

*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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Ivy Avalos  
Ruben Reyes  
Cesar Nevarez  
Alejandro Garcia  
Rudy Cruz, Jr.  
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*left the meeting at 7:40*)

### **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  
Charles Casiano, Finance Director  
Isabela Perez, Recreation Leader  
Diana Rodriguez, Multimedia Specialist  
Jose Botello, City Planner  
Sgt. I. Rodriguez

### **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 was recited.

### **3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to move up item number twenty (20) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**20. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND 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**

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

Lorena Silvestre Tobias, Joe Serafin, Dalila Hermosillo, Mauricio Gonzalez, Monica Garcia, Harvey Hilley, Bernardo Reyes, and Silvestre Suarez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Saul Sosa, Monica Garcia, Veronica Carrillo, Elizabeth Bustamante, and Rene Rodriguez spoke during Public Comment.

Lorena Silvestre Tobias, Joe Serafin, Dalila Hermosillo, Mauricio Gonzalez, Havey Hilley, Bernardo Reyes and Silvestre Suarez were signed up for Public Comment but declined.

**18. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE 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**

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE 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**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone items eighteen (18) and nineteen (19) for the Special Meeting of September 28, 2023.*  
Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 6. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING OF TRACT 11, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, LOCATED ALONG GATEWAY BLVD WEST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL - MIXED USE DISTRICT) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRIBUTION AND MANUFACTURING FACILITIES, A FUELING STATION, AND A SUBSTATION TO ENHANCE THE ELECTRICAL POWER TO THE SURROUNDING AREA.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
- 7. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 1, MARY LOU PARK LOCATED AT 10761 LYDIA ROAD, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**
- 8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 549 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$4,950.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.**  
**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Jesse Montelongo spoke on item number seven (7).

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *take a five minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A FIVE MINUTE RECESS AT 7:01 PM**

**RECESS**

**CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:09 PM**

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES**

- 9. *PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing Opened at 7:09 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 pm

- 10. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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:

- 12. 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**

Public Hearing opened at 7:17 pm

Jesse Montelongo

Public Hearing closed at 7:20 pm

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF 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**

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez, to *approve and adopt the tax rate of .702021 per \$100.00*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 7:23 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:24 pm

**15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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:

**16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE 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**

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:26 pm

**17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE 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**

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

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

Nays: Ruben Reyes

Absent:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

**21. DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1 MODEL Z-60/34 ARTICULATED BOOM FROM UNITED RENTALS 616 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,187. ESTEVAN GONZALES**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

#### **22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REMOVAL OF VENDOR FEES FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS FOR SOCORRO SUNDAYS.**

***RUBEN REYES***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session to consult with attorney regarding real property*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 PM**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVEED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:58 PM**

#### **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 and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH AND  
NEGOTIATE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY [551.071  
AND 551.072].**

**RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *approve item number twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos


**27. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:00 pm*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

  
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Ivy Avalos, Mayor

  
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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



*9-28-23*

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Date minutes were approved