

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Rudy Cruz
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Chief David Burton
Officer Sofia Rivera
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Louie Chavez, Parks and Public Works Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Adriana Rodarte.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment

PRESENTATION

5. **PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING NOVEMBER 2021 MONTHLY REPORT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2021, REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2021, SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021, REGULAR MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2021.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2021 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2021 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2021 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **CHARLES CASIANO**
11. **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF TRACTS 4C1 AND 4C1L, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL); AND TRACTS 2A AND 3B1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL); AND TRACT 9A2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).** **CARLOS GALLINAR**
12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SEC. 46-414) TO ALLOW A TIRE SHOP IN A C-2 ZONING DISTRICT-HISTORICAL AND A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED FRONT SETBACK AT 10109 SOCORRO RD, LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 3, ALGODON SUBDIVISION.**

CARLOS GALLINAR

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (SEC. 46-414) TO ALLOW A TIRE SHOP IN A C-2 ZONING DISTRICT-HISTORICAL AND A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED FRONT SETBACK AT 10109 SOCORRO RD, LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLOCK 3, ALGODON SUBDIVISION.**

CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Oscar Gaytan, owner of the property spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 659 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION'S FY 2022 BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM. THERE IS A 25% MATCH REQUIREMENT.** **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND UPDATE ON DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION (DEC) INVOICING ON TXDOT AND EPMPO PROJECTS. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve for discussion*.

Nick Bokaie, PE Chief Operating Officer of Dannenbaum Engineering spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *continue projects and do a performance evaluation to realign financially with TxDot*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF 2 FULLY EQUIPPED PATROL VEHICLES AND 2 FULLY EQUIPPED K-9 VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:09 pm

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN FORTY BODY WORN CAMERAS AND IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDERS. CHIEF DAVID BURTON

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 7:11 pm

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE BOVEE BRIDGE PROJECT, RIO VISTA PROJECT AND PASSMORE SHARED USE PATH PROJECT. CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 660 FOR THE SUBDIVISION REPLAT FOR ATHENA WEST REPLAT F, BEING AL OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, ATHENA WEST SUBDIVISION REPLAT F, LOCATED ON NORTH LOOP ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS. CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2022; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE SALE AND DELIVERY OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:45 pm

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 661 FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF WALTER MILLER TO SERVE AS OUR APPOINTEE TO THE EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021/2022 TERM. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:47 pm

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING ENGAGING WITH SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AUDITING FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS DISTRICT 1, CESAR NEVAREZ, DISTRICT 2, ALEJANDRO GARCIA AND DISTRICT 3, RUDY CRUZ JR. TO ATTEND THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL WORKSHOP IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON JANUARY 21, 2021. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL THE 2009 TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONS SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SIGNS DUE TO AGE AND DAMAGE. ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-five (25) and bring back to council with a cost and design.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING SISD STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION AT EVERY COUNCIL MEETING TO RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTION. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPOINT DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE, RUDY CRUZ JR. TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SOCORRO AS A MEMBER OF THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) SERVING ON THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twenty-seven (27).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Absent:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:32

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY INCENTIVES FOR PROJECT GOLDEN TREE. [551.087]

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

31. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:33 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



January 20, 2022

Date minutes were approved