussion and action** to approve the 2nd 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
35. **Presentation** by J. Terliky / Lt. Arreola regarding the 2nd Thanksgiving Parade. ****

Mayor Lopez
36. **Discussion and action** on approval to advertise for *Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's)* for Health Insurance Coverage for the City of Socorro, Texas. **** *****
Lorenza Fraire
37. **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.
38. **Discussion and action** to approve to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the Lower Valley Water District providing for installation o wastewater facilities in the City of Socorro, Texas. *****
Sergio Cox
39. **Discussion and action** on approval to advertise and solicit for competitive bids for the purchase of asphalt and road building materials. *****
Lorenza Fraire
40. **Discussion and action** on approval for *Gina Rodriguez/City Clerk* to attend the *Texas Municipal Clerks Association* to be held on 01/11/10-01/13/10 in Irving, Texas.

Gina Rodriguez
41. **Discussion and action** on approval of *Conditional Use Permit* for *Tract 17, Block 9, Socorro Grant*. *****
Sam Leony
42. **Discussion and action** on approval to authorize the City Attorney to employ a consultant to assist in preparation of data necessary for Voting Rights Preclearance of Annexation and preparation of election districting plan to incorporate the Annexation area into the City of Socorro, Texas. ***** **Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.**
43. **Discussion and action** on approval for *Acting Lieutenant Jose Alvarez* to attend an *Internal Affairs Seminar from 11/30/09-12/04/09 in Las Vegas, NV*. *****
Captain Avalos
44. **Discussion and action** on approval for *Chief Jaime Avalos* to attend a *Research Grant Writing Seminar for law enforcement from 12/07/09-12/10/09 in Las Vegas, NV*. *****
Captain Avalos
45. **Discussion and action** on approval of temporary appointment of city employee, *Yesenia Verduzco to Property Evidence Custodian* from her current Police Dispatch position as per *Civil Service Ordinance 186*. *****
Captain Avalos

46. Discussion and Action on approval to have *Lorenza Fraire, Diana Marroquin, and Marisela Johnson*, attend the Texas Department of Housing Community Affairs (TDHCA) *1st Thursday Income Eligibility Training* to be held on *December 3, 2009 in Austin, Texas.* *****
Lorenza Fraire

47. Discussion and action on approval to *Reconsider the approval of October 15, 2009 to pay for the salaries and wages of the City of Socorro Police Department and approval of the budget amendments necessary to implement raises.* *****
Lorenza Fraire

48. Discussion and action on approval to pay for the salaries and wages of the City of Socorro Police Department and approval of the budget amendments necessary to implement raises *****
Lorenza Fraire

49. Discussion and action on approval to submit a *grant application for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant* through the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to include all necessary documentation along with the Resolution required for the program. *****
Lorenza Fraire

50. 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

*Represents items not taken up at meeting of 09/17/09
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***Represents items not taken up at meeting of 10/08/09
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51. Second Reading and Adoption on Ordinance 271, Amendment No. 1. An ordinance amending Ordinance 271 regarding the budget for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2009 and ending on September 30, 2010, for the City of Socorro, Texas.
Mayor Lopez

52. 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

53. Discussion and action on approval of a *wage adjustment* for the *current Interim/Acting Municipal Court Clerk.*
Sergio Cox

54. Discussion and action to establish the day and time of the Regular Council Meeting for December 2009 as per Charter Section 3.07 (A).
Gina Rodriguez

55. Discussion and action on establishing the City of Socorro Holiday Schedule for 2010.
Gina Rodriguez

The following items are added to the Agenda for the meeting of November 19, 2009

ADDENDUM TO THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 56. Discussion and action** on approval for the proposed rezoning of Tract 3C, Block 12, Socorro Grant, from C-2, General Commercial for a Dance Club. **Sam Leony**

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:

- 57. 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**

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:

- 58. 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.
Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.

- 59. Discussion** with City Attorney and receive legal advice regarding threatened or potential litigation with respect to public works projects and purchasing contracts.
Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.

- 60. Discussion** regarding potential litigation and claims for payment associated with roadway and street construction materials previously delivered to the City of Socorro.
Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.

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

Open Session:

- 62. Discussion and action** to approve payment for roadway and street construction materials and services previously delivered to the City of Socorro.
Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.

- 63. Discussion and action** to ratify and approve publication of notice to receive bids for roadway and street construction materials and services
Blanco, Ordonez, & Wallace, P.C.

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

65. Adjourn

DATED THIS 16TH, DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

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 16TH, DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

By: 

Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk

Agenda posted: 11/16/09 Ah @ 5:25P
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