

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 OCTOBER 16, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*arrived to the meeting at 6:12 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Monica L. Perez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Jason 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 Adriana Rodarte.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos arrived at the meeting at 6:12 pm.

PRESENTATION

5. *MOMENT OF SILENCE* AND HONORARIUM PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 773 ON THE PASSING OF FORMER HISTORICAL LANDMARK COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON CATHE APODACA. *VICTOR RETA*

Mayor Avalos read the Resolution and city council representatives offered condolences to the family.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2023.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 11. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR VALLEY QUAIL ESTATES BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 11A, BLOCK 19, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.* *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

- 12. *PUBLIC HEARING* REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE PARKING OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSIDE THE PROPERTY AT 11115 PERLETTE. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 pm.
Alexis Cardenas and Felipe Cardenas, owners spoke on this item.
Public Hearing closed at 6:19 pm.

- 13. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE PARKING OF A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSIDE THE PROPERTY AT 11115 PERLETTE. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Felipe Cardenas spoke on this item.

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

- 14. *PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR EASTWIND HILLS SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 11-B AND 11-B-4, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, SOCORRO, TEXAS 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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:38 pm.
No Speakers for Public Hearing.
Public Hearing closed at 6:39 pm.

- 15. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR EASTWIND HILLS SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 11-B AND 11-B-4, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, SOCORRO, TEXAS 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***

A motion was made by Alejandr 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:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CORRECTION TO SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 FOR THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS RD. EXTENSION PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO REVISE QUANTITIES IN EXHIBIT D. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE OF \$10,039.48 FROM PRIOR MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE AMOUNT.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT FOR AN ALL SAINTS DAY FESTIVAL AT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 673 OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2023 FROM 7:00 AM TO 10:00 PM.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL C/O PRESENTS: DIA DE LOS MUERTOS 5K RUN FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2023 FROM 8:00 AM TO 10:00 PM.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATION CENTERS

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 774 FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT TO TREANHOR HL FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HISTORIC RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$370,000. VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT FOR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS USA AND THE CITY OF MACHARAVIAYA, MALAGA SPAIN. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 775 TO RECOGNIZE MACHARAVIAYA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF YOLANDA RODRIGUEZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 5. 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, Rudy Cruz, Jr. and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent:

During this time Yolanda Rodriguez was sworn in by Mayor Avalos.

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER AND/OR HER DESIGNATED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSAL REPORT RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE EL PASO ELECTRIC CO. AND ACCEPT THEIR SERVICES AS RECOMMENDED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE CITY STREET LIGHTS ON WALCOTT RD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,793.00. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

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

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

24. 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

25. 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

26. 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-four (24), twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:


27. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:06 pm.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Ayalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



November 2, 2023

Date minutes were approved