

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **JULY 29, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruben Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Monica Perez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Crt. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner *(joined virturally)*
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Deputy Chief J. Stanzione

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 8:09 am.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. *WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2023-2024 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.* ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Charles Casiano, Finance Director.

Annette Gutierrez from the Rio Grande Council of Governments spoke on this item.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out at 8:42 am.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 8:45 am.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 8:49 am.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:49 am

Rudy Cruz, Jr. stepped out of the meeting at 9:25 am.

Rudy Cruz, Jr. returned to the meeting at 9:26 am.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 9:26 am.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 9:29 am.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 9:32 am.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 9:33 am.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 9:36 am.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 9:41 pm.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out the meeting at 9:57 am.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 9:59 am.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the budget as presented and allocate \$216,900. for Public Transit.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

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A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number six (6)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

7. **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**

8. **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

9. **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 seven (7), eight (8) and nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

17. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 10:36 am*. 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



August 17, 2023
Date minutes were approved