

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 JUNE 5, 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
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Officer C. Gonzalez
Officer I. Frausto
Chief Robert Rojas

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:07 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with all council members present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up items five (5), six (6), seven (7), twenty (20), twenty-one (21) and thirty (30) to be next on the agenda.* Motion passed.

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

PRESENTATION

5. **RECOGNITION TO ANDRES GOMEZ AND JESUS GOMEZ FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ARTISTIC CONTRIBUTIONS, THEIR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY, AND THEIR LASTING IMPACT ON THE CULTURAL LIFE OF OUR CITY.** **MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Andres Gomez and Jesus Gomez were recognized for their artwork at the lobby of the municipal court complex.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF NEWLY ELECTED SISD TRUSTEE DISTRICT 5 MR. MANNY RODRIGUEZ.** **MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

Manny Rodriguez, Socorro Independent School District 5 Representative was introduced to the community by Mayor Rudy Cruz.

7. **PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE 23RD, 2025, AS DRAVET SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS.** **GINA CORDERO**

Chief Rojas read the proclamation.

20. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION 818 RECOGNIZING THE DUSTY TAP, LOCATED AT 10297 SOCORRO RD, SOCORRO, TX 79927, AS SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER IN THE FOOD & CAFÉ CATEGORY.** **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

21. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION 819 RECOGNIZING LITS SHOE REPAIR & BOOTS, LOCATED AT 10089 NORTH LOOP RD., SOCORRO, TX 79927, AS SOCORRO SMALL BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER IN THE ALL OTHER BUSINESS CATEGORY.** **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**30. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT SOCORRO ;AVANZANDO!
THE 2025 - 2028 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY
OF SOCORRO.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

Blanca Vargas, Lisa Ybarra, Rosa Zaragoza, Xavier Bañales, Manny Rodriguez, and Commissioner Iliana Holguin. Mary and Rosa (no last names) signed up to speak but did not speak.

Presentation by Jonathan Brooks, Transit Practice Lead for the Goodman Corporation made a presentation.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

Jeremiah Clark, Edgar Carrasco,

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *allow Mr. Carrasco more time to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Edgar Carraso continued to speak Ruth Dimas, Efrain Caballero, Jeremy Hendrix,

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *allow more time for Jeremy Hendrix to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Rudy Rodriguez, Maria Garcia, Jaime Carrasco, Jr., Penelope Carrasco, Ignacio Sierra, Alondra Sierra

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *allow more time for Alondra Sierra to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Ignacio Sierra continues speaking.

At this time the allotted time for Public Comments has exhausted.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *extend twenty (20) more minutes to continue Public Comment*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Michael Abud, Jesus Reyna, Francisco Sierra, Natalia Chavez, Diana Valadez, Alma Pedrueza, Norma Sierra, Roy Herrera

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *allow 2 (two) more speakers to speak for Public Comment*. Motion passed.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:17 pm

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Fernie Salcido and Paula Garcia spoke during Public Comment

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *take a five (5) minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A FIVE (5) MINUTE RECESS AT 8:22 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:43 PM

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8. *EXCUSE* ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 9. *APPROVAL* OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2025. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT'S APRIL MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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 Gina Cordero to *move items fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) to be next on the agenda and postpone thirteen (13) and fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

- 15. *PUBLIC HEARING* OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-237. - CONDITIONAL USES (REQUIRES PERMIT) SUB-SECTION 5-C, TO ALLOW CONCRETE PAVERS INSTEAD OF THE CONCRETE SLAB REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT, ON TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11541 DINDINGER RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 8:45 pm

Luis Lopez spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:47 pm

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-237. - CONDITIONAL USES (REQUIRES PERMIT) SUB-SECTION 5-C, TO ALLOW CONCRETE PAVERS INSTEAD OF THE CONCRETE SLAB REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK PARKING IN AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONING DISTRICT, ON TRACT 4-E, BLOCK 28, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11541 DINDINGER RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item sixteen with staff's recommendation of approval of the conditional permit and denial of the variance request.*

An amended motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item sixteen with the conditional use permit and variance request of concrete pavers.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Gina Cordero

Nays: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

Absent:

17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2.- PRELIMINARY PLAT -- PLANS AND DATA (SUBSECTION C. ENGINEERING REPORTS) TO WAIVE THE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT FOR THE CAMPOYA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 17, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON MELENDEZ DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 9:01 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 9:02 pm

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2.- PRELIMINARY PLAT -- PLANS AND DATA (SUBSECTION C. ENGINEERING REPORTS) TO WAIVE THE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT FOR THE CAMPOYA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 17, BLOCK 15, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON MELENDEZ DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 340 ESCALANTE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR TWO DUPLEXES. LORRINE QUIMIRO

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 9, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 340 ESCALANTE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR TWO DUPLEXES. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT. CAROL CANDELARIA

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

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

11. 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

Public Hearing opened at 9:07 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 9:08 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO UPDATE RESOLUTION 820 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 GENERAL VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER, ADRIANA RODARTE AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero 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 UPDATE RESOLUTION 821 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER, ADRIANA RODARTE AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

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

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO UPDATE RESOLUTION 822 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 JUVENILE JUSTICE & TRUANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER, ADRIANA RODARTE AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero 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 TO UPDATE RESOLUTION 823 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (OOG), CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FY 2025 BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DESIGNATE CITY MANAGER, ADRIANA RODARTE AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE RESOLUTION 824 SUPPORTING TWO (2) GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S 2025 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TA) CALL FOR PROJECTS FOR THE "RIO VISTA COMPLETE STREETS FEASIBILITY STUDY" AND THE "SOCORRO ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN" PROJECTS. SOCORRO'S 20% MATCH REQUIREMENT IS ELIGIBLE TO BE COVERED BY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

27. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN EMERGENCY HEALTH NETWORK AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS*

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 9:19 pm

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 9:21 pm

28. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS LESO PROGRAM AND APPROVE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND MAYOR CRUZ TO EXECUTE THE FY2025 STATE PLAN OF OPERATION. CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-eight (28)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

29. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN ORDER SCHEDULING A UNIFORM ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 1, DISTRICT 2 AND DISTRICT 3. ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE LICENSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF EL PASO/SUN METRO AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, FOR THE USE OF THE NESTOR A. VALENCIA MISSION VALLEY TRANSIT CENTER TO CONNECT THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S TRANSIT SYSTEM TO THE REGIONAL TRANSIT NETWORK.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION 825 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

33. 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

34. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

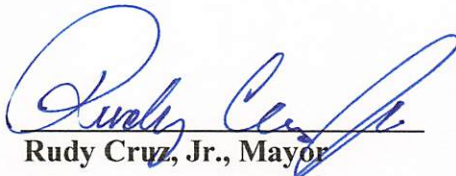
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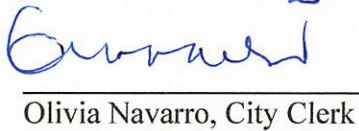
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to adjourn at 9:32 pm

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

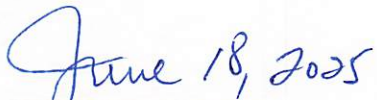
Nays:

Absent:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved