

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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alejandro Garcia (*arrived at the meeting at 6:09 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Jose Botello, City Planner
Bruce Koehler, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Rec Centers Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Lt. Eddie Smith
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Jose Quinonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE LED BY CAMPESTRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Pledge recited by Alyss, Esteban and Alejandra Navarro students at Campestre Elementary School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

No Speakers for Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *APPROVAL OF AUGUST DEPARTMENTS MONTHLY REPORT.* *ADRIANA RODARTE***
- 8. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND 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***
- 9. *INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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***

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: Alejandro Garcia

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

- 10. *PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING OF TRACT 11, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, LOCATED ALONG GATEWAY BLVD WEST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL – MIXED USE DISTRICT) 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.***
- LORINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm

Alejandro Garcia arrived at the meeting at 6:09 pm

- 11. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REZONING OF TRACT 11, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, LOCATED ALONG GATEWAY BLVD WEST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL – MIXED USE DISTRICT) 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 Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 1, MARY LOU PARK LOCATED AT 10761 LYDIA ROAD, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:14 pm
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm

13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 1, MARY LOU PARK LOCATED AT 10761 LYDIA ROAD, SOCORRO, TX FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Gabriela Ibarra, owner of the property spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

14. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 549 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$4,950.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:24 pm
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:25 pm

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 549 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$4,950.00 FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF THE WEST 2/3 OF TRACT 30 AND ALL OF TRACTS 31-39, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298, LOCATED AT 12400 GATEWAY BLVD. EAST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:27 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF THE WEST 2/3 OF TRACT 30 AND ALL OF TRACTS 31-39, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298, LOCATED AT 12400 GATEWAY BLVD. EAST, SOCORRO, TX FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR AN INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.**

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:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1 FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3 FOR THE SPARKS ARROYO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC, TO REVISE QUANTITIES IN EXHIBIT D. THIS IS A REDUCED-COST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE 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 IS A NO-COST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT.
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:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF PARTICIPATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S APPLICATION TO THE PHASE II RECOMPETE PILOT PROGRAM.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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 FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) NO. 302 ZONE SCHEDULE.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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 RESOLUTION 769 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION'S (EDA) FY23 DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY AND APPROVE THE 20% LOCAL SHARE COMMITMENT FOR THE RIO VISTA BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$490,000.00 LOCAL CASH MATCH. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CSCI) NONPROFIT CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,400 TO SUPPORT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ROLE IN THE EXECUTION OF THE CSCI MISSION AND STRATEGIC PLAN. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Stephanie Schilling, Executive Director of the Community Initiative (CSCI) Nonprofit Corporation spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 770 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT, EASTWIND HILLS UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 11-B, AND 11-B-4, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 771 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT, EASTWIND UNIT 1 SUBDIVISION, BEING H. D. CAMP SURVEY NO. 408-C AND TRACT 1, BLOCK 23, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 772 APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT, EASTWIND HILLS UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 301, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:00 pm

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:03 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT AND PAYMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL'S HOMECOMING PARADE.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the event and waiver request for Socorro High School Parade for October 19, 2023*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFP 23-08 FOR CLEANING AND HERBICIDE APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SOCORRO PONDING AREAS TO LOCAL PEST MANAGER AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Cesar Nevares stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 pm

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE DEPUTY CITY MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:16 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:16 pm

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR THE DEDICATION OF A SEGMENT OF F E JACKSON FOR THE USE AS A PUBLIC STREET AND RIGHT-OF-WAY. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:18 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:19 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:37 PM

31. *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*

32. *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

33. *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-one (31), thirty-two (32), and thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**34. UPDATE TO COUNCIL ON CHAPTER 380 INCENTIVE APPLICATION
RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO. [551.071 AND 551.087]**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

No action on this item.


35. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:38 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



 October 16, 2023
Date minutes were approved.