

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 OCTOBER 16, 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
Monica Perez, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Tech
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Judith Rodriguez, City Planner
Yadira Magaña, Planning Clerk
Myrian Apodaca, Planning Clerk
Erika Escandon, Planning Clerk
Geraldine Salazar, Code Enforcer
Veronica Zamora, Code Enforcer

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 and moment of silence led by Hueco Elementary School Students.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

Senator Cesar Blanco was recognized.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item five (5) and items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25) before item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

5. RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION OF SENATOR CÉSAR BLANCO FOR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP BENEFITING THE CITY OF SOCORRO. MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

During this time Senator Cesar Blanco was recognized by Mayor and City Council.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item six (6) in front of four (4), to be next on the agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

6. PROCLAMATION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH. MYRLAN APODACA

During this time the Proclamation was read and Planning and Zoning Department employees were recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Ray Perez, Loren Jimenez, Marty Loya, Ralph Loya, Tammie Muriel, and Jose Castillo spoke during Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 7. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2025. OLIVIA NAVARRO**
- 9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ESTABLISHING THE ROADSIDE MEMORIAL MARKER PROGRAM AND**

**THE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM;
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *VICTOR PEREZ***

- 10. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$70.00 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.***

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 MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, AND LOT 2, BLOCK 3, POOLE SUBDIVISION REPLAT E, LOCATED AT 10800 AND 10808 STACI DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX ON EACH PROPERTY.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

- 12. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT FIVE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF TRACTS 4 AND 8A, ALL OF 7A AND A PORTION OF MESA SPUR DRAIN, ALL WITHIN BLOCK 5 SOCORRO GRANT, AND ALL OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT TWO, SOCORRO, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

- 13. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT TWO REPLAT G SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 4, BLOCK 7, HACIENDAS DEL VALLE UNIT 2 SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 301 VALLE ROJO DR., 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:

- 14. *PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE PUNTA DEL ESTE UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 13 AND 18, BLOCK 78, TOWNSHIP 4, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS, AND LOCATED AT 2100 ASCENCION DR., EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:44 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:44 p.m.

15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE PUNTA DEL ESTE UNIT THREE SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF SECTION 13 AND 18, BLOCK 78, TOWNSHIP 4, TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY SURVEYS, AND LOCATED AT 2100 ASCENCION DR., EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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:
Abstain:

16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COTTONWOOD COVE UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 10G1, 10H, 10L, AND 11B1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:50 p.m.
No Speakers
Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR COTTONWOOD COVE UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 10G1, 10H, 10L, AND 11B1, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero 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 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT FOUR SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 10-I, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:55 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:56 p.m.

19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT FOUR SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 10-I, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

Jorge Azcarate, Engineer for CEA spoke on this item.

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 ORIGINAL ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BLOCK 4 AND 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS., BEING A PART OF AND OUT OF MESA SPUR DRAIN FROM UNCLASSIFIED (NO ZONING CLASSIFICATION) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DISTRICT) ALONG WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-451. - GENERAL REGULATIONS. (SUBSECTION A) AREA REQUIREMENTS - TO ALLOW A 9.78 ACRE SITE INSTEAD OF THE 10 ACRE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING AND A MICROGRID SITE TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING AND FUTURE INDUSTRIAL SPACE WITHIN THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Public Hearing opened at 7:04 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:04 p.m.

23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND ORIGINAL ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN BLOCK 4 AND 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS., BEING A PART OF AND OUT OF MESA SPUR DRAIN FROM UNCLASSIFIED (NO ZONING CLASSIFICATION) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL MIXED-USE DISTRICT) ALONG WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-451. - GENERAL REGULATIONS. (SUBSECTION A) AREA REQUIREMENTS - TO ALLOW A 9.78 ACRE SITE INSTEAD OF THE 10 ACRE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING AND A MICROGRID SITE TO SUPPORT THE EXISTING AND FUTURE INDUSTRIAL SPACE WITHIN THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

24. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS MESA SPUR DRAIN #1 SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF MESA SPUR DRAIN WITHIN BLOCK 4 AND 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:10 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS MESA SPUR DRAIN #1 SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF MESA SPUR DRAIN WITHIN BLOCK 4 AND 5, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

20. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m.

Ray Perez, Loren Jimenez, Marty Loya, Ralph Loya, Tammie Muriel, and Jose Castillo spoke during Public Hearing.

Edward Candelaria was signed up to speak but did not speak.

Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

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

Ray Perez, Marty Loya, Ralph Loya, Tammie Muriel, and Jose Castillo spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

26. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:27 p.m.

Ray Perez, Loren Jimenez, Marty Loya, Ralph Loya, Tammie Muriel, and Jose Castillo spoke during Public Hearing.

Edward Carrasco was virtually in attendance to speak on this item, but has left the meeting.

Edward Candelaria was signed up to speak but did not speak.

Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

27. 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Quantum Wei, Founder and CEO of Harmony Desalting made a presentation, see Exhibit "A".

Cesar Nevarez stepped out of the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Cesar Nevarez returned to the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Gina Cordero stepped out of the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Gina Cordero returned to the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Ray Perez, Loren Jimenez, Marty Loya, Ralph Loya, Tammie Muriel, and Jose Castillo spoke on this item.

Edward Carrasco was virtually in attendance to speak on this item, but has left the meeting.

Edward Candelaria was signed up to speak but did not speak.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

**28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION
FOR IT SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR. CAROL CANDELARIA**

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Irene Rojas stepped out of the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE RESOLUTION 833 TO DEMONSTRATE SUFFICIENT NEED AND SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRANSIT SERVICES IN SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO INITIATE THE SERVICE EXPANSION POLICY PROCESS WITH SUN METRO AS PART OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A DIRECT RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FUNDING. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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, and Gina Cordero

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

Irene Rojas returned to the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND PAYMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR ESCONTRIAS HALLOWEEN PARADE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025, FROM 8:30 TO 9:15 A.M. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

31. 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

32. 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

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND
RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty (31), thirty-one (32), thirty-two, and thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

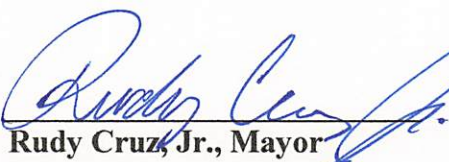
34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 8:41 p.m.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk


November 6, 2025

Date minutes were approved