

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2/Mayor Pro Tem

*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Alejandro Garcia  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Cesar Nevarez  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*arrived to the meeting at 6:11 pm*)

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Carlos Gallinar, P and Z Director  
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney  
  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Juan Espinoza, IT Tech  
Victor Reta, Director of Communication  
Angel Salcido, Grant Tech  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator  
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant  
Chares 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 Campestre Elementary Students, Mateo Aguilar, Allison Roman Palacios, Alexia Roman Palacios and Rubenarturo Roman Palacio and Socorro High School Students, Javier Robles, Olivia Palacios and Mariela Arreola.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with five council members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMENT**

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived to the meeting at 6:11 pm

Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-one (21) to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR EL PASO MARATHON FOUNDATION TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 12, 2023.**

***CARLOS GALLINAR***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**PRESENTATION**

**5. *PRESENTATION* ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE'S (CSCI) 2021 ANNUAL REPORT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

Presentation made by Claudia Garcia, Chairperson.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.***

***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

**7. *APPROVAL* OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2022.**

***OLIVIA NAVARRO***

8. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF TRACT 4-C-16, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 793 HORIZON BLVD, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A BAKERY AND RETAIL CENTER.** **CARLOS GALLINAR**
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3 R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 46-237. CONDITIONAL USES (REQUIRES PERMIT). BY ADDING SUBSECTION 5. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.** **CARLOS GALLINAR**
10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF BLOCK 1, LOT 1, HORN SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 2, HORN SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 3, HORN SUBDIVISION, AND BLOCK 1, LOT 4, HORN SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 10678, 10680, 10682 10684 HORN CIRCLE, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, AND TO APPROVE THE DETAIL SITE PLAN.** **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 HEARINGS/ORDINANCES**

11. **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 *postpone for next Regular Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 *delete item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**13. 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 thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**14. 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 for discussion*.

An amended 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 THE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION EL PASO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**RECREATIONAL CENTERS**

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN MCDoux PRESERVATION LLC AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO UPDATE THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION GUIDELINES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00. VICTOR RETA**

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

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz Jr., seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the contract as is*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Alejandro Garcia

Absent:

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF HIDTA PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU). CHIEF DAVID BURTON**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON REPEALING PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE 544 THAT AMENDED CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 5. HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SECTION 46-291 PERMITTED USES. WHEN REQUIRED, OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE. CARLOS GALLINAR**

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

An amended 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:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 724 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS COMMERCIAL #1, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 13A, 13A2B, AND ALL OF TRACTS 14A AND 14F, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT SOCORRO, TEXAS. CARLOS GALLINAR**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen 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:

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 725 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER #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.**

**CARLOS GALLINAR**

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

An amended 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:

### **CITY MANAGER**

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFQ 22-13 FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES. REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF MATRIX DESIGN GROUP, INC. AND ALSO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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 AWARD SOLICITATION NO. 22-14 TO HORIZONE CONSTRUCTION FOR 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 \$2,746,332.69 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 *approve for discussion*.

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item 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 REGARDING EL PASO JAMAS LTD.'S (EPJL) REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF HUECO JUNCTION AND NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROAD AND 2015 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EPJL. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:09 pm

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

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:09 pm

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

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVE ALEJANDRO GARCIA AND DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVES RUDY CRUZ JR. TO TRAVEL FOR THE 88<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION JANUARY 9, 2023, THROUGH JANUARY 11, 2023. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ON HOSTING THE REGION IV (4) TML MEETING IN SOCORRO, TEXAS JANUARY 2023 WITH A BUDGET OF \$10,000.00. *MAYOR IVY AVALOS***

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

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., 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 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**

**28. 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**

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

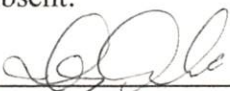
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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


**30. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:38 pm*. motion passed.

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

  
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Ivy Ayalos, Mayor



  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

  
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Date minutes were approved