

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2 1/Mayor Pro Tem

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Rec Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Deputy Chief Stanzione
Officer Monteros
Cpl. Roberson

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by H. D. Hilley Elementary Students;
Kade Sandoval, Ariande Paiz, Marcos Escajeda and Marcos Escajeda.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Miriam Cruz, Margarita Lopez, Lorena Silvestre Tobias spoke during Public Comment. Eduardo Calvo was signed up to speak but declined.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up item twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

28. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RESCIND CITY COUNCIL'S ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 FROM THE JULY 6, 2023 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OPTING FOR OPTION "C," TO ESTABLISH THE CITY'S OWN TRANSIT SERVICE AND DIRECT STAFF TO OBTAIN COST AND STUDY.*
RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

Miriam Cruz and Eduardo Calvo spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia

Nays: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2023.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

8. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**
ADRIANA RODARTE
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
ADRIANA RODARTE
10. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 549 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$30,550.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.**
ADRIANA RODARTE
11. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 18, BLOCK 3, FRIEDMAN ESTATES UNIT 1, LOCATED AT 11531 ERNEST ROAD, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR APARTMENTS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF THE WEST 2/3 OF TRACT 30 AND ALL OF TRACTS 31-39, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298, LOCATED AT 12400 GATEWAY BLVD. EAST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JULY 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.**
CHARLES CASIANO
14. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JULY 2023 CASH RECEIPTS.**
CHARLES CASIANO
15. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JULY 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**
CHARLES CASIANO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item number ten (10) and approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

**16. *PUBLIC HEARING* REGARDING THE FIVE - 5-YEAR CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:21 pm
Miriam Cruz spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:24 pm

GRANTS

**17. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT
NO. 2 FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-
07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO REVISE
QUANTITIES IN EXHIBIT D. THIS IS A NO-COST SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

PLANNING AND ZONING

**18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 765
APPROVING A SUBDIVISION REPLAT FOR CAESAR UNIT ONE REPLAT
"A", BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 1 AND LOT 2, BLOCK 1, CAESAR UNIT
ONE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 766 APPROVING A
REPLAT FOR VINEDO ACRES REPAT "I", BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 4, BLOCK
E, VINEDO ACRES, CITY OF SOCORRO, TX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number nineteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

CITY MANAGER

20. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024.

ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AS THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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 and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ, LLP FOR FINES AND FEES COLLECTION SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 767 AUTHORIZING COLLECTION FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF 30% WITH DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ, LLP.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 768 CONTINGENCY CONTRACT WITH DELGADO ACOSTA SPENCER LINEBARGER & PEREZ, LLP AND FINDING PURSUANT TO §2254.1036(B) OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD HORIZONE CONSTRUCTION FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES OF SIDEWALKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$539,871.45 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ELITE AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION OF MEDICAL CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES STARTING ON OCTOBER 01, 2023. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, TO ATTEND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S 111TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM OCTOBER 4TH THROUGH OCTOBER 6TH, 2023, IN DALLAS TEXAS. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:51 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

29. 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

30. 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

31. 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 item twenty-nine (29), thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:54 pm

32. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *adjourn at 6:54 pm*


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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk


Ivy Avalos, Mayor

Date minutes were approved

9-28-23