

*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 15<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF OCTOBER, 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**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 5. *Approval* of Special Council meeting minutes of 09/10/09, 08/28/09 and 08/24/09.  
(This item was tabled during the meeting of 10/01/09 & 09/17/09). **Gina Rodriguez****
- 6. *Approval* of Regular Council Meeting minutes of 08/20/09 and 09/03/09.  
(This item was tabled during the meeting of 10/01/09). **Olivia Navarro****
- 7. *Discussion and action* on approval of proposed rezoning of Block 2, Tract 12C,  
Socorro Grant, from R-1 Single Family Residential for a tire repair shop.  
(This item was tabled during the meeting of 10/01/09). **Sam Leony****
- 8. *Discussion and action* on approval to solicit Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) for  
Engineering Services for Stockyard Drainage Construction. **Lorenza Fraire**  
(This item was tabled during the meeting of 10/01/09).**

9. **Discussion and action** amending Ordinance 76, dealing with small animal control in the City of Socorro (dogs, cats, etc.). Requesting that the Planning and Zoning Commission include this issue in their review and revisions of ordinances. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Sergio Cox**
10. **Discussion and action** on relocating the Mayor's Office from its current location to the former Mayor's office location. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Sergio Cox**
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 of *contract* with *Lorenza Fraire* for the *Interim City Manager position*. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Sergio Cox**
14. **Discussion and action** on approval to *Reconsider the approval of the Comprehensive Master Plan for scope of work in cost estimate by Sites Southwest, Inc.* during the Special Council meeting held September 17, 2009. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Sergio Cox**
15. **Discussion and action** for approval of *Comprehensive Master Plan* for scope of work in cost estimate by *Sites Southwest, Inc.* \*\* \*\*\*  
**Sergio Cox**
16. **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. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Chief Jaime Avalos**
17. **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**
18. **Discussion and action** on approval to convert the old Fire House 341 Moon Rd. into a Community Recreational Center. \*\* \*\*\*  
**Tommy Faulkner**
19. **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**
20. **Discussion and action** on approval to adopt a *policy* regarding receipt, delivery, and *filing of documents and records*. \*\*\*  
**Lorenza Fraire**
21. **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.**

- 22. Discussion and action** on status of pending ordinances that have been placed in moratoriums in the past 18 months. *Jesus Gandara Jr.*
- 23. Discussion and action** on status and timeline for complete implementation of Volunteer Handicap Parking Enforcement Ordinance. *Jesus Gandara Jr.*
- 24. Discussion and action** on brush control on Right-of-way of Middle Drain, between Tanton Rd. and Nooch Rd. *Jesus Gandara Jr.*
- 25. Discussion and action** on fixing a pothole located on Welletka between Chisolm Trail Dr. and Middle Drain Rd. *Jesus Gandara Jr.*
- 26. Discussion and action** on Code Enforcement on Chisolm Trail Dr. *Jesus Gandara Jr.*
- 27. Discussion and action** on approval for clean up on District No. 2. *Tommy A. Faulkner*
- 28. 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*
- 29. 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*
- 30. Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a Public Hearing** on an Ordinance Updating the City of Socorro, Texas' Organizational Chart. *Tommy A. Faulkner*
- 31. 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*
- 32. Excuse** absent Council Members. *Gina Rodriguez*

\*Represents items not taken up at meeting of 09/17/09  
\*\* Represents items not taken up at meeting of 10/01/09  
\*\*\*Represents items not taken up at meeting of 10/08/09

*The following items are added to the Regular Agenda for the meeting of October 15, 2009*

**ADDENDUM TO THE REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 33. 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*

- 34. 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**
- 35. Discussion and action** on approval to conduct an internal audit for the City of Socorro, Texas. **Lorenza Fraire**
- 36. Discussion and action** on amending the City of Socorro's Purchasing Policy. **Lorenza Fraire**
- 37. 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**
- 38. 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**
- 39. 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**
- 40. 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**
- 41. 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**

**ADDENDUM PRESENTATION:**

- 42. Presentation** by J. Terliky / Lt. Arreola regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thanksgiving Parade. **Mayor Lopez**
- 43. 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**
- 44. 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.**
- 45. Discussion and action** to amend and approve pay increases for the salaries and wages of the City of Socorro Police Department and approve budget amendments necessary to implement raises. **Jesus Gandara Jr.**

**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

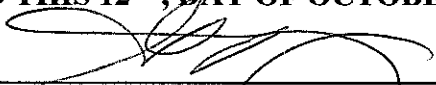
***Discussion on the following:***

**46. 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.***

**47. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.**

By:   
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**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 12<sup>TH</sup>, DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.**

By:   
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**Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 10/12/09 @ 5:30pm  
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