

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 21, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Rudy Cruz, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Chief Robert C. Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Charles Casino, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:1 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance led by Campestre Elementary School.
Kevin, Jocelyn, Jaelyn and Jesus Marrufo.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Gabriel Fraga, from the office of Commissioner Iliana Holguin and Roberto Garza spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

7. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2024 MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

8. 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 5, BLOCK 22, FRIEDMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO, LOCATED AT 11470 PETERS RD, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REPLAT FOR HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT ONE REPLAT "C". BEING LOT 8, BLOCK 11, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT ONE CORRECTED PLAT. *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, and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

10. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$3,050.00 FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Public Hearing opened at 6:10 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:11 pm

11. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$3,050.00 FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.*
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

12. *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

Public Hearing opened at 6:12 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm

13. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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, and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

- 14. 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**

Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm
Adam Thomas spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:22 pm

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number fifteen (15)*. 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 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**

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 pm
Enrique Escobar spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Rudy Cruz, Jr., stepped out of the meeting at 6:37 pm.

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 792 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FY 2025 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 eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF EL PASO'S 2024 CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS APPLICATION FOR THE PASO DEL NORTE TRAIL PROJECT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Rudy Cruz, Jr., returned to the meeting at 6:39 pm

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S FY 2025 COMMUNITY PROJECTS REQUEST TO THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSWOMAN VERONICA ESCOBAR FOR A REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROJECT TO BENEFIT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE RCGOG REGION, INCLUDING THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. 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, and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 21. UPDATE REGARDING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AUDIT REPORT CONDUCTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2024.** **CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS**

No action on this item.

- 22. UPDATE REGARDING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT 2023 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.** **CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS**

No action on this item.

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT FOR A CHURCH KERMES AT SAINTS PETER AND PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH AT 673 OLD HUECO TANKS ROAD AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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, and Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THAT EVERY MONDAY CITY OF SOCORRO RECOGNIZES OUR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND WEBSITE.** **RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

25. 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

26. 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

27. 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-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos


28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 6:57 pm*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos



Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



April 4, 2024

Date minutes were approved