

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
OCTOBER 3, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Ivy Avalos
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rudy Cruz, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Jose Botello, City Planner
Jason Stanzione, Deputy City Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE LED BY
ERNESTO SERNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION TO THE 2024 HARVEST FESTIVAL SPONSORS. *VICTOR RETA*

Victor Reta recognized All Sponsors, Brunson Pump Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers on Zaragoza, Walmart Neighborhood Market on Alameda, Enrique Cisneros Insurance, Las Vegas Party Rentals and Party Bowl Event Solutions

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

7. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2024. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JULY 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JULY 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2024. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

11. 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 ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, LOCATED AT GATEWAY WEST BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM UNCLASSIFIED TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENTS) WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A 50'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCED PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENT OF 1 SPACE PER 400 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE OFFICE SPACE AND 1 SPACE PER 5,000 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA TO ALLOW FOR WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REQUEST A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MECHANIC SHOP IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON TRACT 1-A-9, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293 ABST 6257, LOCATED AT 1121 ROBIN RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

13. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT RESUBMISSION AND A FINAL PLAT FOR EASTWIND HILLS UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 301, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
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, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.,

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR CHAVEZ ACRES SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 9D, BLOCK 32, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:09 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR CHAVEZ ACRES SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 9D, BLOCK 32, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

- 16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT AND VARIANCE FOR A 46' - 0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCED PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENT OF 1 SPACE PER 850 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA 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 6:13 pm
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:14 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT AND VARIANCE FOR A 46' - 0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT AND REDUCED PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENT OF 1 SPACE PER 850 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA 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 seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

- 18. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR ATHENA WEST REPLAT "G" SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF LOT 17 AND 18, BLOCK 9, ATHENA WEST SUBDIVISION. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:18 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:18 pm

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR ATHENA WEST REPLAT "G" SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF LOT 17 AND 18, BLOCK 9, ATHENA WEST SUBDIVISION. *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.,

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE UP TO 6 DEAD END SIGNS IN RANCHO MIRAVAL ESTATES. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia,

Abstain: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.,

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER AND OR HER DESIGNATED STAFF TO ORDER THE STRIPING OF ALL CITY STREET HUMPS WITH FRESH PAINT. THIS INITIATIVE AIMS THE VISIBILITY AND ENSURE THAT DRIVERS ARE ALERTED TO AN UPCOMING SPEED HUMP, THEREBY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY.

YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

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, and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.,

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY MANAGER AND OR HER DESIGNATED STAFF TO ASSESS AND GRANT THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO INADEQUATE STREETLIGHTS. LIGHTS TO BE REPLACED WITH LED LIGHTS FOR BETTER VISIBILITY AT NIGHT. FIRST LIGHT TO BE REPLACED IS BY 652 LA POBLANA DR. LIGHT NUMBER KS18672 & THE OTHER IS BY 11525 MADRIGAL RD. LIGHT NUMBER KS18947. IN ADDITION, DESIGNEE TO INQUIRE IF AN ADDITIONAL LED LIGHT CAN BE ADDED AT THE BEGINNING OF LA POBLANA DR. NEAR SOCORRO RD, CURRENTLY THERE IS NO LIGHT.

YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item twenty-two (22), after the first regular meeting after the run-off election*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.

23. 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

24. 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

25. 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-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Rudy Cruz, Jr.


26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 6:33 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