

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

REGDULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **MAY 4, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruben Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager (*joined virtually*)
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*arrived at the meeting at 6:26 pm*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Juan Espinoza, IT Tech
Diana Rodriguez, Recreation Leader
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Jose Botello, City Planner
Charles Casiano, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Abigail Aguilar, Bellavia Sandoval and Eric Barraza, Escontrias Elementary School Students.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Mayor Avalos and City Council presented the Socorro High School Swim Team with a plaque and certificates for each member of the team.

6. RECOGNITION OF PETER VILLA, STUDENT AT SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO WAS INDUCTED TO THE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY AND NOMINATED TO ATTEND THE LONE STAR LEADERSHIP ACADEMY IN THE SUMMER OF 2023, A PRESTIGIOUS NOMINATION.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Mayor and City council presented Peter Villa with a certificate.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2023.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT 647 S. HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.

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 PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 5 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #4; LOT 5, BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOTS 3 AND 4 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOCATED AT 2625, 2635, AND 2645 DARRINGTON ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE BODY SHOP AT 10921 NORTH LOOP DR.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 2-714 AUTHORITY, JURISDICTION AND QUORUM.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 549 AMENDMENT 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$23,650.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:29 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:29 pm

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 549 AMENDMENT 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$23,650.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

15. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:32 pm

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone after the second Planning and Zoning Meeting of May until developer can bring back with the amended site and map changes.* Motion passed.

Sergio and Alex Serrano, owners of the property spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

17. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:56 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:57 pm

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO'S FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S FY 2023 CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AS THE LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR THE EL PASO, TEXAS METRO AREA.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFP 23-02 FOR THE PROVISION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGIC SERVICES TO ASCENDO STRATEGIES, LLC AND APPROVE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,000.00.
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 twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT FOR CULTURA DISTRICT EVENT CENTER FOR SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023 FROM 2:00 PM TO 11:30 PM AT 10167 SOCORRO ROAD EVENT NAME IS 6 DE MAYO FIESTA DEL PUEBLO.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 748 APPROVING A SUBDIVISION REPLAT, BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO REPLAT "L", BEING LOT 3 BLOCK 5, BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO, SOCORRO, TEXAS AKA AS 11198 RANKIN.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 749 APPROVING A SUBDIVISION REPLAT, HORN SUBDIVISION REPLAT "A", BEING LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, BLOCK 1, HORN SUBDIVISION, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRAINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

25. 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**

26. 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

27. 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 item twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

28. ADJOURN

A motion was made By Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:16 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



May 18, 2023

Date minutes were approved