

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 AUGUST 3, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruben Reyes
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Laura Arredondo, Wellness Coordinator
Lt. Eddie Smith
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Deputy Chief J. Stanzione
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:07 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Adriana Rodarte.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

A Motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up item twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT FY 2024 BUDGET PLAN. ADRIANA RODARTE

Scott Calderwood, Director of El Paso County 911 District made presentation.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2023 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2023. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS. CHARLES CASIANO**
- 10. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 549 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$47,100.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHIEF OF POLICE.* CAROL CANDELARIA

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT: POLICY 2.9 MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE.* CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 4.1 HIRING AND SELECTION.* CAROL CANDELARIA

14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 4.9 COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND CUSTOMER SERVICE.* CAROL CANDELARIA

15. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 4.10 VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN(S).* CAROL CANDELARIA

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 7.35 K-9 TEAM.* CAROL CANDELARIA

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 8.7 LINE OF DUTY DEATH OR INJURY.
CAROL CANDELARIA

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE SOCORRO POLICY DEPARTMENT: POLICY 8.8 HONOR GUARD DETAIL.
CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve items thirteen (13) through eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 760 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A MINOR BOUNDARY MODIFICATION APPLICATION TO THE U.S. FOREIGN TRADE ZONES BOARD, AND TO COORDINATE WITH TAXING ENTITIES FOR LETTERS OF SUPPORT ON BEHALF OF PILOT FREIGHT SERVICES (901 LOGISTICS CENTER CT, BUILDING 3, SOCORRO, TEXAS 79927).
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST TO ALLOW TWELVE (12) TYPE B MOBILE VENDING UNITS ON ONE LOT. THE CURRENT ORDINANCE (CH. 8 -BUSINESS > ARTICLE II. VENDORS AND SOLICITORS > DIVISION 4 – MOBILE VENDORS > SECTION 8-120 LOCATION RESTRICTIONS) ALLOWS UP TO THREE (3) MOBILE VENDING UNITS PER TRACT, PARCEL OR PLATTED LOT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *follow staff's recommendation of 3 (three) Mobile Vendor Trucks.*

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone for the Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2023.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH MOUNCE, GREEN MYERS, SAFI, PAXSON & GALATZAN, P.C. ("MGM" OF THE "FIRM") FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF 2 MODEL T-12HD TOW MASTER TRAILERS FROM 4 RIVERS EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,381.88. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the anticipated tax rate of .702021*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 17 AND SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 6 2023 DODGE DURANGO POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES FROM JOHN JONES POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLE FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368,730.00. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE 6 POLICE UNITS FROM ADVANCE COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,816.10. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE OFFICIAL LAND DEDICATION OF FE JACKSON. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EL PASO CHAMBER 2023 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

30. 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

31. 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

32. 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 (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

33. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 6:59 pm*. Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved