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
AUGUST 18, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *(joined virtually)*

STAFF PRESENT:
Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Carlos Gallinar
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Chief David Burton
Victor Reta
Officer C. Gonzalez
Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief
Charles Casiano

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 was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Michael Abud, Sal Chagoya, Guillermo Gandara, Margarita Perez, Marisol Moreno, Jose Gonzalez, Hector Ramos was signed up to speak but declined, Alberto Ortiz, Miriam Cruz, Javier Paz and Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to move into Executive Session at this time.* 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 6:21PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:10PM

26. ***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***

27. ***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

28. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

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

29. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND CONSULTATION* WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RELATING TO PERSONNEL MATTER INVOLVING CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES. [551.071] AND [551.074]**
ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

5. ***PRESENTATION* BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING JULY 2022 MONTHLY REPORT.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by City Manager Adriana Rodarte.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. ***APPROVAL* OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2022.** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

8. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF 845 DELILAH AVENUE, BEING BLOCK 3 SOCORRO TRACT 4-C-1-C, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A TRUCKING COMPANY WITH A CONDITION PROHIBITING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ONTO DELILAH AVENUE.** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia 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/ORDINANCES

9. ***FIRST PUBLIC HEARING* ON CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPERTY TAX RATE.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 7:18 pm
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:19 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos is out of the meeting at 7:19 pm

10. ***PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 303, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL-MIXED USE DISTRICT).** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

Public Hearing opened at 7:19 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing Closed at 7:20 pm

11. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 303, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL-MIXED USE DISTRICT).** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting a 7:21 pm.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11).* Motion passed.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:23 pm

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

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm

12. ***PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 BUSINESSES, ARTICLE II. VENDORS AND SOLICITORS, DIVISION 4. MOBILE VENDORS. WHEN REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

Public Hearing opened at 7:23 pm
No Speaker for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:24 pm

13. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 8 BUSINESSES, ARTICLE II. VENDORS AND SOLICITORS, DIVISION 4. MOBILE VENDORS. WHEN REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

14. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S (EPMPO) GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP A REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE EL PASO MPO PLANNING AREA.** ***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

15. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SCRAP TIRE DISPOSAL LEGISLATION BEING DEVELOPED BY EL PASO COUNTY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO, AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** ***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia 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* TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND THE 2022 SISTER CITIES TO ENRICH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SHARED CULTURE AND HISTORY, AND TIES TO THE HISTORIC CAMINO REAL DE TIERRA ADENTRO.** ***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

RECREATION CENTERS DEPARTMENT

17. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AND VENDOR FEES FOR THE BINATIONAL EVENT, THAT THE CITY WILL HOST HALF DAY ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 FROM 6-10 PM AND SATURDAY FROM 9 AM TO 11 PM AT THE RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER.** ***VICTOR RETA***

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

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

18. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE THE INAUGURAL TEDXSOCORRO LEADERSHIP EVENT ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 AT THE MOONLIGHT ADOBE HOUSE WITH A FINANCIAL IMPACT OF $6,000.00 TO FLY ONE SPEAKER, EVENT PROVISIONS AND MARKETING.** ***VICTOR RETA***

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve for discussion.*

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 RESOLUTION 711 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR ANGEL'S PARK UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY 304, SOCORRO, TEXAS, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.** ***CARLOS GALLINAR***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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 712 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS UNIT 2, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 8, 9, 10A, AND 11C AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 10A1 AND 11C1, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *CARLOS GALLINAR*

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

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

21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 713 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR VALLE NUEVO COMMERCIAL UNIT 1 FINAL PLAT, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 11, 11B, 12A, 12A3, 13A2, 14, AND 14A, BLOCK 5 SOCORRO GRANT, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *CARLOS GALLINAR*

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

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

CITY MANAGER

22. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve September 15, 2022 for final action on the Tax Rate and budget.* Motion passed.

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

23. *PRESENTATION AND ACTION* REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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 REVIEW AND APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2023 BUDGET PLAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

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

25. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO AWARD SPARTAN CONSTRUCTION OF TEXAS, INC. THE RIO VISTA DR. AND BOVEE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS TXDOT CSJ(S): 0924-06-423, ETC. PROJECT NO. BR 2021(135), ETC IN THE AMOUNT OF $ 2,717,562.15 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SIGN CONTRACT OR REJECT BID AND GO OUT FOR BID AGAIN. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to reject all BIDS and go out for BID again.* Motion passed.

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

30. *ADJOURN*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:07 pm*

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

Ivy Avalos, Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

September 1, 2022
Date minutes were approved

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