

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 6, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudy Cruz, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Carlos Gallinar, City Planner
Louie Chavez, Parks and Public Works Director
Officer Sosa
Charles Casiano, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 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 five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Margarita Perez spoke during Public Comment

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *suspend the rule and allow Rene Rodriguez to speak*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Rene Rodriguez spoke during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

6. INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

7. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

REGULAR AGENDA

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. ***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***

9. ***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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of January 20, 2022.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

10. ***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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:30 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 pm

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE SPENDING FRAMEWORK FOR CITY OF SOCORRO'S ALLOCATION UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CLFRF) APPROVED IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA).**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (CRRMA) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRANSPORTATION PROJECT WITHIN TRZ NO. 2 IN SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EL PASO MARATHON RACE
ROUTE PERMIT. VICTOR RETA**

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

Mike Coulter, Race Director for E Paso Marathon, Half Marathon 5K Run/Walk spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr

PLANNING AND ZONING

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 663 APPROVING
A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR FRONT SETBACK REDUCTION FOR 1119
HORIZON BLVD. CARLOS GALLINAR**

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

Fernando Magdaleno, owner of the property spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:47 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:53 PM

16. 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

17. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items sixteen (16), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES FILED WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS JUNE 1, 2021 [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the application*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

19. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *adjourn* at 6:54 pm. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

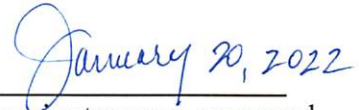
Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved