

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 1, 2024 @ 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager (*joined virtually*)
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner

Alfredo Ferando, IT Tech
Isabela Perez, Recreation Leader
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Robert Rojas, Police Chief
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Margarita Perez and Alexandro Lozano spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

4. **PRESENTATION BY MARTHA VELASCO WITH OPTAVISE. MS. VELASCO A BENEFITS ADVISER AGENT TO PRESENT A VARIETY OF LIFE INSURANCE PLANS, TERMINAL ILL POLICIES & ACCIDENTAL AND INJURY COVERAGE PLANS OFFERED BY WASHINGTON NATIONAL.**
YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

Presentation by Martha Velasco.

A motion was made by Rudy Cruz, Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *move up item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. **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 number nineteen (19)*.

Ever Saenz spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item nineteen (19) for next Regular Council Meeting of August 15, 2024*.

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 MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2024, SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2024 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2024.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
8. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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*

- 9. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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 Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia 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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR. *CAROL CANDELARIA***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item ten (10)*. Motion passed.

Carol Candelaria, HR Director spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION FROM “PROGRAM OFFICER COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST” TO GRANTS COMPLIANCE OFFICER. *CAROL CANDELARIA***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

Carol Candelaria, HR Director spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT VIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER - SUPPORTING CHILDCARE SMALL BUSINESSES GRANT.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Alejandro Valadez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 13. *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 \$175.55 TO THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Alejandra Valadez spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 14. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO UPDATE THE ARPA SPENDING FRAMEWORK FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Yvonne Colon-Villalobos to *approve item fifteen (15).*

Adriana Rodarte presented on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *the adoption of the voter approval rate of .0666900.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

17. UPDATE ON THE RESIGNATION SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE RUDY CRUZ, JR.

ADRIANA RODARTE

No action on this item.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED ORDER SCHEDULING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024 FOR THE PURPOSE OF

ELECTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO MAYOR, CITY REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE, REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 3 AND REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4.
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER AND OR HER DESIGNATED STAFF TO LOOK INTO CHANGING THE CURRENT ORDINANCES REGARDING COVENANTS AND PARKS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN PLACE FOR NEW AND UPCOMING COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION. IN ADDITION, CITY MANAGER AND OR STAFF TO REVIEW THE REQUIRED IF ANY, COVENANT BY-LAWS FOR UPCOMING SUBDIVISIONS, WHETHER THE SUBDIVISION IS COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL AND ALLOW THIS COUNCIL TO MAKE CHANGES.**
YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item twenty (20)*.

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 7:03 pm

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 7:06 pm

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item twenty for the next Regular Council Meeting of August 15, 2024*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 21. 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

- 22. 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

- 23. 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 twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:


- 24. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:27 pm*


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

Nays:

Absent:

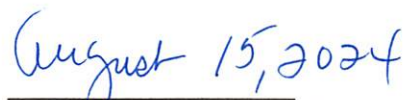


Ivy Avalos, Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date minutes were approved