

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3

Irene Rojas
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 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
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rojas Elementary Students Council Students

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

- 5. RECOGNITION OF VANELLOPE RAMIREZ FOR REPRESENTING THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE EL PASO COUNTY REGION IN THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL MISS PAGEANT. *GINA CORDERO***

Vanellope Ramirez was recognized by Mayor Cruz, Jr., and Gina Cordero and the rest of council

- 6. RECOGNITION OF CAMPESTRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR ACHIEVING AN "A" RATING FROM THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY. *IRENE ROJAS***

Campestre Elementary School and Salvador H. Sanchez were recognized by Mayor Cruz, Irene Rojas and the rest of council.

- 7. PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH. *VICTOR RETA***

Isidro Torres spoke on this item and Victor Reta read the Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS AUGUST 2025 MONTHLY REPORT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***
- 11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTERPLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 28, NORTH LOOP ACRES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 624 HESSE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR BAUMAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, BEING TRACT 9, 10-A, AND 11-A, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED ON NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS.
LORRINE 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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CRIME ANALYST POSITION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GRANTS SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR.
CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN MOU WITH BORDERPLEX COMMUNITY CAPITAL (BCC), A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CDFI), TO SUPPORT SOCORRO'S SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEUR COMMUNITY.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY – TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTE COMPLIANCE AND AUTHORIZE POLICE CHIEF TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.**
CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS

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

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

CITY MANAGER

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A VETERANS DAY PARADE AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR SOCORRO'S FIRST VETERANS MEMORIAL ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2025.**
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Jaime Arrieta spoke on this item.

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

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, QMP EVENTS, AND THE TEJANO FEVER COMMITTEE TO HOST A PRESS CONFERENCE DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER 2025 (PREFERABLY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, OR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH).**
ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia to *approve*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *deny item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ELITE AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR THE PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION OF MEDICAL CONSULTING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES STARTING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH CEA ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BASED ON INCREASES IN THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: ARTERIAL 1, RIO VISTA BRIDGE EXPANSION, BOVEE BRIDGE EXPANSION, VINEYARD BRIDGE EXPANSION, PASSMORE BRIDGE EXPANSION AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; SUCH THAT THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31, 2026 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT; THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE PER UNIT PRICE OF THE SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ AND ASSOCIATES, LLC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BASED ON INCREASES IN THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: NUEVO HUECO TANKS RD., SPARKS ARROYO, MOON RD. FEASIBILITY STUDY, PASO DEL NORTE TRAIL AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; SUCH THAT THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31, 2026 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTED THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT; THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE PER UNIT PRICE OF THE SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH HUITT-ZOLLARS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BASED ON INCREASES IN THE SCOPE AND DURATION OF THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: PASSMORE SHARED USED PATH AND GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ; SUCH THAT THE DURATION OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE EXTENDED TO JANUARY 31, 2026 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTED THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT; THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE PER UNIT PRICE OF THE SERVICES.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *deny item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY, POTENTIAL COSTS, AND OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF IMPLEMENTING THE CITY'S TRANSIT SERVICES DURING THE WEEKENDS; AND REPORT TO THE COUNCIL ON THE FINDINGS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS. RUBEN REYES**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-four (24)*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item twenty-four (24)*. 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 into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:11 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:38 PM

- 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items twenty-five (25), twenty-six (26) and twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

28. UPDATE ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY SOCORRO. SOCO-PPP: [551.087] ALEJANDRA ALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *provide authority to the Economic Development Department to negotiate as discussed*.

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

Nays:

Absent:

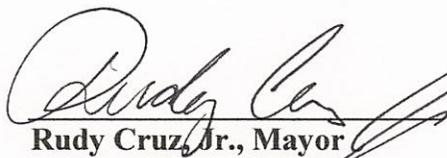
29. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:39 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