

*Rudy Cruz, Jr.*  
Mayor

*Ruben Reyes*  
At Large

*Cesar Nevarez*  
District 1



*Alejandro Garcia*  
District 2

*Gina Cordero*  
District 3

*Irene Rojas*  
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 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  
Jim Martinez, City Attorney  
  
Alfredo Ferando, IT Tech  
Juan Zamorano, IT tech  
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director  
Carol Candelaria, HR Director  
Jose Quiñonez, Economy Recovery Coordinator  
Chief Robert Rojas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at: 6:01 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Hueco Elementary School Students and a Moment of Silence to recognize those recently affected by the Sun Metro Explosion.**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Hueco Elementary School Students.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum was established with five council members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Speakers for Public Comment

**PRESENTATION**

**5. RECOGNITION OF THE 2025 CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AND 2025 CAMPUS EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER AREA. ALEJANDRO GARCIA**

During this time Teachers and Employees of the year were recognized.

Former Mayor Trini Lopez spoke on this item.

**6. 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**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *postpone item six (6) for the next Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2025.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

**8. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2025. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES**

9. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR VALLE BONITO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BEING LOT 2, BLOCK 8, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 11611 VALLE BONITO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:20 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:20 pm

10. ***SECOND HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR VALLE BONITO ESTATES SUBDIVISION, BEING LOT 2, BLOCK 8, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 11611 VALLE BONITO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

11. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR HERMANOS INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 6 AND 6-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11051 NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:24 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:24 pm

12. ***SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR HERMANOS INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL TRACT 6 AND 6-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11051 NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR IZI NO.1 SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 4-D-4-F, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 761 SPARKS CIRCLE, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:29 pm  
No Speakers for Public Hearing  
Public Hearing closed at 6:29 pm

- 14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR IZI NO.1 SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 4-D-4-F, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 761 SPARKS CIRCLE, SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**LORRINE QUIMIRO**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve with staff's recommendation of the preliminary and final plat for IZI No.1 Subdivision with the condition that Engineering review comments are met.*

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

#### **GRANTS DEPARTMENT**

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 811 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) FOR THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL INTELLIGENCE SHARING/COOPERATION PROJECT AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 812 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2026 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FOR THE SOCORRO CYBERSECURITY MITIGATION PROJECT AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS A 20% MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 813 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) TO FUND THE MULTIJURISDICTIONAL BARRICADE PROJECT AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 814 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2026 OPERATION LONE STAR (OLS) GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 5 UNDER CONTRACT NO. 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING PHASE SERVICES FOR THE PASO DEL NORTE TRAIL PROJECT (CSJ: 0002-14-048) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,238,598.39 AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION.**  
**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**RECREATIONAL PARKS DEPARTMENT**

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2025 INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA EVENT ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACT. VICTOR RETA**

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

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the quote submitted by Michael Salgado in the amount of \$28,000.00 for a 90-minute show*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**CITY MANAGER**

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 815 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR FUNDING PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF FLEET SYSTEMS, TASERS, BODY CAMERAS AND ROBOTIC SECURITY SYSTEMS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE THIS SUPPORT TO STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, LEGISLATORS AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTIES.**

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

**22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 816 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION IN TEXAS LEGISLATURE ADDRESSING ABANDONED LAND MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE THIS SUPPORT TO STATE LEGISLATORS AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTIES. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 817 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND REHABILITATION OF RIO VISTA FARM AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO COMMUNICATE THIS SUPPORT TO STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, LEGISLATORS AND OTHER RELEVANT PARTIES. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. 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 Ruben Reyes to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:02 PM**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:18 PM**

**24. 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**

**25. 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**

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

**ADRIANA RODARTE**

**27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. SOCO-PC; [551.071] [551.087]**

**ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete item twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO CHANGE RATES, PUCT DOCKET NO. 57568 [551.071].**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Gina Cordero to *suspend the effective rate change for ninety days (90)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT, BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS [551.071].**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *suspend the effective date of rate change forty-five (45) days*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM FOR DAMAGES ASSERTED BY MAYRA SALDIVAR, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS NEXT FRIEND OF L.T.J. [551.071].**

**JAMES A. MARTINEZ**



A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *deny item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CLAIM FOR DAMAGES  
ASSERTED BY JUANA E. MARTINEZ [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *deny item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

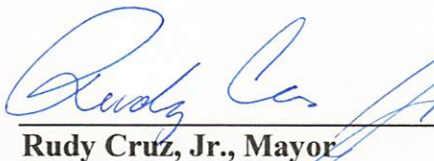
**32. ADJOURN**


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 8:19 pm*. Motion passed.

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.