

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 MARCH 2, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager (*joined virtually*)
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jim Martinez, City Attorney
Lorraine Quimiro, Planning and Zoning Director

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Diana Rodriguez, Multimedia Specialist
Marisela Ortiz, Recreation Leader
Rosie Escobar, Executive Assistant
Jose Botello, City Planner
Officer Cesar Gonzalez
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Robert Rojas Elementary School Students and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Denise Velarde, Jazelle Lazcano, Zoe Carrillo, Jaaziel Cadena and Ximena Gutierrez.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Judy Priego, with the Lower Valley Nurses Association and Irma Chavez spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. RECOGNITION TO THE 2023 CAMPUS TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOCORRO FEEDER PATTERN. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA*

Lizet Vasquez of Campestre Elementary School, Brenda Ornelas, Ernesto Serna, Mayte Maruquez Escontrias Elementary, Jazmin Gabriela Montañez H.D. Hilley Elementary, Maria G. Fonseca Hueco Elementary, Sara Nelly Arvizu Robert R. Rojas

6. RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item number six for the Regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2023.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

7. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE II OF SIDEWALKS AND THE SUBMISSION OF FUTURE FUNDING FOR SIDEWALKS. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez, seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *approve item number seven (7).* Motion passed.

Carlos Peralez, Engineer spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

8. PRESENTATION ON THE PROCESS TO ADDRESS LANDLOCKED PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Presentation made by Lorraine Quimiro.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:48 pm.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty-five (25), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32) and twenty (20) before thirteen (13).*

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

25. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA T. MARTINEZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 5.*
RUBEN REYES

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:50 pm.

31. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF OSVALDO REZA TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 3.*
RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rudy Cruz Jr., to *approve item number thirty-one.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

32. *SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.*

CONSENT AGENDA

9. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023.*

OLIVIA NAVARRO

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 15, FRIEDMAN ESTATES #2 1966 FLEETWOOD H/T 10X58 SN#WF6V55135 LOCATED AT 367 HODAKA WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A 4-UNIT MAXIMUM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.
JOSE BOTELLO

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE REZONING OF LOT 9, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #6 AND LOT 8, BLOCK 1, CLINT VENTURE COMMERCIAL #5 AMENDING LOT 8, LOCATED AT 2585 AND 2595 DARRINGTON RD FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING.
JOSE BOTELLO

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX (WSB) TO ESTABLISH A COOPERATIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP TO PROVIDE WORKFORCE SERVICES AT E.G. CHAYO APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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:

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 734
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
DIVISION FY 2024 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP)
GRANT FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO
MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 735
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S (OOG) CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
(CJD) FY 2024 FIRST RESPONDER MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR
THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH
REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 736
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
DIVISION (HSGD) FY 2023 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM
(SHSP)- LETPA GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE
DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS
GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 737
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) FY 2024 PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE
DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS
GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garci 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:

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 738
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG) FY 2024 CRIMINAL JUSTICE
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.
THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 739
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S (OOG) CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
(CJD) FY 2024 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN JUSTICE AND TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS A
30% MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 740
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S (OOG) FY 2024 RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY
ARMOR GRANT FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS
NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 741 APPROVING
A FINAL PLAT FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS COMMERCIAL CENTER
UNIT 1, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 13A, 13A2B, AND ALL TRACTS
14A AND 14F, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

JOSE BOTELLO

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

An amended 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 EVENT PERMIT FOR PETER
GONZALES AS PER SECTION 36-255 OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO
MUNICIPAL CODE, THE EVENT NAME IS LUCHA FRONTERA
SOCORRO EVENT ON JUNE 10, 2023 AT 11061 SOCORRO RD FROM 4PM
TO 6:30 PM.**

JOSE BOTELLO

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

Peter Gonzalez, event applicant spoke on this item.

An amended 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:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY MANAGER'S YEARLY EVALUATION AND BRING RESULTS BACK TO COUNCIL FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2023. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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 TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN CHARGE STATING THE BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, ROBERT RENTERIA, PLACE 7 AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN CHARGE.

MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN CHARGE STATING THE BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, EMMANUEL NEVAREZ, PLACE 1 AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN CHARGE. CESAR NEVAREZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A WALKING TRAIL FOR MONTREAL PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF 30,000.00.
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 742 RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK FEBRUARY 27, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 3, 2023.
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO UPDATE SOCORRO SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE.
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve 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 TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE USE OF CHAMBERS FOR THE LOWER VALLEY VETERANS ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH DURING MORNING HOURS. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

33. 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

34. 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

35. 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 thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

36. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:24 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



March 16, 2023

Date minutes were approved