

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 6, 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
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Isabela Perez, Community Liaison
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 led by Hilley Elementary School 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

Cesar Serna spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *allow more time for Mr. Cesar Serna to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Cesar Serna continued speaking.

Cesar Ordenez spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. **RECOGNITION OF THE ERNESTO SERNA FINE ARTS ACADEMY 7TH GRADE AND 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAMS FOR WINNING THE 2024-2025 SISD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GRADE 7 AND GRADE 8 RESPECTIVELY.** ***IRENE ROJAS***

Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy 7th and 8th grade Football Teams were recognized.

6. **RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EDTECH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR.** ***ALEJANDRO GARCIA***

7. **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATES.** ***VICTOR RETA***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone items six for next Regular Council Meeting of March 20, 2025 and move item number seven (7) to be last presentation*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

8. **RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS.** ***MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Socorro Middle School Football Team was recognized.

9. **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FATHERHOOD PROGRAM.** ***MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Presentation made by Jose Alamillo, Program Manager.

Rudy Cruz, Jr. stepped out of the meeting at 6:32 pm

Rudy Cruz, Jr. returned to the meeting at 6:35 pm

10. PRESENTATION OF STATISTICAL ANALYSIS BY TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT 2023 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.

CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

Presentation made by Chief Robert C. Rojas.

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATES.

VICTOR RETA

Presentation made by Victor Reta.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

9. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 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

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 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

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 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

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 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

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 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

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:

22. 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 Irene Rojas to *postpone this item for the next Regular Council Meeting of March 20, 2025*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. 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*

22. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *delete items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

24. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:21 pm*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Date minutes were approved