

*Ivy Avalos*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



District 2

*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

*Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 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 Martinez, City Attorney

Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Jose Botello, City Planner  
Carol Candelaria, HR Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 pm.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

Quorum was established with all council members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMENT**

No speakers for Public Comment.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**5. PRESENTATION BY CONGRESSWOMAN VERONICA ESCOBAR ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION FUNDS & RECOGNITION FOR THE RIO VISTA CAPITAL PROJECT. VICTOR RETA**

The honorable Congresswoman Veronica Escobar made a presentation and a contribution to the City of Socorro in the amount of \$1,050,000.00. for the Rio Vista Project.

**6. PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF JULY AS THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S RECREATION APPRECIATION MONTH. VICTOR RETA**

Proclamation ready by Mayor Avalos.

**7. PRESENTATION OF PARTICIPATION FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. VICTOR RETA**

Mayor and City Council recognized the athletes and coaches.

**8. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR THE TIGUA NEXT GENERATION YOUTH WORKFORCE PROGRAM. VICTOR RETA**

The students were recognized and received a certificate from Mayor and Council.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A YOUTH COMMUNITY EVENT COMMEMORATING AUGUST 3 AT BULLDOG PARK ON AUGUST 3 COORDINATED BY PENIEL MINISTRIES AND TO WAIVE THE EVENT FEE. RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Lydia Torres spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Rudy Cruz, Jr., stepped out of the meeting at 6:41 pm.

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

Rudy Cruz stepped out of the meeting at 6:41 pm

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 Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND WAIVE FEES FOR THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE AND PEP RALLY TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2024. VICTOR RETA**

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

Carolina Lopez, Socorro High School spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**10. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2024 MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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 Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE 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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:44 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Rudy Cruz returned to the meeting at 6:45  
Public Hearing closed at 6:45 pm

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE 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***

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

Bren Cox and Janice Pokrant, Consultants with Matrix Design spoke on this item

Alejandro Garcia stepped out at 7:10 pm

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 7:15 pm

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 7:18 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:19 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 13. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 7:26 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:26 pm

**14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*.

Mr. Dorado, Engineer and representing the owner spoke on this item

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:36 pm

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item fourteen (14) and deny the soils waiver*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Rudy Cruz, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

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

Public Hearing opened at 7:38 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 pm

**16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR SAHAJANAND UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING 16.01ACRE PORTION OUT OF A 73.6958 ACRE TRACT OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 304, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:39 pm

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 17. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 7:43 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:43 pm

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

*A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to approve item eighteen with staff's recommendation of the final plat and variance request for a 50' – 0" maximum allowable building height and reduced parking space requirements of 1 space for 400 s.f. of net leasable office space and 1 space for 5,000 s.f. of net leasable warehouse area for Eastwind Hills Unit One.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

**19. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 7:50 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:50 pm

**20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 4 FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 FOR THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROAD PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL WILL RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF \$27.67 TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2.**

***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 3 FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3 FOR THE SPARKS ARROYO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, LLC. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL WILL RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF \$115.78 TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3.**

***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD BID NO: 24-04 RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER REHABILITATION PACKAGE 4A – BRACERO MUSEUM (B17) TO SKYRIDGE CONSTRUCTION LLC AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OF HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *VICTOR RETA***

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, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

**CITY MANAGER**

**25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFQ 24-05 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE GOODMAN CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *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, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

**26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFP 24-07 TO JOBE MATERIALS L.P. ON THE PRICES, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ARPA SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND CITY PAVING PROJECTS. *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, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos  
Nays:  
Absent:

**28. 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**

**29. 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**

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE**

**31. 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

**32. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:05 pm*. Motion passed.

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

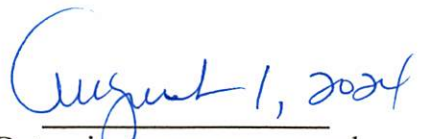


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved.