

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 3, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez

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 Botello, City Planner
Armando Morales, City Planner
Chief Robert Rojas

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Hilley Elementary School and a Moment of Silence in honor of our fallen Finance Director, Charles Casiano

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hilley Elementary School and a Moment of Silence in remembrance of our fallen Finance Director, Charles Casiano.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Commissioner Iliana Holguin spoke during Public Comment and introduced Oscar Silva, her new staffer.

PRESENTATIONS

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

Crystal Candelaria, EDTech Educator of the year was recognized.

6. RECOGNITION OF THE 2024-2025 TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS DISTRICT IX ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR. *ALEJANDRO GARCIA*

Ignacio Estorga, Socorro High School Principal was recognized.

7. PRESENTATION AND UPDATE FROM ROBERT CAMPION PRESIDENT OF ELITE MEDICAL TRANSPORT REGARDING AMBULANCE SERVICES. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Robert Campion, President of Elite Medical Transport made presentation to mayor and council.

8. PRESENTATION CELEBRATING 2025 HERMANAS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM PRESENTERS. *VICTOR RETA*

Patty Diaz and Dr. Abigail Tarango were recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 20, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 25, 2025. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. *LOURDES GOMEZ*

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. **LOURDES GOMEZ**

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING DECEMBER 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. **LOURDES GOMEZ**

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

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FORMALIZE COLLABORATION, RESOURCE-SHARING AND COORDINATING RESPONSE PROTOCOLS IN THE EVENT OF CASUALTIES. **CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PLANNING AND ZONING

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A FEE WAIVER FOR EXCAVATION PERMIT FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOVEE SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT AND TO COVER THE PAVING CUT REPAIRS LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve for discussion*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the waiver excavation permit and Lower Valley Water District to reimburse the city for paving cuts*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS AUTISM AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AND TO DIRECT THAT ALL CITY BUILDINGS BE ILLUMINATED IN BLUE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND INCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM. ALEJANDRO GARCIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- 17. 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

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

- 18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

- 19. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:06 pm
Heidi Arredondo spoke during Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:08 pm

- 20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty(20)*. Motion passed.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the rezoning for item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY MANAGER

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TML NEWLY ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS ORIENTATION DISTRICT 3, GINA CORDERO AND DISTRICT 4, IRENE ROJAS AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS INTERESTED TO ATTEND THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL ORIENTATION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ON JULY 17, 2025 THROUGH JULY 18, 2025.** *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve for any member that would like to attend*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 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

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *delete items twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26), twenty-seven (27), and twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

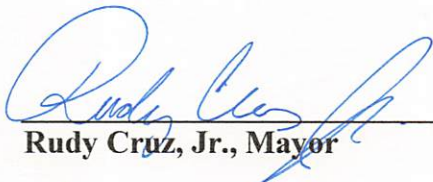
29. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:19 pm*.

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

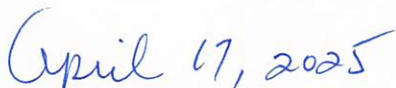
Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved