

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 MAY 18, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alejandro Garcia
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined the meeting virtually at 6:33 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Bruce Koehler, City Attorney

Juan Espinoza, IT Technician
Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator
J. Stanzione, Deputy Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Peter Villa and Jordan Villa, Students at Socorro Middle School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hector Ramos was signed up to speak but declined. Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2023. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE APRIL 2023 DEPARTMENTS MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MARCH 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 11. 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 BLOCK 1, ALL OF LOT 1-B, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", LOCATED AT 10330 SOCORRO ROAD ,SOCORRO, TX FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***
- 12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AND ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF BLOCK 3, TRACT 4-C-6-B, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 975 HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT 647 S. HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT 647 S. HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 15. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 5 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #4; LOT 5, BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOTS 3 AND 4 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOCATED AT 2625, 2635, AND 2645 DARRINGTON ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:19 pm

Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:21 pm

- 16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 5 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #4; LOT 5, BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOTS 3 AND 4 BLOCK 1 CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #3; LOCATED AT 2625, 2635, AND 2645 DARRINGTON ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr. to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE BODY SHOP AT 10921 NORTH LOOP DR.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:28 pm

Hector Ramos and Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:31 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos joined the meeting at 6:33 pm

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE BODY SHOP AT 10921 NORTH LOOP DR.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve and comply with recommendations*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 19. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 2-714 AUTHORITY, JURISDICTION AND QUORUM.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm

20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES, DIVISION 3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, SECTION 2-714 AUTHORITY, JURISDICTION AND QUORUM.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 750 SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) CALL FOR PROJECTS.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT OF THE SUMMARY OF RATES SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED FOREIGN TRADE ZONE.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to approve item number twenty-two (22). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S FY23 CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE DISCRETIONARY GRANT (CFIDG) GRANT APPLICATION TO DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FOR THE EL PASO REGION.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Omar Martinez, Grants Manager for the City of El Paso spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

RECREATION CENTERS

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL REGARDING AN UPCOMING FILM PROJECT; THE FILM RACE- BORDERLAND EDITION TO PRODUCE A HIGH-QUALITY CINEMATIC SIZZLE/TRAILER FOR THE PROJECT TO PITCH TO NETWORKS AND PRODUCTION COMPANIES AS A REALITY-BASED TELEVISION SERIES BY T J KARAM AND JOE BUSER.**
VICTOR RETA

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

T. J. Karam spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING RESOLUTION 751 A SUBDIVISION REPLAT TO CREATE TWO LOTS FROM ONE LOT WITH A VARIANCE TO ALLOW A SMALLER LOT SIZE WITH THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING AND BEING BLOCK 16, LOT 6, BAUMAN ESTATES #3 LOCATED AT 11351 HOVEY DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WAIVER FOR EXCAVATION PERMIT FEE FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT FOR ORMSBY CT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

CITY MANAGER

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 1 (ONE) 2023 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS FROM CASA FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,425.00. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

28. 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

29. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete items twenty-eight, twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia


31. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 7:32 pm*

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

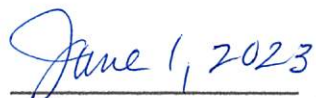


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved