

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1/Mayor ProTem



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3

Irene Rojas
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ruben Reyes
Gina Cordero

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
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Chief Robert Rojas

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Leonard Wells and Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

- 5. RECOGNITION OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AND TEAM PARENTS, THE SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM, THE SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, AND MICHAEL BEZEMEK, HEAD COACH OF THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM.**
ALEJANDRO GARCIA

All teams as well as Coach Michael Bezemek, from Socorro High School were recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2025.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2024 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2024 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING OCTOBER 2024 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
- 11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

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

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN, A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-631. - OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS - FOR A REDUCTION IN PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 400 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE OFFICE SPACE AND 1 SPACE PER 5,000 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA, AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-451. GENERAL REGULATIONS - FOR A 50'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT INSTEAD OF 45'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT FOR HERMANOS INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACT 6 AND 6-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:27 pm

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN, A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-631. - OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS - FOR A REDUCTION IN PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 400 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE OFFICE SPACE AND 1 SPACE PER 5,000 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE WAREHOUSE AREA, AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-451. GENERAL REGULATIONS - FOR A 50'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT INSTEAD OF 45'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT FOR HERMANOS INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION BEING ALL OF TRACT 6 AND 6-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve with staff's recommendation that an updated T.I.A. be submitted in accordance with Sec 38-59.3 -Standards for and timing of traffic impact analysis. (a) TIA and update required.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR PART-TIME CRIME ANALYST POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CAROL CANDELARIA

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

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 809 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION FY 2025 LOCAL BORDER SECURITY PROGRAM (LBSP) GRANT FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER, ADRIANA RODARTE AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item seventeen (17).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

- 18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 810 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2024 OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) TO FUND OVERTIME FOR OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE 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 Cesar Nevarez to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

RECREATION CENTER

- 19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2025 INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA EVENT DATE AND FIREWORKS CONTRACT TO BE HELD ON JULY 4, 2025 FROM 5:00 PM TO 10 PM.*** ***VICTOR RETA***

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

An amended motion was made to *approve Rich Fire LLC, which is the one with a lower cost to be able to afford music*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT THE ADMINISTRATION AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO RENDER INELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE ANY PERSON INDEBTED TO THE CITY, TO REQUIRE A SWORN APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF A FEE TO APPLY TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO PETITION TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN LIEU OF PAYING A FEE, TO ESTABLISH CONDITIONS REQUIRING REMOVAL OF AN ELECTIVE OFFICIAL FROM OFFICE AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO FILL VACANCIES ON CITY COUNCIL.*** ***MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Rene Rodriguez spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *suspend the rule and allow more time for Mr. Rodriguez to speak*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

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 Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero

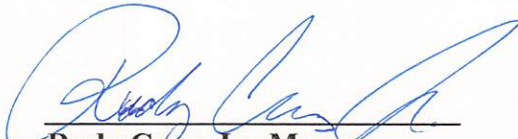
24. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Cesar Nevarez to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes and Gina Cordero


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



February 20, 2025
Date minutes were approved