

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
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez, Mayor ProTem
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero

STAFF PRESENT:

Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
James Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Jose Quiñonez, Economy Recovery Coordinator
Isabela Perez, Recreation 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 Socorro Middle School.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established with 4 members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Public Comment

Margie Perez and Norma Vizcarra spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2025.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 2025 MONTHLY REPORT.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
8. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
9. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**
10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

11. **PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 832 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.** **ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:13 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:13 pm

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ZONING ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46 ZONING ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING ARTICLE IV DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ADD THE DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR A-1 AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twelve (12) and thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-B, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 232 S. NEVAREZ RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A SMALL-SCALE WATER DESALINATION PROJECT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 4-B, BLOCK 16, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 232 S. NEVAREZ RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A SMALL-SCALE WATER DESALINATION PROJECT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone items fourteen (14) and fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

- 16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT WITH A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-50. - PROVISION OF EASEMENTS - TO WAIVE THE EASEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF ERNEST RD., A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT - PLANS AND DATA - SUBSECTION (C)(1) TO WAIVE THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT, AND A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT - PLANS AND DATA - SUBSECTION (C)(2) TO WAIVE THE SOILS ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT FOR THE AVILA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 7-A, AND TRACT 7-B, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 11599 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:16 pm

Roberto Betancourt was signed up to speak but declined.

Public Hearing closed at 6:16 pm

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT WITH A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-50. - PROVISION OF EASEMENTS - TO WAIVE THE EASEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF ERNEST RD., A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT - PLANS AND DATA - SUBSECTION (C)(1) TO WAIVE THE STORM WATER DRAINAGE PLAN REQUIREMENT, AND A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT - PLANS AND DATA - SUBSECTION (C)(2) TO WAIVE THE SOILS ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT FOR THE AVILA SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 7-A, AND TRACT 7-B, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 11599 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

**18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE ANNUAL SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2025,
*LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

CITY MANAGER

**19. *PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION* REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.
*ADRIANA RODARTE***

No action on this item

**20. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.
*ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty (20)*.

An amended motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve September 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm*.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

**21. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE MAYOR, AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, TO ATTEND THE 113TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION FROM OCTOBER 29TH THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST 2025, IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS.
*VICTOR PEREZ***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: APPROXIMATELY 2.689 SQUARE MILES OR 1,830.4 ACRES DESCRIBED AS [VISTA BONITA SUBDIVISION BLOCKS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14; PECAN VALLEY ESTATE SUBDIVISION BLOCKS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9; GRIJALVA SUBDIVISION BLOCK 1; ATHENA WEST SUBDIVISION BLOCKS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11; ANGELS PARK SUBDIVISION BLOCKS 22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34 40,42,43,44 AND SAN ELIZARIO GRANT BLOCKS 22,23,24, AND 36] VICTOR PEREZ

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *postpone item twenty-two to the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2025.*

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF REGARDING REMOVAL OF NUISANCES ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY ALONG MAJOR ARTERIALS (BEGINNING WITH ALAMEDA AVENUE, IN COORDINATION WITH TXDOT) MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twenty-three (23).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AND LAUNCH "IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT" COMMUNITY REPORTING CAMPAIGN. MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Gina Cordero

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

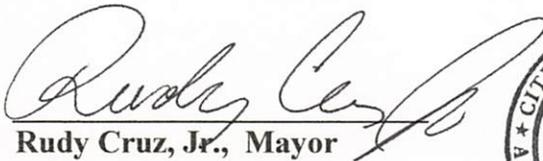
A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

28. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 6:56 pm*

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

Sept 18, 2025
Date minutes were approved