

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 NOVEMBER 17, 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
Jim Martinez, City Attorney *(joined virtually at 6:00pm) joined the meeting in person at 6:30 pm*

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Angel Salcido, Grants Acctg. Specialist
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

Mayor Ivy Avalos recognized and presented Andrea Loya, Yazmin Salcedo, Lydia Duran and Mateo Jimenez with a certificate for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hector Ramos and Margarita Perez spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty (20), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A ROSARIO A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE EVENT AT 10628 SHADY VALLEY ON DECEMBER 3, 2022 FROM 8:00 AM TO 8:00 PM.

CARLOS GALLINAR

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty (20) with the stipulation that she must notify all neighbors with a letter*. Motion passed.

Petrita Barrera, event coordinator spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM CRUZ TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 4 AND REMOVE HER FROM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 5.

YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

Miriam Cruz and Hector Ramos spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

29. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

Miriam Cruz was sworn in by Judge Ruben Nuñez.

PRESENTATION

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

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

6. **PRESENTATION ON THE LAUNCH OF THE SOCORRO BUSINESS HUB, CREATED BY STARTUP SPACE IN COORDINATION WITH THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OFFICE.** **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

Presentation made by Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 16, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE V. FIRE CODE AND LOCAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 16-47. FIREWORKS.**

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

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 AND ORDINANCE

10. **PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF 2605 DARRINGTON ROAD, BEING LOT 7, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION UNIT FIVE (AMENDING), SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A TRUCKING COMPANY AND REPAIR SHOP.** **CARLOS GALLINAR**

Public Hearing opened at 6:33 pm
No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:34

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF 2605 DARRINGTON ROAD, BEING LOT 7, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION UNIT FIVE (AMENDING), SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A TRUCKING COMPANY AND REPAIR SHOP.**
CARLOS GALLINAR

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

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

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V. SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 46-634. SIGNS. BY MODIFYING SUBSECTION 24.** **CARLOS GALLINAR**

Public Hearing opened at 6:39 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:40 pm

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V. SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 46-634. SIGNS. BY MODIFYING SUBSECTION 24.**
CARLOS GALLINAR

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia 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 THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION'S FY 2023 CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR THE RIO VISTA FARM REHABILITATION PROJECT. THERE IS A \$30,000 MATCH REQUIREMENT.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item 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 ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") WITH EL PASO MHMR D/B/A EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK ("EHN") TO IMPLEMENT THE CLINICIAN-OFFICER REMOTE EVALUATION ("CORE") INITIATIVE AS PART OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM ("CIT") PROGRAM IN THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. *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 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 Cesar Nevarez to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER TO TXDOT REQUESTING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON SOCORRO ROAD IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS VISITING OUR HISTORIC MISSION TRAIL. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone for next Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO COLLABORATIVE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EPCED), AFFILIATE OF PROJECT VIDA INC., FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANTS TO ADDRESS THE NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 723 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR RANCHO RESENDEZ SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 4C15A, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
CARLOS GALLINAR

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 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:

CITY MANAGER

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500HD 4WD CREW CAB FOR MECHANIC WORK TRUCK FROM RUDOLPH CHEVROLET LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71, 348.00.
ADRIANA RODARTE

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT FROM CASA FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,825.00. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS FROM CASA FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,830.00. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK 4X4 FOR ANIMAL CONTROL FROM CASA FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,680.00. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and 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 ON CALLING A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve December 1, 2022 as the date for the December Regular Council Meeting.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PRO TEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *appoint Alejandro Garcia as Mayor ProTem.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CEA GROUP WORK AUTHORIZATIONS 1 & 3 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATIONS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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 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 7:31 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:40 PM

30. 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*

31. 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

32. 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 thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., APPLICATION TO INCREASE GAS UTILITY RATES. RRC MATTER NO. OS-22-00009896. [551.071] JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the application to increase gas utility rates for item number thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:41 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