

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
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 Centers Director
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Laura Arredondo, Wellness Coordinator
Lizbeth Castro, Recreation Coordinator
Diana Rodriguez, Multimedia Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by students of Escontrias Elementary School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

The honorable County Commissioner Iliana Holguin was recognized.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FEE WAIVER FOR EXCAVATION PERMIT FEE FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S BEJAR ESTATES WASTEWATER. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Mary Ann Dominguez, Alejandra Baquera, Ruben Baquera, Manuel Martinez, Matt Dudley, and Jacqueline Acuña spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. PRESENTATION BY PRISCILLA MORENO EL PASO COUNTY DIGITAL FOR ILUMINA PUBLIC LIBRARY. ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Commissioner Iliana Holguin and Priscilla Moreno.

6. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON RIO VISTA HISTORICAL SITE. VICTOR RETA

Presentation made by Victor Reta, see Exhibit "A."

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2023. OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. **DISCUSSION AND DISCUSSION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER DEPARTMENT'S MONTHLY REPORT.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2023 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** *CHARLES CASIANO*
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2023 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** *CHARLES CASIANO*
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2023 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** *CHARLES CASIANO*
13. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11686 SOCORRO ROAD, SOCORRO, TX. FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*
14. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR FIGUEROA SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 16-D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*
15. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, VINEDO ACRES REPLAT "I", LOCATED AT 342 F.E. JACKSON RD., SOCORRO, TX. FROM RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME DISTRICT) TO R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*
16. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 19, BLOCK 1, DELIP SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 634 BURMA PLACE, SOCORRO, TX. FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

- 17. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON ESTATES MASTER PLAN, BEING ALL OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
- 18. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON ESTATES SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 4-C-6-B, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
- 19. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE HORIZON PARK MASTER PLAN BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2, 2-A, 3-B, 3-B-1, 3-B-5, 4-C-1-L, 4-E-1-A, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX., AS PER SECTION 38-7 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO MUNICIPAL CODE.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
- 20. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACTS 2-A, 3-B-1, 4-C-1-L, AND 9-A-2, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to approve the Consent Agenda and amend the Ordinance for item number fourteen (14) to include "with a waiver for the requirement of a soils report."*

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- 21. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZONE SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 24E, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:06 pm

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 7:06 pm

No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 7:07 pm

22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZONE SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 24E, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 7:08 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 7:09 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent:

23. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR ROCHA SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACTS 12B, 12C AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 13B AND 13E, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:13 pm

No Speakers

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 pm

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 pm

24. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR ROCHA SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACTS 12B, 12C AND A PORTION OF TRACTS 13B AND 13E, BLOCK 7, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ricardo Rocha spoke on this item.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:16 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:17 pm.

25. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AN SU-1 (SPECIAL USE) ZONING DISTRICT AT 11400 SOCORRO RD., BEING LOT 1, BLOCK 1, A REPLAT OF TRACT 19-E, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:17 on

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:18 pm

26. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A COMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN AN SU-1 (SPECIAL USE) ZONING DISTRICT AT 11400 SOCORRO RD., BEING LOT 1, BLOCK 1, A REPLAT OF TRACT 19-E, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:19 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REQUESTING APPROVAL TO APPOINT LORRINE QUIMIRO AS THE BUILDING OFFICIAL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CONTRIBUTION TO LOWER VALLEY NURSES ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500 TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27, 2024. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS**

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete item number twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 30. 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**

- 31. 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

- 32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

33. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:29 pm.*


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

Nays:

Absent:

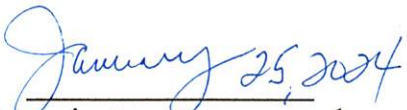


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved.