

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 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 (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Rec. Ctrs. Director
Chief David Burton
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 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 COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

6. **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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve for discussion*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO BRING ASSISTANCE FOR THE BASIC NECESSITIES SUCH AS NATURAL GAS, WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES TO ALL CITIZENS OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND EL PASO COUNTY.**
RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

Mary Gonzalez, State Representative was acknowledged by Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Presentation by Gerald Grijalva, General Manager of Lower Valley Water District.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *suspend the rule and allow speakers to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Margie Perez, Rick Avalos, Jeff Smith, Juan Torres, Ruben Perez,

Elizabeth O'Hara, from Texas Gas Service, Victor Ito, from Texas Gas Service, Javier Solis, Texas Gas Service made presentation

Elizabeth Acevedo, Hector Ramos, Francisco Amezcuita, Pete Murillo spoke on this Item.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:10

Commissioner Iliana Holguin acknowledged by Mayor Ivy Avalos.

Ruben Reyes stepped back into the meeting at 7:13.

U.S. Congress candidate John Lira spoke and Gabriel Serna.

No action on this item.

8. **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**
9. **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**
10. **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 eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

11. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

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




Ivy Avalos, Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved