

**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 FEBRUARY 2, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager (*joined virtually*)  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*left the meeting at 8:42 and joined virtually*)  
Carlos Gallinar, Planning & Zoning Director

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader  
Chief David Burton  
Marisela Corral, Recreation Leader  
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Escontrias Elementary School Students and Moment of Silence.**

Aidaely De Anda, Sebastian Garcia, Dominic Guerrero, Victoria Serda and Angel Soto 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

### **3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

Commissioners Carlos Leon and Iliana Holguin were recognized by Mayor Avalos.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **4. PUBLIC COMENT**

Margarita Perez, Rudy Rodriguez and Miguel Apodaca Public Comment, Marta Acosta and Oscar Ceijas were signed up to speak but declined and Oscar Gutierrez was signed up to speak but left.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **5. RECOGNITION CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE FIREFIGHTERS OF SAN ELIZARIO AND CHIEF TREVIZO FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A WELCOMING PROCESSION. MAYOR IVY AVALOS**

#### **6. PRESENTATION BY ROBERT ARZOLA, FROM HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY (HABS) REGARDING THE SELECTION OF RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER. VICTOR RETA**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes 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:

#### **7. PRESENTATION OF MONTHLY MPO UPDATES TO COUNCIL AND SOCORRO RESIDENTS. RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Presentation made by Rudy Cruz, Jr.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

#### **9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2023. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

#### **10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2022 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS. CHARLES CASIANO**

#### **11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2022 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2022  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**

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:

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty-six (26) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF SOCORRO PARTICIPATING IN  
THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (EPATS), LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CORPORATION FOR MASS TRANSIT SERVICES AND  
BUS SHELTERS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. CARLOS GALLINAR**

Commissioners Carlos Leon and Iliana Holguin spoke on this item.

Presentation made by Jose Landeros and Daniel Marquez.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Participation in the El Paso Area Transportation Services*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Ruben Reyes

Absent:

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH AT  
LEAST 3 (THREE) DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR THE COST OF SOLAR  
DIGITAL SPEED SIGN WITH INSTALLATION TO BE INSTALLED AT 3  
(THREE) LOCATIONS IN DISTRICT 3. RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RESCIND THE MOTION TO DENY AND THE VOTE DENYING AGENDA ITEM 17 FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.***  
***RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *rescind the motion to deny for agenda item 17 of the January 5, 2023 City Council Meeting.*  
Motion passed.

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

**14. *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.***  
***RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Public Hearing opened at 7:19 pm.

Briana Martinez, Evelyn Gonzalez, Valeria Baquera, Daphne Villalobos, Juan Baquera, Eddie Moran, Juan Baquera, Sr., Letty Rey, Francisco Baquera, Victor Baquera, Vanessa Guajardo, Ricardo Razo, Joe Bob Martinez, Yolanda Rodriguez, Mauro Rodriguez, Claudia Garcia, Marta Acosta and Julian Sepulveda spoke during Public Hearing.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 7:30pm.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Gilbert Campoya was signed up to speak but was not present.

Public Hearing closed at 8:05 pm

**15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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.**  
**RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., *to approve item number fifteen (15) with a stipulation of 20 units and detail site plans.* Motion passed.

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move up item twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

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

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 8:28 pm.

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH EL PASO FASHION WEEK TO BE HELD IN MID APRIL 2023.**  
**RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Robert Chavez, Vivian Sepulveda and Hector Chavez spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 8:31 pm.

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve a letter of support.* Motion passed.

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

Jim Martinez left the meeting at 8:42 pm

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *take a five minute recess.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 8:42 PM**

**RECESS**

**CITY COUNCIL RECONVED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:52 PM**

**16. 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**

Public Hearing opened at 8:53 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:53 pm.

**17. 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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND EL PASO MHMR DBA EMERGENCE HEALTH NETWORK FOR THE OPERATION OF A CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TO IMPLEMENT THE FIRST RESPONDER MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM.**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item 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 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 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 731 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2024 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos 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 732 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION (HSGD) FY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM – REGULAR PROJECTS FOR SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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:

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 733  
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS  
DIVISION (HSGD) FY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM -  
COMPETITIVE NATIONAL PRIORITY AREA PROJECTS (SHSP-NPA)  
FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH  
REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item 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 APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH  
NETSYNC FOR THE PURCHASE OF CISCO SWITCHES, NUTANIX  
CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE, AND VOIP CALL MANAGER SYSTEM, AS  
PART OF THE BROADBAND AND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$367,525.49, AND TO  
ALLOW CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE  
AGREEMENT. ESTEVAN GONZALES**

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

Mariana Pacheco spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos 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 TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH GOVCONNECTION, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF BACKUP STORAGE HYBRID (EQUIPMENT AND CLOUD) TO SUPPORT BROADBAND IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PARKS, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.** **ESTEVAN GONZALES**

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

Richard Rai spoke regarding this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH CALIAN CORP. TO INSTALL A CENTRALIZED CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM TO INCREASE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AND CREATE SAFE SPACES AT PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PARKS AS PART OF ARPA PROJECT IT02, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.** **ESTEVAN GONZALES**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A 60-DAY LEASE EXTENSION TO DISTRICT OFFICE SPACE AGREEMENT FOR TONY GONZALES CONGRESSMAN DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve items twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT AN RFQ FOR LEGAL SERVICES.** **RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE SECTION 46-239 OF THE SOCORRO MUNICODE "AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE SQUARE FEET OF THE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE" TO SPECIFY THE SIZE OF THE LIVING AREA ON THE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE AND SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ALLOWED ON A LOT.** **RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve and direct staff to consider other changes as needed*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 32. 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**

- 33. 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**

- 34. 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-two (32), thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

**35. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 9:39 pm.*

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

  
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Ivy Avalos, Mayor



  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

*March 2, 2023*  
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Date minutes were approved.