

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
JULY 11, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alejandro Garcia

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 Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Led by Socorro High School Athletes.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES AND COACHES FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

The students were recognized and presented with a certificate from Mayor Avalos and Mayor ProTem Rudy Cruz, Jr.

Coach Avalos and Coach Mena spoke on this item.

6. PRESENTATION BY ASCENDO STRATEGIES ON THE CITY OF SOCORRO ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGIC PLAN.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Presentation made by Dr. Griselda Martinez.

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *up items thirty (30) and (34).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR THE FIESTA DE SAN MIGUEL 2024 AT LA PURISIMA CHURCH AT 328 S. NEVAREZ ROAD FOR SEPTEMBER 27 THROUGH 29, 2024 AND TO WAIVE THE EVENT FEE.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE HOSTING OF THE
BINATIONAL HISTORY CONFERENCE AUGUST 24TH 2024.**

MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes to *deny*. Motion dies, no second.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz to *approve hosting the conference alongside Heritage Society in the amount of \$15,000.00*. Motion dies, no second.

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr., to *approve the conference with a \$20,000.00 budget*. Motion passed.

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

Nays: Ruben Reyes and Cesar Nevarez

Mayor Ivy Avalos broke the tie and voted aye.

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

CONSENT AGENDA

7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

**8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2024,
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2024, REGULAR COUNCIL
MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2024, SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 24,
2024.**

OLIVIA NAVARRO

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2024 CASH RECEIPTS
REPORT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

**10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2024 ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE REPORT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

**11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2024 UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL REPORT.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

**12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ADOPTING A
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE FUTURE ADOPTION
OR AMENDMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS AND/OR OTHER
REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO BE IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR MAYO SUMMIT SUBDIVISION BEING A TRACT 5D, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR SAHAJANAND UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING 16.01 ACRE PORTION OUT OF A 73.6958 ACRE TRACT OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 304, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR A 50' – 0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCED PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 400 SQ. FT. OF NET LEASABLE OFFICE SPACE AND 1 SPACE PER 5,000 SQ. FT. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA FOR EASTWIND HILLS UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 11-B AND 11-B-4, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR VILLAGRAN SUBDIVISION BEING A TRACT 4C16, BLOCK 14, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 17. 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

Public Hering opened at 6:58 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:59 pm

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 19. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, HORIZONE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 200 HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:13 pm

No Speakers

Ruben Reyes stepped out of meeting at 7:13 pm

Public Hearing closed at 7:14 pm

20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, HORIZONE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 200 HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

21. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 31, NORTH LOOP ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 612 HESSE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:18 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:18 pm

22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 31, NORTH LOOP ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 612 HESSE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-two (22)*.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Edwin Morales and Abrahm Macias spoke on this item

An amended motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve with the words One Duplex on the Ordinance*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

23. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 30 AND 32, BLOCK 3, VALLE NUEVO UNIT ONE, LOCATED AT 1055 AND 1069 NUEVO HUECO TANKS BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:17 pm
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:18 pm

24. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF 30 AND 32, BLOCK 3, VALLE NUEVO UNIT ONE, LOCATED AT 1055 AND 1069 NUEVO HUECO TANKS BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos seconded by Ruben Reyes to approve item number twenty-four (24). Motion passed.

Jorge Azcarate spoke on this item

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

25. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REPLAT FOR GECU SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", LOT 4-A, BLOCK 1, GECU SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 AMENDING REPLAT, AND A PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, NORTH LOOP COMMERCIAL PARK REPLAT B AMENDING SUBDIVISION, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:42 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:43 pm

26. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REPLAT FOR GECU SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 REPLAT "A", LOT 4-A, BLOCK 1, GECU SUBDIVISION UNIT 2 AMENDING REPLAT, AND A PORTION OF LOT 2, BLOCK 1, NORTH LOOP COMMERCIAL PARK REPLAT B AMENDING SUBDIVISION, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

27. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REPLAT FOR HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2 REPLAT "F", BEING LOTS 9-11, BLOCK 1, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2, SOCORRO, TEXAS, WITH A VARIANCE FOR A LOT BEING SMALLER THAN 10,00 SQ. FT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:47 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:48 pm

28. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REPLAT FOR HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2 REPLAT "F", BEING LOTS 9-11, BLOCK 1, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2, SOCORRO, TEXAS, WITH A VARIANCE FOR A LOT BEING SMALLER THAN 10,00 SQ. FT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-eight (28)*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SOCORRO ECONOMIC RECOVERY STRATEGIC PLAN. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ruben Reyes stepped out at 7:53 pm

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:53 pm

CITY MANAGER

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE HUITT ZOLLARS WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2.1 FOR THE PASSMORE SHARED USED PATH IN THE AMOUNT OF 59,961.00.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF EL PASO AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SAME.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 798 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF ROSE ESCOBAR AS CSCI BOARD SECRETARY AND JESUS ENRIQUEZ AS CSCI BOARD TREASURER.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

35. 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**

36. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36) and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

38. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC.'S ("TGS") PETITION FOR REVIEW OF THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF EL PASO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RELIEF, AND TGS'S APPLICATION FOR AN INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND ITS WEST NORTH SERVICE AREA ("WNSA") [551.071].

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *postpone for the next Regular Meeting of July 18, 2024*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia


39. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:57 pm*. Motion passed.


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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

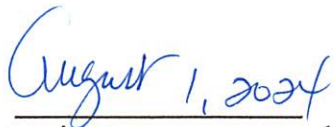


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved