RESOLUTION No. 14-06-16

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINSTRATION TO: RECEIVE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SEC) AND INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING THAT PORTION OF SEC SERVING THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

WHEREAS, the franchise authorizing SEC's use, rental and occupancy of the City of Socorro rights-of-way has expired; and

WHEREAS, the City has been inundated with constituent complaints regarding SEC's rates and service quality; and

WHEREAS, SEC has been completely unresponsive to constituent complaints regarding SEC rates and service quality; and

WHEREAS, SEC's rates and poor service quality have been an impediment to growth and economic development in the City; and

WHEREAS, SEC has been unable to assemble a quorum of its membership in over two years in order to conduct routine business; and

WHEREAS, SEC's bylaws, Board composition and inability to assemble a quorum have contributed to SEC's rate and service quality issues and its ability to be responsive to the City and its constituents; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to receive complaints concerning SEC and investigate the feasibility of acquiring that portion of SEC serving the City of Socorro.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO:

1. It is in the public interest to: receive complaints concerning SEC and to thoroughly investigate the feasibility of acquiring that portion of SEC serving the City of Socorro.

2. The City Administration is directed to designate a City location which shall receive any constituent complaints regarding SEC.

3. The City Administration is directed to investigate the feasibility of acquiring that portion of SEC serving the City of Socorro including in particular:

    a. The prerequisites to any municipal acquisition of a utility system and the necessity for an election on the issue;
    b. Available funding sources for such acquisition;
    c. The service territory to be served and the assets that would have to be acquired to accomplish that service;
    d. The City's authority to acquire such assets via eminent domain; and
    e. The value of the SEC assets to be acquired.

4. The City Administration is also authorized to evaluate/explore the possibility of having another franchise become the provider of services for the entire SEC service area.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 16th day of June, 2014.

Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pat Salome, City Clerk