

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
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 LED BY HUECO ELEMENTARY.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Students from Robert Rojas Elementary School Students; Athony Camargo, Alexandria Renteria, Ariadna Carrillo, Arianna Martinez and Isabella Tapia.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, BAUMAN ESTATES LOCATED AT 597 BARNHART DRIVE, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW A DUPLEX.

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT A FIREWORKS SALES APPLICATION FOR THE PROCESSING OF FIREWORK SALES PERMITS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE III OF SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION AND THE SUBMISSION OF FUTURE FUNDING FOR SIDEWALKS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nine (9)*. Motion passed.

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

10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR EL PASO MARATHON 2024 TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 2024.*
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE A DEPUTY CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.*
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE.*
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move item number twelve (12) into Executive Session to consult with the attorney after item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO WAIVE EVENT AND PERMIT FEE FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AT COUGAR AND RIO VISTA PARKS ON DECEMBER 9 AND 10, 2023.*
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move into Executive Session at this time to consult with attorney*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:25

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:48 PM

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *approve item twelve (12) as discussed in executive session*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO RELEASE REAL PROPERTY FROM THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS [551.071 AND 551.072]. *JAMES A. MARTINEZ*

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *place and item on the December 7, 2023 agenda with notice to property owner*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

14. 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

15. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16).* Motion passed.

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


18. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 6:50 pm.* Motion passed.

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




Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved