

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero

STAFF ABSENT

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos (*joined virtually at 6:28*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorine Quimiro, City Planner
Bruce A. Koehler, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Judge David Nevarez
Julio Dominguez PPW Supervisor
Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by children from Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo followed by 2 Dances, the Butterflies and the Eagle Dance.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER, HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve items twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

6. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING AUGUST 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

10. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

11. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN FOR GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION BEING A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 304, ABSTRACT NO. 10169, AND A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, ABSTRACT NO. 9871, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

12. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT, FINAL PLAT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-631. - OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR A REDUCTION IN 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 LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA FOR GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION AND BEING A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 304, ABSTRACT NO. 10169, AND A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, ABSTRACT NO. 9871, LOCATED AT 16400 GATEWAY WEST BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

13. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 38-52.3. - STREET DESIGN STANDARDS -- GENERAL PLANNING TO ALLOW A REDUCED MINIMUM R.O.W. OF 62'-0" INSTEAD OF THE 70'-0" MINIMUM R.O.W. REQUIREMENT FOR A COLLECTOR/INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL STREET CLASSIFICATION AT INGLEWOOD DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

14. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SUNSET VALLEY ESTATES UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 6-A, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, 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 Gina Cordero

Nays:

Absent: Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

**15. *PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT # 4*
AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$7,542.00 FISCAL
YEAR 2023-2024. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:28 pm

Yvonne Colon-Villalobos virtually joined the meeting at 6:28 pm. Mrs. Colon-Villalobos stated she was waiting to be to be admitted into the meeting since 6:00 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

**16. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 578 AMENDMENT*
4 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$7,542.00 FISCAL
YEAR 2023-2024. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**17. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RATIFYING THE 506A OVERTIME*
UNIFORMED EMPLOYEE POLICY THAT WAS APPROVED 12/7/2023. *CAROL CANDELARIA***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

CITY MANAGER

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CALLING A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve December 12, 2024 for the December Meeting for item eighteen (18).* Motion passed.

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PROTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the appointment of Cesar Nevarez as the Mayor ProTem.* Motion passed.

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

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 806 TO APPOINT CITY PLANNER LORRINE QUIMIRO TO BE A COMMITTEE MEMBER AT THE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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, Gina Cordero and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. ADRIANA RODARTE

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, Gina Cordero and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDER CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2024, FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION IN THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended 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, Gina Cordero and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ANY COUNCIL MEMBER TO ATTEND THE CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE 2025 IN WASHINGTON D.C. MARCH 10-12TH. ADRIANA RODARTE

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, Gina Cordero and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays

25. 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

26. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items twenty-five, (25) twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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


28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *adjourn at 7:08 pm*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos
Nays:
Absent:



Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Dec 12, 2024

Date minutes were approved