

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 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
Deputy Chief J. Stanzione

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence for the 911 victims.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Jesse Montelongo spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *allow Mr. Montelongo more time to speak under Public Comment.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA

5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

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 HEARING/ORDINANCES

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:11 pm

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:12 pm

7. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seven (7).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE TAX INCREASE SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number eight (8).* Motion passed.

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

9. **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

Public Hearing opened at 6:15 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:15 pm

10. **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve that the property tax rate be increase by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.645233 cents per \$100, which is effectively a 1.7113 percent increase in the tax rate.* Motion passed.

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

11. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:17 pm
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:18 pm

12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number twelve (12)*. Motion passed. Motion passed.

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

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 832 REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. ADRIANA RODARTE

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 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

15. 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

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

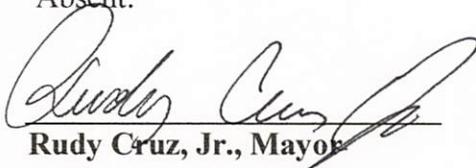
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items fourteen (14), fifteen (15), and sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

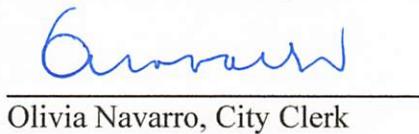
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent:

17. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 6:23 pm*

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Sept 18, 2025
Date minutes were approved