

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
APRIL 17, 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

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Jose Quiñonez, Economy Recovery Coordinator
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Hilley Elementary School

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hilley Elementary School

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. **RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENTS FROM THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER AREA WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2025 SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT JAMES P. BUTLER SPRING GAMES.**
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

Mayor Cruz and City Council recognized the participants of the 2025 Socorro High School Feeder of the James P. Butler Spring Games.

6. **PRESENTATION BY MAYOR RUDY CRUZ JR., REFLECTING ON THE FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE. THE PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ONGOING INITIATIVES, AND PRIORITIES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO MOVING FORWARD. MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Mayor Cruz made a presentation regarding the accomplishment of his first 100 days in office.

7. **RECOGNITION OF THE MEMBER STUDENTS AND SPONSORING TEACHER OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION FOR PLACING FIRST IN STATE AND WINNING FIRST PLACE IN THE SEMIFINALS ALLOWING THEM TO COMPETE NATIONALLY.**
MAYOR RUDY CRUZ JR.

Students and teacher were recognized by Mayor Cruz and Council.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items nine (9) and (10) to be next on the agenda.*

9. **PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 – 19, 2025 AS MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WEEK.** **VICTOR RETA**

Mayor and City Council recognized Maria Dominguez and Adam Nevarez, Animal Control Officers.

10. **PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 – 19, 2025 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK.**
VICTOR RETA

During this time National Public Safety Telecommunicators along with Trinity Jara, Dispatch Supervisor were recognized.

8. **PRESENTATION BY OSCAR SILVA, SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR, OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER ILIANA HOLGUIN, EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT, PRECINCT 3 TO INFORM COUNCIL ON THE BORDERPLEX SAFETY MOBILITY.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Oscar Silva, Senior Policy Advisor of the office of Commissioner Iliana Holguin made a presentation regarding Borderplex.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
12. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2025.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
13. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH MONTHLY REPORT.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*
14. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 635 AMENDMENT # 1 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$1,200.00 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*
15. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN A C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-637 – WALL AND FENCE REQUIREMENTS SUBSECTION C SCREENING REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN ZONING DISTRICTS 2B TO ALLOW A 6’ – 0” METAL SIDING FENCE INSTEAD OF 6’- 0” MASONRY FENCE REQUIREMENT ON TRACT 8-C-1 AND TRACT 8-C-18, BLOCK 13, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT 10950 ALAMEDA AVE., SOCORRO TEXAS.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*
16. **INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO’S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 1-J AND 1-J-1, BLOCK 6, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 270 N. NEVAREZ RD., SOCORRO TEXAS FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO C2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A SELF-STORAGE FACILITY.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

17. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL ISE PERMIT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-237 – CONDITIONAL USES (REQUIRED PERMIT) SUBSECTION 5-A, TO ALLOW A 0.459 ACRE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF THE HALF-ACRE REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN AN R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, ON LOT 24, BLOCK 4 , LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 155 SANTA PAULA DR., 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:
Absent:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty (20) and twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:18 pm

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

20. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 – ZONING, ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL DISTRICTS 46-636 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO REVISE THE ALCOHOL SALES SETBACKS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL USES AND ADD CLARIFY EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 – ZONING, ARTICLE V SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR ALL DISTRICTS 46-636 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO REVISE THE ALCOHOL SALES SETBACKS FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONAL USES AND ADD CLARIFY EXEMPTION FOR BUSINESS WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE CERTIFICATE. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- 18. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL USE OVER 3,000 SQUARE FEET BUT LESS THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET FOR A TORTILLERIA IN A C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON LOT 5, BLOCK 11, MCADOO ACRES SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 11401 NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:19 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:19 pm

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:20

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL USE OVER 3,000 SQUARE FEET BUT LESS THAN 10,000 SQUARE FEET FOR A TORTILLERIA IN A C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON LOT 5, BLOCK 11, MCADOO ACRES SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT 11401 NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WOOD FLOORS BY BETO FOR THE RESTORATION OF EXISTING HARDWOOD FLOORING, THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW HARDWOOD FLOORING TO MATCH ADJACENT AREAS AT 860 N. RIO VISTA BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,152.00.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR. *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 Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RECONSIDER AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO COVER THE IN-HOUSE COST OF PAVING CUT REPAIRS, ESTIMATED AT \$2,425, FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT – BOVEE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT. *GINA CORDERO*

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:

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 Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26)*. 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 Irene Rojas 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 7:32 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVND IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:00 PM

28. UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR A MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO BE LOCATED IN SOCORRO, TX. SOCO-PC; (551.087) AND (551.071).
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve the proposal and convey to applicant*. Motion passed.

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

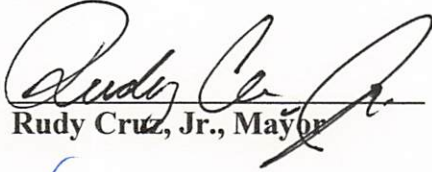
29. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 8:01 pm*

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

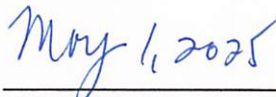
Nays:

Absent:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved.