

Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Mayor

Ruben Reyes
At Large

Cesar Nevarez
District 1



Alejandro Garcia
District 2

Gina Cordero
District 3/Mayor Pro Tem

Irene Rojas
District 4

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 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 Systems Administrator
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Robert Rojas, Chief of Police
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Judith Rodriguez, City Planner
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy Students.

Pledge of Allegiance led by students from Robert Rojas Elementary

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Jeremy Hendrix (see Exhibit "A"), Kyle Greenup, James Lowenberg and Maricela Diaz spoke during Public Comment.

Mayor Cruz responded to Mr. Hendrix, (see Exhibit "B")

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2025 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2025. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE FLOR DEL BOSQUE SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 11A, BLOCK 32, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS AND LOCATED NEAR PETUNIA DR. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***
- 8. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE EL PASO LOWER VALLEY COMMERCE CENTER SUBDIVISION, BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL 1, TRACTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 24, SAN ELIZARIO GRANT AND LOCATED AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NORTH LOOP AND ESTATE DR., EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***
- 9. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT FOUR, AND A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-49.-COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (D) FOR THE PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE TIE INTO COTTONWOOD COVE UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 10-I, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT E. BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***
- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL 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***

11. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN RESUBMISSION (SECTION 38-7.11. – MASTER PLAN -- CHANGES) FOR HORIZON PARK MASTER PLAN, BEING HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE, HORIZON UNIT ONE REPLAT A, HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE REPLAT B, HORIZON PARK UNIT THREE, ALL OF TRACTS 2, 3-B, 3-B-5, 4-E-1-A, 10-I, AND 10-J, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve the Consent Agenda and delete item number six (6)*. 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 number thirty-five (35) before twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

35. 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 Gina Cordero to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garccia seconded by Irene Rojas to *deny the petition*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

**12. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 4
AMENDMENT TO DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,944.00 FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Public Hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

**13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT
4 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,944.00 FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE**

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

**14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED ALDAMA
ESTATES REPLAT D SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 9,
BLOCK 2, ALDAMA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 11033
SUNNYBROOK LANE, SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 6:54 p.m.
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:54 pm

**15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE
PROPOSED ALDAMA ESTATES REPLAT D SUBDIVISION, BEING A
REPLAT OF LOT 9, BLOCK 2, ALDAMA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AND
LOCATED AT 11033 SUNNYBROOK LANE, SOCORRO, 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 FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING A PORTION OF TRACT 28-A-22, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10752 MELLWARD RD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING A PORTION OF TRACT 28-A-22, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10752 MELLWARD RD, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *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 FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 19, FRIEDMAN ESTATES UNIT 2, LOCATED AT 400 MOSHER WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m.
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 4, BLOCK 19, FRIEDMAN ESTATES UNIT 2, LOCATED AT 400 MOSHER WAY, SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

- 20. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 18, BLOCK 4, LYNN PARK REPLAT, LOCATED AT 366 TANIA DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 46-259.- PURPOSE. TO ALLOW FOR AN EXISTING QUADRUPLEX ON THE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF THE THREE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE UNITS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:09 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

- 21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 18, BLOCK 4, LYNN PARK REPLAT, LOCATED AT 366 TANIA DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 46-259.- PURPOSE. TO ALLOW FOR AN EXISTING QUADRUPLEX ON THE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF THE THREE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE UNITS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

- 22. 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 TRACT 10-G, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10946 BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A-1 (AGRICULTURAL), AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SECTION 46-293. - AREA REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION 1, TO ALLOW A 0.383-ACRE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF THE 1-ACRE MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW FOR AN EXISTING STORAGE CONTAINER. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:18 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

Ruben Reyes stepped out at 7:18 p.m.

- 23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 10-G, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10946 BURT RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A-1 (AGRICULTURAL), AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SECTION 46-293. - AREA REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION 1, TO ALLOW A 0.383-ACRE PROPERTY INSTEAD OF THE 1-ACRE MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENT TO ALLOW FOR AN EXISTING STORAGE CONTAINER. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Gina Cordero stepped out at 7:19 p.m.

Gina Cordero returned to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

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

Nays:

Abstain

- 24. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 12, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10371 MANZANA DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A TRIPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

- 25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 1, BLOCK 12, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10371 MANZANA DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR A TRIPLEX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Ruben Reyes stepped out at 7:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *postpone to the next Regular Agenda of January 15, 2026*. Motion passed.

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

26. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MECHANIC SHOP IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON TRACT 5-K-5, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293, LOCATED AT 1110 VISA ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:30 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

27. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A MECHANIC SHOP IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONING DISTRICT ON TRACT 5-K-5, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 293, LOCATED AT 1110 VISA ROAD, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes 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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION OF C.10 DRESS AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS POLICY ADDRESSED IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK DATED AUGUST 18, 2025.

CAROL CANDELARIA

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 THE REVISION OF C.07 PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP IN THE WORKPLACE ADDRESSED IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK DATED AUGUST 18, 2025. CAROL CANDELARIA

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

30. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION OF C.01 TIME AND ATTENDANCE POLICY ADDRESSED IN THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK DATED AUGUST 18, 2025.* CAROL CANDELARIA

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

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

31. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,728,939.74 UNDER CONTRACT 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES, FOR DESIGN PHASE SERVICES FOR THE MOON ROAD COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT. THIS WORK IS 100% GRANT-FUNDED.*

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

32. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDED DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND AVA DEVELOPMENTS, LLC TO REMOVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOME IMPROVEMENTS ON KUPECK ROAD.* LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

- 33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PETITION TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NOS.: TAX PARCELS 73197, 739202, 739198, 739199, 739200, 282676, 739205, 739209, 739206, 739210, 267580, 739211 AND 739212. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero 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 APPROVE MAYOR AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THE 94 WINTER MEETING / JANUARY 28-30, 2026, WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE US CONFERENCE OF MAYOR. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO RESEARCH AND PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION RESTRICTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WAREHOUSE FACILITIES WITHIN 1.5 MILES NORTH AND SOUTH OF SOCORRO ROAD WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS PRESERVING THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL CHARACTER OF THE MISSION TRAIL AND PROTECTING THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF NEARBY RESIDENTS. *RUBEN REYES***

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

Jimmy Hendrix spoke on this item.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *suspend the rule and allow more time for Mr. Hendrix to continue speaking*. Motion passed.

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

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

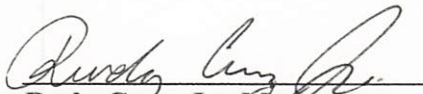
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *delete items thirty-seven (37), thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39)*. Motion passed.

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

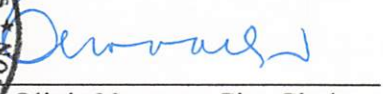
40. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 8:02 pm*. Motion passed.

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

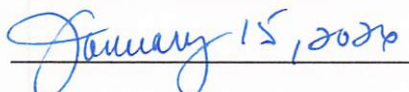

Date approved

EXHIBIT "A"

Olivia Navarro

From: VeteransPoolCare LLC <sgmhendrixj@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 11:47 AM
To: CityClerk
Cc: Adriana Rodarte; Mayor: Rudy Cruz JR; Irene Rojas; At Large: Ruben Reyes
Subject: Public Comment for December 4, 2025 Council Meeting – Please Include in Record

My name is **Jeremy Hendrix**, District 4 resident in the Arterial 1 project area. I plan to speak during public comment at tonight's **December 4, 2025** City Council meeting regarding **El Paso's proposed transportation fee and the long-term costs of Arterial 1**.

For the record, I am submitting my prepared remarks below and respectfully request that this written statement be **included in the official record** and kept with the backup materials for tonight's meeting.

Good evening, Mayor, Council, and staff.

My name is **Jeremy Hendrix**, and I live in **District 4** in the Arterial 1 project area. Tonight I am speaking about **El Paso's proposed road fee on water bills** and what it means for Socorro. I have submitted my written comments to the City Secretary, and I respectfully request that my remarks be reflected in the minutes and that my written statement be included in the record.

Right now, El Paso is considering a new "**transportation user fee**" – a monthly charge on the El Paso Water bill – to help pay for street repairs. A few dollars on every bill may not sound like much, but across the whole city it adds up to **millions of dollars a year** just to keep their existing streets drivable. They are talking about this fee because their current budget cannot keep up with basic road maintenance, even as residents face higher water and wastewater rates.

I'm bringing this up because that is exactly where **Socorro is headed** if we take on big new roads that we cannot afford to maintain.

Today, Socorro is relatively lucky. Most of the major corridors our residents use every day – **North Loop, Socorro Road, Alameda, Loop 375, Horizon** – are **state-maintained TxDOT facilities**. TxDOT carries the long-term maintenance burden on those big roads, which helps keep our local street costs relatively low.

Arterial 1 is different. This is a **City of Socorro** project. As the project sponsor, the City must find the money to build it, buy the right-of-way, and then pay for decades of overlays, pothole repairs, drainage fixes, and eventual reconstruction. Once this four-lane city road is built, **we own the bill, not TxDOT**.

That means a future council will face the same kinds of choices El Paso is facing right now:

- Do we **raise property taxes**?
- Do we add a **street fee** to our own water or garbage bills?
- Do we issue **more debt** on top of everything else we are already discussing for roads and infrastructure?

I am asking you to be **honest with residents** about that long-term cost before you move Arterial 1 one inch further. Before advancing this project, the City should publish a **realistic life-cycle cost estimate** for Arterial 1, with a clear explanation of **exactly which revenue sources** will pay for it.

I am also asking Council to make a **public commitment** that you will not impose a future transportation fee on Socorro utility bills to pay for a road that your own residents have repeatedly asked you **not** to build.

El Paso's proposed road fee is our **warning label**. We still have a choice: we can keep **No-Build** on the table and focus on improving the **existing state corridors** we already have, instead of creating a brand-new four-lane city road that our small tax base will be stuck maintaining forever.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Jeremy Hendrix
915 227-0881

EXHIBIT “B”

1. Regarding the City of El Paso’s Proposed Transportation Fee:

The City of El Paso has declined the proposed transportation user fee at this time. As a result no such has been adopted.

2. Differences Between the City of El Paso and the City of Socorro:

Also, notably the City of El Paso and the City of Socorro differ significantly in terms of population size, infrastructure, network, and geographic coverage area. Consequently, the long term maintenance obligations and financial impacts faced by each City cannot be directly compared or soon to be similar.

3. City of Socorro Does Not Own or Operate Utilities:

It is also essential to note that the City of Socorro does not own or operate any utilities including water services. As a separate entity Lower Valley Water District is entirely independent of the City of Socorro. Therefore, any reference to the City imposing fees to the utility bills is not applicable as we do not issue or control any of the water bill.

4. City of Socorro’s Existing Planning and Preparedness:

To insure transparency the City of Socorro has taken pro-active steps to prepare for long term roadway maintenance obligations, for example the Transportation Reinvestment Zone also known as the TRZ for Nuevo Hueco Tanks. This was established in 2010. The TRZ currently holds an estimated \$7 million which can be used for the future maintenance of the roadway. This demonstrates how the City has been planning ahead and will continue prepare responsibly for future infrastructure needs.

These statements are provided to ensure that accurate information is available to the public and that there's no misinformation presented here today or any other day at our council meeting regarding the City of Socorro financial planning, infrastructure responsibilities or utility authority.