

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 AUGUST 15, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually*)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudy Cruz, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
James Martinez, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Tech
Victor Reta Recreation Centers Director
Jose Botello, City Planner
Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief
Lt. John Greer
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator (*joined virtually*)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ernesto Serna Softball Team.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Albert Ortiz and Miriam Cruz spoke on this item.

PRESENTATIONS

**5. PRESENTATION OF SHIRTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS.
RUBEN REYES**

Ruben Reyes presented Board and Commission Members with shirts to the commissioners that were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 1, 2024. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**
- 14. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR NIT SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 11-B-1, 11-B-3, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, SOCORRO, TEXAS AND VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR A 50' - 0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCED PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 400 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE OFFICE SPACE AND 1 SPACE PER 5,000 S.F. OF NET LEASEABLE WAREHOUSE AREA. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

15. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN FOR NIT INDUSTRIAL BEING TRACTS 11-B-1, 11-B-3, ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 302, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

16. 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 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 AN IC-MUD ZONING DISTRICT LESS THAN THE REQUIRED 10 ACRES FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. LORRINE QUIMIRO

17. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE REPLAT "A", BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 1, HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the Consent Agenda*. 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 Ruben Reyes to *move up items twenty (22) and thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LATINOS IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION FOR A NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS GRANT TO FUND A MURAL IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. VICTOR RETA

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

34. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE BORDERLAND MEDIA PLACING 100 COMMERCIAL TRASH CONTAINERS FOR ADVERTISING WHILE PROMOTING CLEANER STREETS AND PUBLIC SPACES.*

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-four (34).*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny and follow the procurement process.*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny and direct staff to prepare and RFP or RFQ.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

18. *PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZON 10 PHASE ONE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 35 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 36 AND ALL OF TRACTS 37 TO 39, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298, SOCORRO, TEXAS.* ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:37 pm

19. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZON 10 PHASE ONE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 35 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 36 AND ALL OF TRACTS 37 TO 39, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298, SOCORRO, TEXAS.* ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item nineteen (19).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

20. *PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR BABA UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF THE O.A. DANIELSON SURVEY NO. 316, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS.*

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:40 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:41 pm

21. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR BABA UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF THE O.A. DANIELSON SURVEY NO. 316, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS.*
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

23. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 799 FOR A MULTIPLE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.*
CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

PLANING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

24. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO JAMAS LTD. TO OUTLINE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S FUNDING PARTICIPATION FOR A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF HUECO JUNCTION RD. AND NUEVO TANKS, BLVD.*
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A WRITTEN CHARGE STATING THE BASIS FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMISSION MEMBER, RODRIGO ARRAS, DISTRICT #2 APPOINTMENT AND DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE WRITTEN CHARGE.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) MOBILITY TRANS FORD TRANSIT 350HD, HIGH ROOF W/ 1 WHEELCHAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,289.00 AND OBLIGATE FUNDS UNDER ARPA.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO OBLIGATE \$534,001.00 UNDER ARPA FOR PAVING MATERIALS THROUGH JOBE MATERIALS, L.P. AS AWARDED UNDER BID 24-07.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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 and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE SUBRECIPIENT AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE EL PASO COLLABORATIVE FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EPCCED) FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOCORRO BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

CITY MANAGER

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve September 12, 2024, the date to take final action on the tax rate.* Motion passed.

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

30. PRESENTATION AND ACTION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item thirty (30).* Motion passed.

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

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 INTERNATIONAL LT625 DAYCAB TRACTOR TRAILER 6X4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,992.78. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO REVIEW AND APPROVE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT BUDGET PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, TO ATTEND THE 112TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM OCTOBER 9TH THROUGH OCTOBER 11TH, 2024, IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION DIRECTING THE POLICE CHIEF AND STAFF TO RESEARCH THE POTENTIAL JURISDICTIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF INCIDENTS AND TRUANCIES OCCURRING ON SCHOOLS LOCATED WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.
RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

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

36. 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**

37. 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

**38. 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-six (36), thirty-seven (37), and thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

10. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:06 pm*.

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


Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.


Ivy Avalos, Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved.