

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 15, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Jose Botello, Planner
David Burton, Police Chief
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Joe Balderrama, Building Official

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Ellen Faifer, Damian Pillatzke, Raquel Gomez, Richard Rap, Jesus Morales, Kathy McDaniel, Tony Valdez, Ofelia Carrete, Hector Quiñonez, Denise Garcia, Jesus Cabrera, Norma Estrada

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

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

Nays:

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Norma Estrada continued speaking.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *allow the remaining speakers to speak since the allotted time of thirty minutes for public comment have lapsed*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

David Estrada, Margarita Perez, Ignacio Saucedo and Susannah Rayas.

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

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

Nays:

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Ms. Rayas continued speaking. Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

5. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE 88TH STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Rick Armendariz and Marisa Marquez.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:53 pm.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:55 pm.

6. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 BY SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TELLO A. CABRERA.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Tello Cabrera from SBNG.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 pm.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items fourteen (14) and twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:14 pm.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 727.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Bobby Bowling from Tropicana Homes spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, J., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time for item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:22 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:47 PM

- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 756
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT, VISTA BONITA ESTATES UNIT 2,
BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 5, BLOCK 24, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL
PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Robert Romero, the developer spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Ruben Reyes *to approve preliminary pleat as cited under state law and city ordinance for item number twelve (12).*

Ellen Faifer, Damian Pillatzke, Raquel Gomez, Richard Rap (was signed up to speak but was not present), Jesus Morales, Kathy McDaniel, Tony Valdez, Bianca Lazcano, Joe Lazcano, Ofelia Carrete, Salvador Griego, Denise Garcia, Jesus Cabrera spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 8:33 pm.

Norma Estrada, David Estrada spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Laura Garcia, Lupe Salcido, Daniel Martinez spoke on this item.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., stepped out at 8:42 pm

Savannah Rayas spoke on this item.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., returned to the meeting at 8:44 pm.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia *to suspend the rule and allow Mr. Fernie Salcido to speak.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Fernie Salcido spoke on this item.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., rescinded his motion.

Cesar Nevarez and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos and Alejandro Garcia abstained.

No motion for this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 1, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2023. OLIVIA NAVARRO

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:

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 9:07 pm

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING AND ZONING

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 753 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT, SENDERO FLORES VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 4B AND 4C, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., stepped out at 9:08 pm.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 754 APPROVING A FINAL PLAT, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT #3, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 13A, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Rudy Cruz, Jr, returned to the meeting at 9:11 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 9:13 pm.

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION 755 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLATS FOR VANGUARD SUBDIVISION BEING TRACTS 1Y AND 1Y1, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY NO. 293 ABST 6257, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 9:15 pm

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PURSUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFORM DEVELOPMENT CODE TO REPLACE EXISTING ZONING, SUBDIVISION, AND DEVELOPMENT RELATED ORDINANCES TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRONG HEALTHY COMMUNITIES. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent

CITY MANAGER

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH AND AMEND CHAPTER 46 ZONING, ARTICLE V-SUPPLEMENTAL SECTION 46-633. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager made clarification that item number fifteen (15) was incorrectly posted under her name. This item was submitted and sponsored by Councilman At Large Ruben Reyes and was seconded by Mayor Ivy Avalos.

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

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

Nays:

Absent

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:27 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:32 PM

16. 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

17. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC'S APPLICATION FOR AN INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT FILED WITH THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND MUNICIPAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES ON MARCH 10, 2023. [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny 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 REGARDING APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO IMPLEMENT AN INTERIM FUEL REFUND [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia 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

21. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *adjourn at 9:34 pm*.

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

Nays:

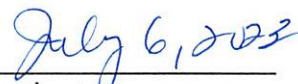
Absent



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved