

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor Pro Tem



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3

Irene Rojas
District 4

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 2, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Alfredo Ferando, IT Tech
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Jose Botello, City Planner
Armando Morales, City Planner
Julio Dominguez, Operations Supervisor
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Chief Robert Rojas

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 Chief Rojas

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

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 DECEMBER 12, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 26, 2024.***
OLIVIA NAVARRO
7. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY REPORT.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***
8. ***INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE USE, TREATMENT, AND DISPOSAL OF PECAN SHELLS, ALMOND HULLS, AND SIMILAR MATERIALS TO PREVENT PEST INFESTATION; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.*** ***VICTOR PEREZ***
9. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR MARQUEZ SUBDIVISION, BEING LOT 19, BLOCK 8, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 11611 VALLE LINDO DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***
10. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR REVIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 4D5A, 4D5A1, 4D5B, AND 4D5B1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 10720 W. BURT RD., 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, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

- 11. *PUBLIC HEARING* FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, BLOCK 3, DELIP SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10029 KARACHI WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR ONLY ONE DUPLEX ON THE PROPERTY. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:03 pm

- 12. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 8, BLOCK 3, DELIP SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10029 KARACHI WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR ONLY ONE DUPLEX ON THE PROPERTY. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain:

- 13. *PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAXES FOR QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITY PROPERTIES. *VICTOR PEREZ***

Public Hearing opened at 6:08 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:09 pm

- 14. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION* OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM (PROPERTY) TAXES FOR QUALIFYING CHILD-CARE FACILITY PROPERTIES. *VICTOR PEREZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

15. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* REGARDING ENGAGING SBNG, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS TO PERFORM FISCAL YEAR 2023 – 2024 AUDIT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain:

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE CITY MANAGER'S CONTRACT WITH ANY UPDATES DEEMED NECESSARY. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve a one-time bonus of 10% with no pay increase*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve a 10% one-time bonus based on her current salary of \$144,892.80, with no pay increase and to include consulting services as she has requested with a four (4) year contract*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain

COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 6:41 PM

17. 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

18. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items seventeen (17), eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RUDY CRUZ, JR. V. YVONNE COLON-VILLALOBOS; CAUSE NO. 2024DCV3935 PENDING IN THE 168TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS [551.071].

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny the request made by former City Representative Yvonne Colon-Villalobos*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain

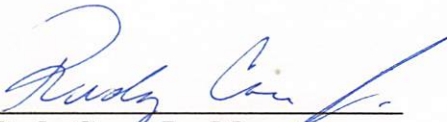
21. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to adjourn *at 6:43 pm*


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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez



Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



January 16, 2025
Date minutes were approved.