

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
JUNE 1, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually at 6:10*)

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Deputy Chief Jason Stanzione
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Jose Botello, City Planner
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence .

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Hector Ramos spoke during Public Comment.

Adrian Sanchez, Lorena Silvestre-Tobias, Joe Serafin, Raul Solis, Maria L. Morales, Lorenzo and Elena Juarez and Maria Monarrez were signed up to speak but declined.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting virtually at 6:10 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
6. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2023.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.*** ***CHARLES CASIANO***
8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.*** ***CHARLES CASIANO***
9. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL 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:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

10. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 1, ALL OF LOT 1-B, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", LOCATED AT 10330 SOCORRO ROAD ,SOCORRO, TX FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:14 pm

- 11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 1, ALL OF LOT 1-B, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", LOCATED AT 10330 SOCORRO ROAD ,SOCORRO, TX FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number 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 FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 3, TRACT 4-C-6-B, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 975 HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm
Javier Carrera, Pat Gardea and Sandy Saucedo spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:22 pm

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 3, TRACT 4-C-6-B, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 975 HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos left the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:33 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS

14. UPDATE ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S FOREIGN TRADE ZONE.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

No action on this item.

PLANNING AND ZONING

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 752 APPROVING A SUBDIVISION REPLAT, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "B", BEING A REPLAT OF ALL OF LOTS 1-B, BLOCK 1, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos.

Nays:

Absent:

16. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION & ACTION TO ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS SUMMARY REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ALIGNMENT OF ARTERIAL 1 (1682 BOULEVARD) FROM I-10 TO FM 258 (SOCORRO ROAD).

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:06 pm.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item sixteen (16)*.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. to *approve Alternative 1*.

Maria Morales spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:09 pm.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *suspend the rule and allow Mrs. Morales to continue speaking*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Hector Alarcon, Adrian Sanchez and Lorena Silvestre spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *allow Ms. Silvestre to continue speaking*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Joe Serafin spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:41 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:42 pm.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *allow more time for the remaining speakers*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Alejandro Garcia stepped out at 8:05 pm

Alejandro Garcia returned to meeting at 8:07 pm

Raul Solis, Lorenzo Juarez, Adrian Sanchez, Rene Rodriguez and Joe Serafin spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *postpone item sixteen (16) for the first 1st Regular Council Meeting of September 2023*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT THROUGH THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve item seventeen (17).*

Rudy Cruz, Jr. stepped out of the meeting at 8:14 pm.

Iliana Holguin and Jose Landeros spoke on this item.

Rudy Cruz, Jr. returned to the meeting was at 8:18 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 8:22 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:24 pm

Rudy Cruz, Jr. stepped out 8:45 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting out of 8:46 pm

Quorum was broken when Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting

Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:49 pm

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 8:50 pm

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos *to approve.*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to deny item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:.

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 8:54 pm

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 753 APPOINTING CITY PLANNER LORRINE QUIMIRO TO ACT AS A DIRECTOR ON THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny 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 AWARD RFQ 23-03 FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES TO MOUNCE, GREEN MYERS, SAFI, PAXSON & GALATZAN, P.C. (“MGM” OF THE “FIRM”) WITH MONICA PEREZ AND JAMES MARTINEZ BEING THE MAIN CONTACTS, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve and bring back the contract to city council*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROVIDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO’S FTZ 68 EXPANSION AND THE CREATION OF A MAGNET SITE WITH THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS PARK.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *deny item number twenty (20)*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE MISSION TRAIL ALLIANCE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT.**

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Omar Martinez spoke on this item.

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION OF VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION CONDUCT FOR ALL COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSION MEETINGS. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

No action on this item.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *reconsider item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Cesar Nevarez

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON PROVIDING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S FTZ 68 EXPANSION AND THE CREATION OF A MAGNET SITE WITH THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS PARK.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

23. 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

24. 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

25. 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-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 9:27 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



June 15, 2023

Date minutes were approved