

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

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Maria "Gina" Cordero
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT

N/A

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney
Victor Reta, Communication Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Julio Dominguez, Parks & Public Works Supervisor
Robert C. Rojas, Chief of Police
Jason Stanzione, Deputy Chief of Police
Juan Favela, Police Lieutenant
Israel Rodriguez, Police Lieutenant
Jose Botello, Planner
Alfredo Ferando, IT Technician
Juan Zamarano, IT Technician
Maria Dominguez, Animal Control Officer
Jose Quinonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator
Marisela Corral, Administrative Assistant
Diana Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant
Ivan Sosa, Socorro Police Officer
Andres Naranjo, Laborer
Edgar Guardiola, Laborer
Daniel Ontiveros, Laborer
Jose Gaxiola, Laborer
Jose Banda, Laborer
Santiago Montelongo, Laborer
Severiano Alvarez, Laborer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem led by Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy Students.

3. Establishment of Quorum

A quorum was established with six council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public signed up to speak; Public Comment Closed at 6:06 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

5. *Recognition to Code 10 and Gear LLC for their outstanding contributions and unwavering support to the City of Socorro.*

Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.

The presentation made by Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr. to the owners of Code 10, and Gear LLC was recognized with a plaque for their donations of jackets & sweaters as well as their unwavering support to the City of Socorro, Texas.

6. *Proclamation to recognize Crisol Delgado, owner of Burro Time To Go for her recognition by the US Small Business Administration as Small Businessperson of the Year in 2025 for the El Paso District.*

Alejandra Valadez

Proclamation & certificate of appreciation read & presented by City Development Director Alejandra Valadez, Economic Recovery Coordinator Jose Quinonez, and remarks made by Ms. Crisol Delgado.

7. *Proclamation to recognize the month of May as Historic Preservation Month.*

Victor Reta

Proclamation read by Director Victor Reta. Remarks from the Council were also made.

8. **Proclamation** to recognize the month of May as Mental Health Month.

Victor Reta

Proclamation read by Director Victor Reta and presented the proclamation to the attending representatives, and remarks were made by: National Alliance for Mental Illness- Alejandra Valadez & Emergency Health Network- Catherine Longoria. Remarks from the Council were also made.

9. **Proclamation** to recognize May 18-24 as National Parks and Public Works Week.

Victor Reta

The proclamation was read by Director Victor Reta, and they presented the proclamation to the Socorro Parks & Public Works Team. Remarks made by Parks & Public Works Supervisor Julio Dominguez. Remarks from the Council were also made.

10. **Proclamation** to recognize May 11-17 as National Police Week.

Victor Reta

The proclamation was read by Director Victor Reta, and they presented the proclamation to the Socorro Police Department. Remarks made by Socorro Police Chief of Police Robert C. Rojas. Remarks from the Council were also made.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. **Excuse** absent council members.

Olivia Navarro

12. **Approval** of Regular Council Minutes of May 1, 2025.

Olivia Navarro

13. **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

Lorraine Quimiro

14. **Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a 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.

Lorraine Quimiro

15. **Introduction, First Reading, and Calling for a 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.

Lorraine Quimiro

- 16. Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a 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.

Lorraine 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:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty-five (25) & twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

- 25. Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving Preliminary and Final Plat for the Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and located at Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.**

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:40 PM**
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at: **6:41 PM**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Ruben Reyes to *move up item thirty-one (31) after item twenty-six (26)*. Motion passed.

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

26. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary and Final Plat for the Campoya Subdivision, being Tract 17, Block 15, Socorro Grant, and located at Melendez Dr., Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING

31. *Discussion and action to approve a fee waiver request and event permit for a church kermes at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church at 673 Old Hueco Tanks Road to be held June 27, 28, and 29, 2025 from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am.*

Lorraine Quimiro

City Attorney, advised caution on ruling for any waivers for purposes of religious affiliations to avoid a discrimination case unless you do so for all

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez, seconded by Alejandro Garcia, to *approve item number thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

17. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Eastwind Hills being Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:47 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **6:47 PM**

18. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Eastwind Hills being Lot 1 and 2, Block 1, Lot 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Replat for Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, being Lot 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, and located on Gateway West Blvd., Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:54 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **6:54 PM**

20. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Replat for Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, being Lot 3, Block 2, Eastwind Hills Unit One Subdivision, and located on Gateway West Blvd., Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Horizon Park being Lot 1, 2, and 4, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, all of Lot 3, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One Replat A, Tract 2, 3-B, 3-B-5, and 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Texas.*

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **6:57 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **6:57 PM**

- 22. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Master Plan Resubmission for Horizon Park being Lot 1, 2, and 4, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One, all of Lot 3, Block 1, Horizon Park Unit One Replat A, Tract 2, 3-B, 3-B-5, and 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, Socorro, Texas.***

Lorraine Quimiro

Representative: Jorge Ascarate Present & Provided Remarks

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 23. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary Plat for Horizon Park Unit Three Subdivision, being Tract 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, and located at 10971 E. Burt Rd., Socorro, Texas.***

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **7:03 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **7:03 PM**

- 24. *Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving a Preliminary Plat for Horizon Park Unit Three Subdivision, being Tract 10-J, Block 3, Socorro Grant, and located at 10971 E. Burt Rd., Socorro, Texas.***

Lorraine Quimiro

Representative: Enrique Escobar NOT present.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 27. *Public Hearing of an Ordinance approving the Amendments to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts Section 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements to revise the warehouse and distribution off-street parking requirements and add Manufacturing Off-Street parking requirements.***

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: **7:08 PM**

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: **7:08 PM**

28. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance approving the Amendments to Chapter 46 – Zoning, Article V Supplemental Regulations for All Districts> Section 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements to revise the warehouse and distribution off-street parking requirements and add Manufacturing Off-Street parking requirements.

Lorraine Quimiro

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

29. Public Hearing of an Ordinance for the Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Tract 6, Block 5, Socorro Grant, located near the Intersection of Gateway East Blvd. and Nuevo Hueco Tanks Rd., Socorro, Texas, from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-Mud (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) with a Variance Request from Sec. 46-451. - General Regulations. (Subsection D) Height Requirements - to allow a 60'-0" Maximum Allowable Building Height Instead of the 45'-0" Maximum Height Limitation, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-452. - Procedures. (Subsection J) to waive the Required Traffic Impact Analysis, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (16-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space per 400 S.F. of Net Leasable Office Space Instead Of the 1 Space Per 350 S.F. Requirement and a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (17-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space Per 5,000 S.F. of Net Leasable Warehouse area instead of the 1 Space Per 500 S.F. Requirement to allow for Distribution and Warehousing Facilities.

Lorraine Quimiro

Public Hearing was opened at: 7:15 PM

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at: 7:15 PM

30. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance for the Amendment to The City of Socorro's Master Plan and Rezoning of Tract 6, Block 5, Socorro Grant, located near the Intersection of Gateway East Blvd. and Nuevo Huevo Tanks Rd., Socorro, Texas, from A-1 (Agricultural) to IC-Mud (Industrial/Commercial Mixed-Use Developments) with a Variance Request from Sec. 46-451. - General Regulations. (Subsection D) Height Requirements - to allow a 60'-0" Maximum Allowable Building Height Instead of the 45'-0" Maximum Height Limitation, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-452. - Procedures. (Subsection J) to waive the Required Traffic Impact Analysis, a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (16-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space per 400 S.F. of Net Leasable Office Space Instead Of the 1 Space Per 350 S.F. Requirement and a Variance Request from Sec. 46-631. - Off-Street Parking Requirements. (17-A) to allow a Reduction in Parking Space Requirements of 1 Space Per 5,000 S.F. of Net Leasable Warehouse area instead of the 1 Space Per 500 S.F. Requirement to allow for Distribution and Warehousing Facilities.

Lorraine Quimiro

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Gina Cordero, to approve item thirty (30) with staff recommendations except for the traffic analysis study as the Planning & Zoning Commission Recommended. Motion passed.

Adam Newport, Representative, provided remarks from TPA Group.

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

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATION CENTER

32. Discussion and action for the approval of a TABC license to sell alcoholic beverages at the 2025 Independence Day Xtravaganza event to be held on July 4, 2025, at Cougar Park located at 10664 Socorro Rd. from 4:00 pm to 1:00 am.

Victor Reta

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Cesar Nevarez to approve item number thirty-two (32). Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

CITY MANAGER

- 33. Discussion and action to cancel the Regular Council Meeting dated Thursday June 19, 2025, and reschedule for a Special Council Meeting for Wednesday, June 18, 2025.**

Adriana Rodarte

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-three (33) with the additional*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 34. Discussion and action to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Socorro and the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, for the Pueblo to receive Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding for the initial Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) phase of two bridge projects in the City of Socorro the Passmore Bridge and the Vineyard Bridge and authorize the city manager or her designee to execute agreement.**

Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Irene Rojas, to *approve item thirty-four (34)* 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 *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36), and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to move up item (39) into open session. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

- 39. *Discussion and action*** to direct staff to approve an Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the city of Socorro Texas and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Bliss, Texas for the provision of custodial services at Fort Bliss facilities and to authorize the city manager or her designee to execute the agreement. [551.071]

Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia, seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirty-eight (38)*. Motion passed.

Attorney said the council can discuss the general background, but legal advice needs to be discussed in closed session.

Mayor & City Manager gave remarks & background information.

A motion was made by Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr., seconded by Alejandro Garcia. to move *items number thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine into executive for discussion with the attorney*. Motion passed.

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

City Council entered executive session at: **7:57 PM**
City Council returned to open session at: **8:23 PM**

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

- 38. *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 Gina Cordero, seconded by Alejandro Garcia. To *deny* the change of rates by El Paso Electric. Motion passed.

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

39. Discussion and action to direct staff to approve an Intergovernmental Support Agreement between the city of Socorro Texas and the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Bliss, Texas for the provision of custodial services at Fort Bliss facilities and to authorize the city manager or her designee to execute the agreement. [551.071]

Mayor Rudy Cruz Jr.

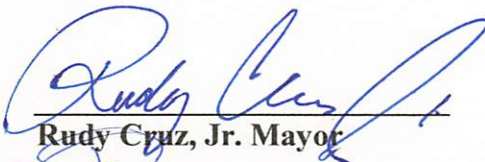
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia to *approve with the agreement and separately seek an attorney general's opinion on the matter*. Second by Irene Rojas. Motion passed.

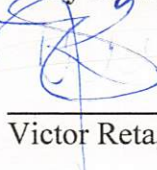
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent:


40. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Reyes to *adjourn at 8:25 pm*.

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr. Mayor


Victor Reta, Recreations Director


Date June 5, 2025 minutes were approved