

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2 1

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3 Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES **February 1, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mayor: Ivy Avalos
- Representative At-Large: Ruben Reyes
- Representative District 1: Cesar Nevarez
- Representative District 2: Alejandro Garcia
- Representative District 3/ Mayor Pro Tem: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Representative District 4: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

- City Manager: Adriana Rodarte
- City Attorney: James Martinez
- City Planner: Lorraine Quimiro
- Finance Director: Charles Casiano
- Communications Director: Victor Reta *Interim for City Clerk
- City Development Director: Alejandra Valadez
- Information Technology Director: Estevan Gonzales
- Police Officer: Lucero Quintana
- Police Officer: Rogelio Martinez
- Planner: Jose Botello
- Grants Compliance Officer: Dolores Ayala
- Information Technology Technician: Alfredo Ferando
- Wellness Coordinator: Laura Arredondo
- Recreation Leader: Isabela Perez

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 H. D. Hilley Elementary Students.
Abril Corral, Ethan Muñoz, & Lluvia Vaquera

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with (5) five members present: Mayor & (4) four voting council members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

The members of the public who signed up to speak for public comment are:

1. Frank Apodaca *Declined to speak.
2. Pat Gardea
3. Sandra Saucedo *Declined to speak.
4. Miriam Cruz
5. Margarita Perez
6. Carolos Garay * Declined to speak.
7. Adrian Ontiveros * Declined to speak.

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *move up item twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION to approve the appointment of Francisco Villalobos to the Ethics Commission Place 6.
Mayor Ivy Avalos

- A motion was made by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve the appointment of Ethics Commissioner Place 6 Francisco Villalobos*. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

29. SWEARING IN of newly appointed commissioner: *Francisco Villalobos*.

Mayor Ivy Avalos

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE TYPICALLY NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320

5. Excuse absent council members.

Victor Reta

6. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing of an Ordinance requested by Texas Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on SH20 (Alameda Avenue) from 55 MPH to 45 MPH within the City of Socorro limits.

Lorraine Quimiro

7. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Unaudited Financial Report.

Charles Casiano

8. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Cash Receipts Report.

Charles Casiano

9. Discussion and action to approve the December 2023 Accounts Payable Report.

Charles Casiano



A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to approve the consent agenda in it's entirety. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

- 10. Public Hearing** of an Ordinance approving the Proposed Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Block 2, Tracts 6 and 6A, Socorro Grant located at 11051 North Loop Drive, Socorro, Tx. from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-MUD (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) to allow for Enclosed Manufacturing (Warehouses), Compounding, Assembling or Treatment of Articles. **Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 6:22 PM
- Speakers for this item were:
 - Frank Apodaca
 - Margarita Perez
- Public Hearing Closed at: 6:26 PM



- 11. Second Reading and Adoption** of an Ordinance approving the Proposed Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Block 2, Tracts 6 and 6A, Socorro Grant located at 11051 North Loop Drive, Socorro, Tx. from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-MUD (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) to allow for Enclosed Manufacturing (Warehouses), Compounding, Assembling or Treatment of Articles. **Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to approve the item for discussion. Motion Passed.
- Mr. Jorge Ascarate presented on this item.
- Mr. Frank Apodaca spoke on this item.
- A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Ms. Pat Gardea to speak. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- A motion was made by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Ms. Margarita Perez to speak. Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Voting to the original motion for approval by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, to suspend Robert's Rules of Order to allow Carolos Garay to speak. Motion Passed.

- Motion Passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- Voting to the original motion for approval by **District 3 Representative & Mayor Pro Tem Rudy Cruz Jr.**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**. Motion Passed.
Ayes: Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor Ivy Avalos
Nays: Ruben Reyes,
Abstain: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

12. Public Hearing of an Ordinance to approve a Replat and Variance Request for Eastwind Industrial Replat 'A' Subdivision, being Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Eastwind Industrial, Socorro, Tx.
Lorraine Quimiro

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:11 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:12 PM

13. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to approve a Replat and Variance Request for Eastwind Industrial Replat 'A' Subdivision, being Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Eastwind Industrial, Socorro, Tx.
Lorraine Quimiro

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. Motion Passed.
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Nays:
Absent: Cesar Nevarez, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

14. Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat for Horizonte Subdivision, being a portion of Tract 24E, Block 9, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.
Lorraine Quimiro

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:18 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:19 PM

15. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat for Horizonte Subdivision, being a portion of Tract 24E, Block 9, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.
Lorraine Quimiro

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes** to approve. Motion Passed.
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Nays:
Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

16. Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat Resubmission for Socorro Logistics Center Unit 2. being all of Tract 8, 9, 10A, and 11C, and a portion of Tract 10A1 and 11C1, Block 5, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx.
Lorraine Quimiro

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:22 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:23 PM

17. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Final Plat Resubmission for Socorro

Logistics Center Unit 2. being all of Tract 8, 9, 10A, and 11C, and a portion of Tract 10A1 and 11C1, Block 5, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Tx. **Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

18. Public Hearing of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV. Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Authorities, Division 8. Building and Standards Commission, Section 2-276 Members and Terms. **Lorraine Quimiro**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:28 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:28 PM

19. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 Administration, Article IV. Boards, Commissions, Agencies and Authorities, Division 8. Building and Standards Commission, Section 2-276 Members and Terms. **Lorraine Quimiro**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes, Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

20. Public Hearing of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Tx. adopting an amended Ordinance 186 of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Socorro, Tx. Amendment No. 6. **Adriana Rodarte**

- Public Hearing Opened at: 7:31 PM
- There were no speakers for this item.
- Public Hearing Closed at: 7:31 PM

21. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of Socorro, Tx. adopting an amended Ordinance 186 of the Civil Service Commission for the City of Socorro, Tx. Amendment No. 6. **Adriana Rodarte**

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

22. Discussion and action to approve a Foreign Trade Zone Distribution Site Operator Agreement with Pilot Air Freight, LLC.
Alejandra Valadez

☾ A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

23. Discussion and action to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of El Paso, Texas, and the City of Socorro, Tx, for assistance and cooperation in the Leadership Steering Committee for the Regional Climate Initiative.
Alejandra Valadez

• A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

24. Discussion and action to approve a Letter of Support for El Paso County's FY24 RAISE Grant Application for the Bob Hope Drive project.
Alejandra Valadez

• A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

☾ **25. Discussion and action** to update the ARPA Spending Framework for the City of Socorro, Texas.
Alejandra Valadez

• A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

26. Discussion and action to award the Fireworks Contract for the 2024 Independence Day Xtravaganza Event to Big Dog Pyro in the amount of 35,000.00.
Victor Reta

• A motion was made by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez**, seconded by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia** to approve. *Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

☾

CITY MANAGER

27. **Discussion and action** requesting approval of a \$58,000 allocation to fund the salary of the City of Socorro Community Initiative (CSCI) Executive Director. *Adriana Rodarte*

- A motion was made by **Representative At-Large Ruben Reyes**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *approve. Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to *delete items 30,31, & 32.. Motion Passed.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

33. *Adjourn*

- A motion was made by **District 2 Representative Alejandro Garcia**, seconded by **District 1 Representative Cesar Nevarez** to adjourn. *Motion Passed.*

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

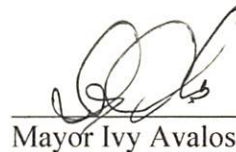
Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM



Minutes prepared by Communications Director: Victor Reta
Minutes prepared on: Friday February 2, 2024


Mayor Ivy Avalos

February 15, 2024
Minutes approved

