

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 **APRIL 20, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Chief David Burton
Victor Reta, Recreations Ctrs Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Officer Ruth Soto
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Hueco Elementary School Students and a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance Jazlyn Chavez, Iris Delgado, Hailey Escobar, Angel Gallardo, Adilene Garcia, Kalyssa Martinez, Abby Mata, Valeria Miranda, Zachary Obptande, Joaquin Roman and Gael Valenzuela students at Hueco Elementary School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christina Hernandez, Heidy Easton and Hector Ramos (statement read by Olivia Navarro on behalf of Mr. Ramos)

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move up item eighteen to be next on the agenda..* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 747 DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SOCORRO, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND IT'S PROUD VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2023.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 549 AMENDMENT 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$23,650.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

ADRIANA RODARTE

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2023 MONTHLY REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

- 9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 24, BLOCK 3, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 178 ESCALANTE DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER AND REZONING OF BLOCK 6, TRACTS 2B AND 3, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF INGLEWOOD AND NORTH LOOP DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 2-71. MEMBERS, ALTERNATES, TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:35 pm

No speaker for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:35 pm

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 2-71. MEMBERS, ALTERNATES, TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDED ORDINANCE, PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. – BOARDS, COMMISSION, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 6. ETHIC REVIEW COMMISSION. CAROL CANDELARIA

Public Hearing opened at 6:37 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:38 pm

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE O AMENDED ORDINANCE, PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2- ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. – BOARDS, COMMISSION, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 6. ETHIC REVIEW COMMISSION.

CAROL CANDELARIA

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.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 746 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO END HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AND RAISE AWARENESS OF EVERY RESIDENT'S FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BY TRILOGY 5G, INC. D.B.A. TRILOGY NEXTGEN FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO SMART CITY INITIATIVE. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone for the second meeting of May, 2023*. Motion failed

Ayes: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION WHEREAS THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS PROCLAIMS SUNDAY APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 6, 2023 AS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

19. 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

20. 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

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ralph Duran seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

22. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:22 pm*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



May 4, 2023

Date minutes were approved