

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
APRIL 18, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta, Community Center
Alejandra Valadez, Community Development Coordinator
Robert C. Rojas, Police Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Margarita Perez spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. *RECOGNITION OF THE 2024 SISD ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOCORRO FEEDER PATTERN.* *ALEJANDRO GARCIA*

The 2024 Socorro Teachers were recognized Ana Oropeza, Hilley Elementary School, Crystal Carrasco Hueco Elementary School, Victoria E. Contreras Robert R. Rojas, Megan R. Federico Mission Early College, Drew Dunga Mission Early College, Nathalia Carrillo Socorro Middle School, Alejandro Alvarez Socorro High School, Angela Rose Hernandez Salvador H. Sanchez, were recognized.

6. *PRESENTATION BY EL PASO COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT PLANNER, SHANI ENRIQUEZ REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.* *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Shani Enriquez from the County of El Paso made Presentation.

7. *PRESENTATION FROM THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGARDING THE MAY 4, 2024, BOND ELECTION PROJECTS.* *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Presentation made by Mr. Grijalva and Michael Flores from Lower Valley Water District.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 6:28 pm
Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 6:29 pm

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *suspend the rule and allow Margarita Perez to speak.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Margarita Perez spoke on this item.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., stepped out the meeting at 6:47 pm
Rudy Cruz, Jr. returned to the meeting at 6:53 pm

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:56 pm
Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:57 pm

8. UPDATE BY LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT ON CITY OF SOCORRO PAVING CUTS. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Presentation made by Michael Flores and Mr. Grijalva.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:02 pm.
Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:05 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 7:05 pm
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 7:10 pm

CONSENT AGENDA

9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2024. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, NUISANCES, ARTICLE II. HEALTH AND SAFETY NUISANCES, ADDING SECTION 28-6. NONESSENTIAL RESIDENTIAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS. *VICTOR PEREZ*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO UPDATE THE ARPA SPENDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 794 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR DURING SUCH TIMES AS REQUIRED TO FULFILL GRANT PROJECT FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

CITY MANAGER

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2024-2025 BUDGET CALENDAR. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCEED WITH PHASE IV AND V OF SIDEWALK DESIGN AND PHASE IV CONSTRUCTION WITH ARPA FUNDS. ADRIANA RODARTE

Jesse Hernandez with Camacho Hernandez Engineering spoke on this item.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting 7:19 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting 7:22 pm

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item fifteen (15)*.

An amended motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *amend the motion to exclude Roden and add Kendrick*. Motion passed.

Rudy Cruz stepped out of the meeting at 7:29 pm

Rudy Cruz returned to the meeting at 7:29 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:29 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:29 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PAVING AND MILLING OF 12 STREETS WITH ARPA FUNDS. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Rudy Cruz, Jr., left the meeting at 7:31

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SHIRTS FOR THE BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,096.00. *RUBEN REYES*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

18. 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

19. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *delete items eighteen, (18), nineteen (19) and twenty (20).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move into Executive Session at this time.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:39 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 7:51 PM

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES POLICY. [551.071 AND 551.081] ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twenty-one (21).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

22. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:52 pm.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.



Ivy Avalos, Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

May 16, 2024

Date minutes were Approved