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Mayor

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Jesus S. Hernandez
District 1



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District 2

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District 3

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District 4/Mayor Pro Tem

**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 16TH DAY OF JULY, 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:**

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence**
- 3. Establishment of Quorum**
- 4. Open Forum**

PRESENTATION:

- 5. *Presentation* from the Valley Ridge Association Bianca Meyers and Eugene Trujillo regarding the Valley Ridge seepage issue. ****
Sergio Cox

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 6. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting minutes of 06/02/09 and 06/18/09.****
Olivia Navarro

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 7. *City Manager's* monthly report.**
 - *2009 Preliminary Values***
 - *Park & Ride Lease*****(As per meeting of 02/07/08) ****

Manny Soto

8. **Discussion and action** on approval to *enter into a contract for Engineering Services* for the City of Socorro, Texas. *
Sam Leony
9. **Discussion and action** on the status of hiring and in-house Grant Writer.* **
Tommy A. Faulkner
10. **Discussion and action** on the *Interim City Manager's Contract* with the City of Socorro, Texas as per City Charter Section 4.01.* **
Tommy A. Faulkner
11. **Discussion and action** on approval to permanently remove the rear entrance door into the Mayor's Office due to security reasons since all visitors are now required to use the administration's Building front door as per Council approval of May 21, 2009. * **
Tommy A. Faulkner
12. **Discussion and action** on creating a policy for the use of the City of Socorro's Administration vehicle by Mayor and Council. * **
Tommy A. Faulkner
13. **Discussion and action** on approval to return the unauthorized used Drum Roller purchase and to have it replaced with a new Drum Roller. * **
Tommy A. Faulkner
14. **Discussion and action** on approval of *Ratification* to submit a grant application to IDHCA for the Weatherization Assistance Program. * **
Mayor Lopez
15. **Discussion and action** on approval to change the signatories for the City of Socorro, Texas. **
Sergio Cox
16. **Discussion and action** on the trip expenditures of the Mayor and one City Council Representative to the Socorro High School Baseball Finals in Midland and Round Rock, Texas. **
Sergio Cox
17. **Discussion and action** on approval to appoint *Rudy Cruz* to the *Board of Adjustments*. **
Sergio Cox
18. **Swearing In** of newly appointed Commission/Board members. **
Sergio Cox
19. **Discussion and action** on approval to employ a *Temporary Grant Writer* on a part-time basis for the City of Socorro, Texas.
Manny Soto
20. **Discussion and action** on Approval to *change the Historical Landmark Commission meeting* day from every second Wednesday, to every third Monday of each month. **
Sam Leony
21. **Discussion and action** on approval to *waive fees* for the *Church Bazaar for La Purisima Catholic Church* at 328 S. Nevarez on September 25, 26 and 27, 2009 by Deacon William Reyes. **
Sam Leony
22. **Discussion and action** on the request from the Civil Service Commission for security services.**
Olivia Navarro

23. **Excuse** Absent Council members. ** **Gina Rodriguez**
24. **Discussion and action** on the status and plans for the arroyo situation at Thunder Road and Rio Vista. ** **Sergio Cox**
25. **Discussion and action** on the intent of the Interim City Manager and the Mayor to request to raise taxes and seek a new 5 million dollar Certificates of Obligation Loan for the budget fiscal year of 2009-2010. ** **Sergio Cox**
26. **Discussion and action** on approval to *remove Planning and Zoning Commissioner Joseph Vidales* and appoint a new Commissioner. ** **Sam Leony**
27. **Discussion and action** on approval of *Certificate of Appropriateness* on the design of the ballroom entrance on Socorro, Rd for *El Campanario at 649 Apodaca*. By Cisco Homes. ** **Sam Leony**
28. **Discussion and action** to pass a *Resolution to disapprove* the El Paso Central Appraisal District's FY 2009-2010 budget. **Mayor Lopez**
29. **Discussion and action** to approve the use of Cougar Park by Universal Radio and Jose Luis Garcia for a "Dia de Campo, a Community Affair Event" on July 15, 2009. **Mayor Lopez**
30. **Discussion and action** on approval to name the Buford Property located at 316 Buford Rd., "Socorro High School Bull Dogs Champions 2009 Park". **Mayor Lopez**
31. **Discussion and action** on approval to overlay Bovee Rd. and Yamaha. **Mayor Lopez**
32. **Discussion and action** on approval of a *Resolution* that the City of Socorro, Texas supports and approves working toward facilitating shared services within the County of El Paso, Texas. **Manny Soto**
33. **Discussion and action** on the approval of the request for *Certificate of Appropriateness* on the design of the *rockwall* on Socorro Rd for Maranatha Church at 11721 Socorro Rd by Gilbert Guerra. **Sam Leony**

* Represents item not taken up at meeting of 06/18/09.

** Represents item not taken up at meeting of 07/02/09 due to no quorum

The following items are added to the Regular Agenda for the meeting of July 16, 2009

ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA

34. **Discussion and action** on approval to appoint *Martha Trujillo* to both the *Historical Landmark Commission* and the *Museum Commission* for the City of Socorro, Texas. **Sergio Cox**
35. **Discussion and action** regarding *Certificates of Obligations*. **Manny Soto**

36. **Discussion and action** on approval of *Ratification* on submittal of an application to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership 2009 for funding for bulletproof vests for the Socorro Police Department. *Interim Chief Jaime Avalos*

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:

37. **Discussion** on the acquisition of real estate property. **
Blanco, Ordonez and Wallace, P.C.
38. Consult with City Attorney and receive legal advice regarding legal issues and potential liability associated with redistricting and voting rights requirements and responsibilities of City Council. *Blanco, Ordonez and Wallace, P.C.*

Open Session:

39. **Discussion and action** on the acquisition of real estate property. **
Blanco, Ordonez and Wallace, P.C.
40. **Receive report** from City Attorney and take necessary action with respect to redistricting, and voting rights preclearance of Annexation and redistricting in preparation for municipal elections. *Blanco, Ordonez and Wallace, P.C.*

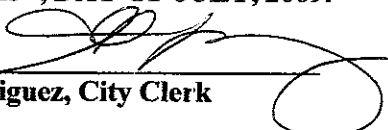
Adjourn

DATED THIS 13th, DAY OF JULY, 2009.

By: 
Gina 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 13th, DAY OF JULY, 2009.

By: 
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Agenda posted: 7/13/09 @ 7:45pm 