

Ivy Avalos
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
District 3 Mayor Pro Tem

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 7, 2024 @ 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
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Monica Perez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Diana Rodriguez, Media Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:07 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

National Anthem sung by Ivy Delgado, Mariachi Gavilanes from Socorro High School

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

- 4. *MOMENT OF SILENCE* AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 788 TO HONOR THE LIFE OF GUADALUPE S. ALMANZAR, RETIRED PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Mayor Avalos presented the Almanzar family with the Resolution.

- 5. *RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI LOS GAVILANES FOR WINNING THE UIL STATE MARIACHI FESTIVAL FOR THE 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR.* *MAYOR IVY AVALOS***

The Gavilanes Mariachis were presented with a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Ivy Avalos.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2024.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 8. *APPROVAL OF JANUARY'S MONTHLY REPORT.* *ADRIANA RODARTE***
- 9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.* *CHARLES CASIANO***
- 12. *INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$3,050.00 FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.* *ADRIANA RODARTE***

- 13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 3, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 11721 VALLE DEL PASEO DRIVE, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR DUPLEXES.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 304, ABSTRACT NO. 10169, AND A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, ABSTRACT NO. 9871, LOCATED AT 16400 GATEWAY WEST BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR DISTRIBUTION AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 15. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR VALLE NUEVO UNIT ONE, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 1B, 1B1, 1C, 1C1, 1D, 1D3, 1H, 2A, 2C1, 4A2B, 4B1, 4B2, 4C, 6A, 6B, AND 6C, BLOCK 5 SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS AND A VARIANCE TO ALLOW FOR LOTS SMALL THAN 6,000 SQUARE FEET.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A FINAL PLAT RESUBMISSION FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT 2 AND VARIANCE FOR MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND PARKING REDUCTION.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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:

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS A PURPLE HEART CITY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND THE LONE STAR CHAPTER 393. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr. seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos left the meeting at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez *to take a recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

THE COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 6:45 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:51 PM

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 6:51 pm.

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE UPDATED RESOLUTION 789 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CRIME VICTIMS ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S FTZ 302 REORGANIZATION AND CREATION OF MAGNET SITES AT THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER, AND THE EASTWIND LOGISTICS CENTER.
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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFQ 24-01 FOR COMPREHENSIVE CREATION OF A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) TO ABLE CITY, LLC AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 790 AUTHORIZING MAYOR AVALOS TO SIGN AN ADVANCED FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR RAILWAY-HIGHWAY HAZARD ELIMINATION OFF-SYSTEM. IN RELATION TO THE RAILROAD FEDERAL SIGNAL PROGRAM.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos 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:

CITY MANAGER

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER TO PLACE THE PILASTERS ON THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE RIO VISTA BRIDGE RAIL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16, 681.20 FOR ADDED PROTECTION. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A 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 TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GRANT APPLICATION (EOC). *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

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:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO BUILD A VETERAN'S MEMORIAL AT COUGAR PARK WITH A NAME CHANGE. *RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

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 THE INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS ON MESA DRAIN. CESAR NEVAREZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number 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 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

28. 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

29. 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 twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28) and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. ADJOURN

A motion was made Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:23 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