

*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  
JANUARY 20, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Cesar Nevarez  
Alejandro Garcia  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Bruce Koehler, City Attorney  
Carlos Gallinar, City Planner  
  
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader  
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director  
Carlos Gallinar, City Planner  
Louie Chavez, Parks and Public Works Director  
Officer Barraza  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Anthony Side, IT Tech  
Lt. C. Rey  
Sgt. J Muñoz  
Cpl. M Benavidez  
Julie Franco, City Auditor  
Alejandra Valadez, Grants Department  
Juan De Villar, City Mechanic

**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 Delilah Villanueva, Aylin Dominguez and David Olvera from Robert R. Rojas Elementary School.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Miriam Cruz, Oscar Gaytan, Lt. Christopher Rey and Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz

**PRESENTATION**

**5. MEMORIAL FOR THE PASSING OF CITY COMMISSIONER JORGE G. DOMINGUEZ. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Adriana Rodarte read a statement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2021 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2022. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, VALLE SERENO; TRACT 25A, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACTS 24B1, 25B3, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACT 25A1A, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL); AND A VARIANCE OF THE FRONT YARD SETBACK TO ALLOW FOR A 10' SETBACK; AND A VARIANCE OF THE REAR YARD SETBACK TO ALLOW FOR A 15' SETBACK; WITH CONDITIONS TO LIMIT THE DENSITY TO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES AND PROVIDE 20' DRIVEWAYS. *CARLOS GALLINAR***

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**  
**ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. ***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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:20 pm  
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:22 pm

10. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

11. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, VALLE SERENO; TRACT 25A, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACTS 24B1, 25B3, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACT 25A1, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL).*** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, VALLE SERENO; TRACT 25A, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACTS 24B1, 25B3, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACT 25A1, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). *CARLOS GALLINAR***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items eleven (11) and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 310 DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, DECLARING ORDINANCE NUMBER 310 VOID, AND CONFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 324 DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

Public Hearing opened at 6:40 pm  
Miriam Cruz spoke on this item

The honorable County Commissioner Ileana Holguin was acknowledged during this time.

Public Hearing closed at 6:42 pm

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 310 DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER ONE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, DECLARING ORDINANCE NUMBER 310 VOID, AND CONFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 324 DESIGNATING TRANSPORTATION REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER TWO FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

Alejandro Garcia stepped out at 6:44 pm

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item

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

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:46 pm

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### **15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATED QUOTES FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BODY WORN CAMERAS AND IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERAS (WITH WIRELESS TRANSFER CAPABILITY ADDED).**

**CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

### **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

#### **16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 664 FOR FINAL PLAT FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT 1 BEING ALL OF TRACTS 7 AND 13, AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS. CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16) with the recommendations; that easement agreement is executed prior to recording the Plat and that performance Bond is executed prior to recording of the plat*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting a 6:56 pm

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item

Adam Duerr joined the meeting virtually and was available to answer any questions.

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

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 6:57 pm

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 665 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUEST BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 1B, 1B1, 1C, 1C1, 1D, 1D3, 1H, 2A, 2C1, 4A2B, 4B1, 4B2, 4C, 6A, 6B, AND 6C, BLOCK 5 SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item seventeen (17) with a variance to allow for lots smaller than 6,000 square feet.* Motion passed.

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

**CITY MANAGER**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MUELLER, INC FOR THE PURCHASE OF MECHANIC SHOP HUT IN THE AMOUNT OF 49,995.00.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz spoke on this item.

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

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II OF SIDEWALKS.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Mr. Cesar Nevarez, District 1 Representative disclosed that he had nothing to do with the selection, since 90% of it is in his neighborhood. He recommends that they split be even within all districts.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve.*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve equally in the districts and to go out for BID for construction and design.* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *allow Miriam Cruz to speak for item number seventeen (17) for one minute and a half.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 665 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUEST BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 1B, 1B1, 1C, 1C1, 1D, 1D3, 1H, 2A, 2C1, 4A2B, 4B1, 4B2, 4C, 6A, 6B, AND 6C, BLOCK 5 SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

**CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item seventeen (17) with a variance to allow for lots smaller than 6,000 square feet.* Motion passed.

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

Nays: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Abstain:

**20. DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND UPDATE ON DANNENBAUM ENGINEERING CORPORATION (DEC) INVOICING.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Nick Bokaie, Engineer and Michel Maksoud, President of Dannenbaum Engineering spoke on this item.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 8:10 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 8:13 pm

Cesar Nevarez out of the meeting at 8:17 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped back into the meeting at 8:20 pm

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move into executive session to consult with the attorney.* Motion passed

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

Nays:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:34 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 9:02 PM**

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *give notice as set forth under agreement and suspend work authorizations 3 and 8 until pending discussions with Dannenbaum Engineering.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INAUGURAL CITY OF SOCORRO SOFTBALL LEAGUE. APPROVAL WOULD ALLOW THE USE OF COUGAR PARK AND OTHER CITY PARKS AS NEEDED. AN AGREEABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY IS NEEDED TO JUMP START THE LEAGUE FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADES, ADVERTISING AND OTHER COSTS. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA***

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

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve \$5,000.00 and direct staff to look for grants.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE START OF A YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUE IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:



**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INCREASE OF 3% COST OF LIVING (COLA) FOR ALL STAFF. ALEJANDRO GARCIA**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes *to approve.*

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve 3% (COLA) for all employees to include contractual employees to be effective January 23, 2022.* Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz and Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Absent:

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO INVESTIGATE INCREASING LIGHTING IN SOCORRO NEIGHBORHOODS. ALEJANDRO GARCIA**

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REAPPOINTMENT OF CURRENT AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS WHO SERVE ON CITY BOARDS. RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes *to approve item twenty-five and provide an introduction and description to the board they will serve.*

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 9:53 pm

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 9:55 pm

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia *to direct staff to re-appoint the commissioners.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXTENSION OF HISTORICAL DISTRICT ON NEVAREZ RD. BEHIND THE SOCORRO MISSION.**

***RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 9:59 pm

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 10:01 pm

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes 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 APPROVE RESOLUTION 666 TO SUPPORT SOCORRO VILLAGE 34, LLC HAS PROPOSED A DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOCATED AT 148 BUFORD RD., NAMED THE SOCORRO VILLAGE APARTMENTS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

***RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 10:06 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 10:08 pm

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move into Executive Session at this time to consult with counsel*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN CLOSED SESSION AT 10:11 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 10:40 PM**

**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**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POLICE CHIEF CONTRACT [551.071]. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve a new contract for chief of police in the amount of \$130,000. and authorize city manager and city attorney to negotiate terms as discussed in closed session*. Motion passed.

Sgt. Jasiel Muñoz spoke on this item

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT [551.071]. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone item thirty-two (32) until after the investigation is completed*. Motion passed.


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

### 33. *ADJOURN*

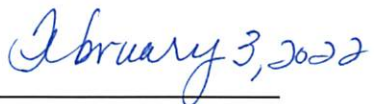
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 10:43 pm.*

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

  
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Ivy Avalos, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



  
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Date minutes were approved