

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
JUNE 6, 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 Martinez, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Technician
Diana Rodriguez, Finance Specialist
Lt. John Greer
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON TXDOT HIGHWAY EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATOR (HERO) PROGRAM. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Presentation made.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *move up items twenty-eight (28) and thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE HOSTING OF THE BINATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE AUGUST 24TH, 2024. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

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

Al Borrego spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *suspend the Rule and allow Al Borrego to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Al Borrego spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone this item for the first Regular Council Meeting of July 11, 2024*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE CREATION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXES FOR QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITY PROPERTIES. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

Gina Martinez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2024, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2024.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MARCH 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
9. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT # 2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$895.00 FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.**
ADRIANA RODARTE
10. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MECHANIC SHOP IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON LOTS 6-8, BLOCK 3, ALGODON SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10109 SOCORRO ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**
11. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REPLAT FOR FLOR DEL RIO REPLAT "B", BEING LOT 4 BLOCK 2, FLOR DEL RIO SUBDIVISION, SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**
12. **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 ALL OF TRACTS 1-D-1, 1-D-2, 4-A, 4-A-2-A, 4-B AND 5-A, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF INGLEWOOD DRIVE AND NEVAREZ ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR AN IC-MUD ZONING DISTRICT LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 10 ACRES TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

- 13. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 15, FRIEDMAN ESTATES UNIT 2, LOCATED AT 367 HODAKA WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 14. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF ALL OF TRACT 1, BLOCK 12, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED SOUTH-WEST OF ALAMEDA AVE. AND SKOV RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST TO ALLOW FOR AN IC-MUD ZONING DISTRICT LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 10 ACRES TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV DIVISION 9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD A SET OF CONDITIONAL USES.**
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

- 16. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing Closed at 6:36 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 18. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:41 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:41 pm

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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. 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 TO WAIVE STORM WATER AND DRAINAGE PLAN AND SOILS REPORT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:47 pm

No speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:47 pm

- 21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 TO WAIVE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PLAN AND SOILS REPORT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item twenty-one (21)*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-one (21 with staff's recommendation: approval of the waiver for the Soils Report only*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT-GRADE CROSSING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING MAYOR AVALOS TO SIGN A PUBLIC HIGHWAY AT-GRADE CROSSING AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT TO FACILITATE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING AT NORTH MOON ROAD UNDER THE RAILROAD FEDERAL SIGNAL PROGRAM.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RATIFYING AND APPROVING ENGAGING WITH PEÑA, BRIONES, MCDANIEL, AND CO. FOR CONSULTING AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 4 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 4. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Nays:

Absent:

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRANTS ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST TO GRANT FINANCIAL ANALYST. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item 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 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 89TH STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item 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 THE CHANGE OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THURSDAY JULY 4, 2024, TO WEDNESDAY JULY 3, 2024. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve July 11, 2024, as the change of date of the Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROJECT AYUDA FUNDING RESOURCES FOR SOCORRO RESIDENTS. RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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:

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:

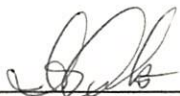
34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 7:16 pm*. Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent:

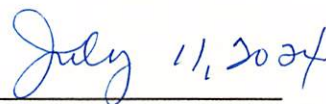


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved.