

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
NOVEMBER 7, 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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Julio Dominguez, Operation Supervisor
Chief Robert Rojas
Jose Botello, City Planner

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 Erin and Steven Saenz, students at Campestre Elementary School.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-one (21) to be next on the agenda.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2024 AS VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH TO HONOR VETERANS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THEIR TIME, BRAVERY AND SACRIFICE FOR THIS COUNTRY.* RUBEN REYES

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, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

PRESENTATION

5. *PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR* LOURDES GOMEZ. ADRIANA RODARTE

Victor Perez introduced the city's new Finance Director.

6. *RECOGNITION TO THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM LED BY COACH AVALOS.* RUDY CRUZ, JR.

Alina Caballero, Victoria Pere, Nadina Villasana, Emily Zarate, Adelaide Carbone and Crystal Delgado, Socorro High School Students and Assistant coaches, Luis Villanueva, Herman Duncan and Sam Torres were all recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. *APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2024.* OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING 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 the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

10. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. HEAVY, OVERSIZED AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SECTION 42-67. DEFINITIONS, SECTION 42-69. HEAVY HAULING PROHIBITED, AND DIVISION 2. TRUCK ROUTES, SEC. 42-99 DESIGNATED, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION ON PARK OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:45 pm

Ruben Borrego

Public Hearing closed at 6:50 pm

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE III. HEAVY, OVERSIZED AND OTHER COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SECTION 42-67. DEFINITIONS, SECTION 42-69. HEAVY HAULING PROHIBITED, AND DIVISION 2. TRUCK ROUTES, SEC. 42-99 DESIGNATED, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND CLARIFICATION ON PARK OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 7:02 pm

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ZONING ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SEC. 46-171. - OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO REFLECT THE UPDATED DIGITAL PROCESS FOR MANAGING, MAINTAINING, AND ADMINISTERING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:02 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:03 pm

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ZONING ARTICLE IV. DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, SEC. 46-171. - OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, TO REFLECT THE UPDATED DIGITAL PROCESS FOR MANAGING, MAINTAINING, AND ADMINISTERING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 7:04 pm

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

- 14. 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 54'-0" INSTEAD OF THE 60'-0" MINIMUM R.O.W. REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SUNSET VALLEY ESTATES UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:06 pm

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 54'-0" INSTEAD OF THE 60'-0" MINIMUM R.O.W. REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROPOSED SUNSET VALLEY ESTATES UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION.**
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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND WAIVER FEE FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2024. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE AT 10628 SHADY VALLEY FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM.

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 804 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WALTER MILLER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL. MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Rudy Cruz, Jr. to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain: Alejandro Garcia

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR ESPINOZA TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 7.

MAYOR IVY AVALOS

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FORMALLY REQUEST PESTICIDE DISTRIBUTION TO CITY OF SOCORRO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE RED FLOUR BEETLE DUE TO INFESTED PECAN SHELLS DUMPED AND SPREAD ON THE PROPERTY OF THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES, INCLUDING AT OR NEAR TRACTS 11 AND 12, BLOCK 26, SOCORRO GRANT AKA 10845 SOCORRO RD., WHICH HAS CREATED A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

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, Rudy Cruz, Jr., and Yvonne Colon-Villalobos

Nays:

Absent:


26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:33 pm*

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


Nays:

Absent:




Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date minutes were approved.