

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 AUGUST 21, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez, Mayor ProTem
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 (*joined virtually*)
James Martinez, City Attorney

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for Cacique Jose Sierra, Sr.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Oscar Silva and Alicia Farias spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

- 5. *MEMORIAL AND RESOLUTION 830 HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF YSLETA DEL SUR CACIQUE JOSE SIERRA SR. ADRIANA RODARTE***

Resolution 830 was read by Victor Reta, Recreation Department Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 2 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF AUGUST 7. 2025. OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2025 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 10. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2025 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 11. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2025 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 12. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2025 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 13. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2025 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT. LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 14. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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***

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:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 15. *SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO TEXAS, ORDAINING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE (ACT), PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES, DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES, AND NOMINATING WIWYNN TECHNOLOGY CORP., TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM (EDT) THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BANK) AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT (PROJECT).***
- ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up items twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 20. *PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SECTION 46-631. - OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (SUB-SECTION 15) TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 320 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE AREA INSTEAD OF THE 1 SPACE PER 200 S.F. REQUIREMENT FOR THE SOCORRO DG ADDITION SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 8-C, AND TRACT 8-D, BLOCK 19, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 10401 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.***
- LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:27 pm

- 21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SECTION 46-631. - OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (SUBSECTION 15) TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS OF 1 SPACE PER 320 S.F. OF NET LEASABLE AREA INSTEAD OF THE 1 SPACE PER 200 S.F. REQUIREMENT FOR THE SOCORRO DG ADDITION SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 8-C, AND TRACT 8-D, BLOCK 19, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 10401 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 22. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 12, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 11631 RIVERSIDE RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A QUADRUPLEX. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:35 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:35 pm

- 23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 12, EL GRAN VALLE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 11631 RIVERSIDE RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A QUADRUPLEX. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

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

**16. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 2
AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$150.00 FISCAL YEAR
2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:42 pm

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:42 pm

**17. SECOND HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT
2 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$150.00 FISCAL
YEAR 2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE**

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

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

**18. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 250 AMENDMENT # 2 TO ALLOW
UP TO 100% OF INVESTABLE DEPOSITS TO BE ALLOCATED INTO
MONEY MARKET FUNDS AND INVESTMENT POOLS. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:43 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:43 pm

**19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 250 AMENDMENT
2 TO ALLOW UP TO 100% OF INVESTABLE DEPOSITS TO BE
ALLOCATED INTO MONEY MARKET FUNDS AND INVESTMENT
POOLS. 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:
Abstain:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *move up item twenty-five (25) before twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND POLICY G.11 MENTAL HEALTH LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF POLICE OFFICERS TO INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATORS. CAROL CANDELARIA

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING THE REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. CAROL CANDELARIA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve and include the mental health policy amendment the Employee Handbook as described in item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PAYROLL SOFTWARE PROVIDER PAYCOM AS OUR PAYROLL PROCESSING FOR OUR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING 2025-2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,231.10 AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OF HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE. CAROL CANDELARIA

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

Sal Gonzalez, with PayCom made a presentation.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

RECREATION CENTERS

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL AT THE 2025 HARVEST FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 FROM 5:00 PM TO 10:00 PM AT RIO VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER. *VICTOR RETA***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE FIESTA DE SAN MIGUEL 2025 AT LA PURISIMA CHURCH, 328 S. NEVAREZ ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 2:00 PM THE 12:00 AM AND SUNDAY FROM 2:00 PM TO 10:00 PM. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

- 29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR HUECO ELEMENTARY'S VETERANS DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2025. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

CITY MANAGER

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve September 11, 2025 for item thirty (30).* Motion passed.

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

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the voter approval rate of 0.645233.* Motion passed.

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

32. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE INVITATION FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO JOIN THE EL PASO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ETA) AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.* ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve*

An amended motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve and appoint Alejandra Valadez and Lorraine Quimiro as backup.* Motion passed.

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

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH SBNG, PC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

34. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RENEW A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING SERVICES WITH FORMA GROUP, LLC FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Gina Cordero to *deny item thirty-four (34)*.

An amended motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve the renewal of item thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES.

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-five*. Motion passed.

Mayor Cruz acknowledged the presence of Mayor Chacon of San Elizario.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AL BORREGO TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF SOCORRO IN THE SISTER CITIES MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR PROGRAM WITH VILLA AHUMADA, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO. MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

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

37. 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

38. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

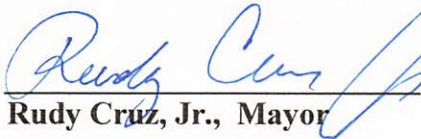
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items thirty-seven (37), thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39)*. Motion passed.

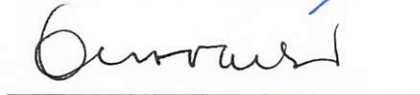
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Abstain:

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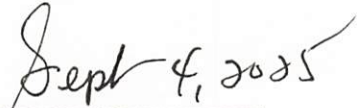
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:46 pm*

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved