

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor  
*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large  
*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2  
*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3  
*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 16, 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  
  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator  
Jose Quinonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

**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 SCHOOL AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR RICHARD CONTRERAS, CITY OF SOCORRO'S FIRST CITY ATTORNEY.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Hueco Elementary School Students: Aaron Sosa, Diego Sosa, Adilene Garcia, Chris Granillo, Anthony Lopez, Andrew Moralez, Allie Aranda, Nathan Aranda and Dave Aranda.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty (20) and twenty-three (23) after presentations*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMENT**

Leonard Wells spoke during Public Comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5. PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH. VICTOR RETA**

Proclamation was read by Mayor Avalos.

**6. PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY OF EL PASO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES / VECTOR CONTROL PROGRAM, JASON E. SARATE, MPA, OPERATIONS MANAGER. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation made by Jason Sarate and Ginny Castaneda.

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos stepped out of the meeting at 6:25 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos returned to the meeting at 6:26 pm

**7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 10, 2024, AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

Presentation by Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 795 RECOGNIZING CRISOL DELGADO, OWNER OF BURRO TIME TO GO FOR HER AWARD AS SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WOMEN IN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR THE EL PASO DISTRICT IN 2024.**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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:

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH IHEART MEDIA FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA FOR SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00. VICTOR RETA**

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:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

**9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2024. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

**10. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2024 MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**11. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2024 MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MARCH 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MARCH 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 18, ROSA AZUL SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 615 ROSA AZUL DRIVE, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY HOME. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

**15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302 ABST 10170, TRACT 11-B-1, 11-B-2, AND 11-B-3, LOCATED AT GATEWAY WEST BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) TO ALLOW FOR AN INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

**16. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT AND WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE SOILS ANALYSIS AND STORM WATER DRAINAGE PLAN FOR THE CARLOS H. TRUJILLO PLACE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 12E3, BLOCK 14, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE FINAL PLAT NOTE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH REPORTS DUE UPON NEW IMPROVEMENTS.**

***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:

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

**17. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 7:04 pm

Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

Public Hearing closed at 7:07 pm

**18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 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:

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

#### **19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF VERKADA SECURITY CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$245,126.10.**

***ESTEVAN GONZALES***

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:

### **GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

#### **21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FY25 TXDOT TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM FOR CLICK IT OR TICKET AND OPERATION SLOW.**

***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:

### **RECREATION CENTERS**

#### **22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW THREE MISSIONS BREWERY TO SELL BEER AT THE INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA EVENT ON JUNE 29, 2024, AT COUGAR PARK FROM 5:00 PM TO 11:00 PM.**

***VICTOR RETA***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia 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:

## **PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 796 AND EXECUTE THE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR APPROVED TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TASA) PROGRAM PROJECT.**

***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 ON CLOSING A SEGMENT OF NEVAREZ RD. TO THRU TRAFFIC APPROXIMATELY 200 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE YSLA LATERAL.**

***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:

## **CITY MANAGER**

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PAVING OF RIO VISTA FROM BUFORD TO ALAMEDA.**

***ADRIANA RODARTE***

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 TO APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT LICENSEE'S AGREEMENT FOR 25 YEARS FOR THE COVERED PORTION OF MESA DRAIN BETWEEN DELILAH AVE. AND CLEMS RD. 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-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 797 TO ALLOW THE CITY OF SOCORRO COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CSCI) INC. TO SOLICIT DONATIONS, GRANTS, AND OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROGRAMMING COSTS OF BUILDING 17 AT THE RIO VISTA FARM FOR THE RIO VISTA BRACERO MUSEUM. *VICTOR PEREZ***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE CSCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT OF DOLORES AYALA AS CSCI BOARD SECRETARY AND JESUS ENRIQUEZ AS CSCI BOARD TREASURER. *VICTOR PEREZ***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:



**30. 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**

**31. 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**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**33. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:39 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



Date minutes were approved