

**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  
MARCH 20, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk  
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner  
Monica Perez, City Attorney  
  
Estevan Gonzales, IT Director  
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director  
Jose Botello  
Jose Quiñonez, Economy Recovery Coordinator  
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator  
Chief Robert Rojas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 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**

Xavier Bañales spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete its five (5), twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27 and twenty-eight (28).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

### **PRESENTATIONS**

5. **RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EDTECH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR.** *ALEJANDRO GARCIA*
6. **UPDATE FOR SOCORRO RESIDENTS – CONGRESSIONAL CITY CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Mayor Cruz gave an update regarding the Congressional City Conference.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE TYPICALLY NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320**

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2025.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.** *LOURDES GOMEZ*
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** *LOURDES GOMEZ*
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING NOVEMBER 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** *LOURDES GOMEZ*
12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 6 – BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, ARTICLE III – BUILDING AND TECHNICAL CODES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADOPT APPROPRIATE LOCAL AMENDMENT TO 2015 BUILDING CODE.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

- 13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 2, LAS MILPAS ADDITION SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 166 TASSIE WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH THE CONDITION THAT TWO UNITS OR LESS BE ALLOWED AND NO ACCESSORY STRUCTURES BE PERMITTED.**  
**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:  
Absent:

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 9, 10-A, AND 11-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL USES FOR THE SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 9, 10-A, AND 11-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL USES FOR THE SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

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

- 16. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 10-J, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 10971 E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:25 pm  
Isidro Ordoñez spoke during Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:28 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 10-J, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 10971 E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION.** **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, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

- 18. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 – ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL AND ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED USES, AND CONDITIONAL USES.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:40 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:40 pm

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 – ARTICLE I – IN GENERAL AND ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD DEFINITIONS, PERMITTED USES, AND CONDITIONAL USES.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

**20. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38 ARTICLE I SEC. 38-4. – EXEMPTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD PLATTING EXEMPTIONS.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:45 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:45 pm

**21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38 ARTICLE I SEC. 38-4. – EXEMPTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD PLATTING EXEMPTIONS.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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 Irene Rojas  
Nays:  
Absent:

**22. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 – AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

**23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT.**

***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

**GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

**24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES POLICY.**

***ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

**CITY MANAGER**

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) # 25-02 TO RFP SUBMITTER # 2 BORDERLAND ADVERTISING FOR THE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, CLEANING OF COMMERCIAL TRASH BINS/RECEPTACLES, AND PROVIDE ADVERTISING SERVICES TO DISPLAY ON TRASH BINS/RECEPTACLES IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT. *VICTOR PEREZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-five (25).*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve BID 25-02 and award it to Borderland Advertising for the Installation, Maintenance, Cleaning of Commercial Trash Bins/Receptacles, and provide advertising services to display on trash bins/receptacles in the City of Socorro and approve Option 2 with 5% of Net Monthly Revenue.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

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:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:13 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:49 PM**

- 26. 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***

**27. 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**

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

**29. DISCUSSION ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. SOCO-PSR; (551.087).**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**30. DISCUSSION ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. SOCO-PSR; (551.087).**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

No action on this item.

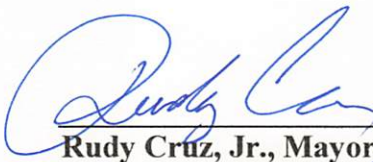
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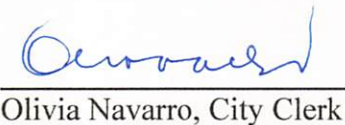
A motion was made Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *adjourn at 7:50 pm*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

  
Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

  
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



*April 3, 2025*  
Date minutes were approved