

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
NOVEMBER 20, 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

Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Judith Rodriguez, City Planner
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by Socorro High School Students.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Arturo Robles, Jeremy Hendrix, Angelica Visser, and Edgar Carrasco spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. **RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY GONZALEZ FOR SECURITY FUNDING FOR THE PRESERVATION OF RIO VISTA FARM NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Mayor Cruz and Council recognized Mary Gonzalez.

6. **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY GONZALEZ IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH IN MAY OF 2025.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Mary Gonzalez presented the city with a Resolution.

7. **PRESENTATION BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARY GONZÁLEZ ON THE EL PASO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION REPORT, HIGHLIGHTING THE HISTORY, CURRENT CHALLENGES, AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND IN EL PASO COUNTY.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 835 RECOGNIZING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.**

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item eight (8)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. **PRESENTATION BY RAUL MENDOZA, MONSTER LINK ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) OVERVIEW FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.**

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

This item was skipped to allow Mr. Mendoza time to arrive to the meeting.

10. **PRESENTATION BY SAMUEL DIAZ, MOUNTAIN STAR CDFI EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL FOR BUSINESS AND PERSON GROWTH IN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Presentation made by Samuel Diaz, from Mountain Star Credit Union, see Exhibit "A".

11. PRESENTATION TO RECOGNIZE ENRIQUE CISNEROS INSURANCE AS SMALL BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Mr. Quiñonez presented Mr. Cisneros with a certificate.

12. PRESENTATION OF THE TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AWARD TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Mr. Quiñonez spoke about the plaque presented to the city.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *take a five (5) minute recess*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CONSENT AGENDA

13. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2025. OLIVIA NAVARRO

15. INTRODUCTION FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 4 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,944.00 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE

16. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

17. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 1-A, 1-A-1, 1-B, 1-B-2 & 12-D, BLOCK 2; TRACT 9-A AND 10-A, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, AND VARIANCE FROM SECTION 38-52.3 - STREET DESIGN STANDARDS- GENERAL PLANNING TO ALLOW A REDUCED MINIMUM R.O.W. OF 54'-0" INSTEAD OF THE 60'-0" MINIMUM R.O.W., A VARIANCE FOR STREET WIDTH OF 76'-0" INSTEAD OF 90'-0" MINIMUM R.O.W. AND A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 46-262. - AREA REQUIREMENTS- TO ALLOW FOR LOT SIZES TO VARY FROM 5,000 SQ. FT. TO 5,999 SQ. FT. FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL USES IN SUPPORT OF THE SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

18. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

19. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

20. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING 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.
ADRIANA RODARTE

21. 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

22. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

23. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero 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

24. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE REPLAT "B" SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22, BLOCK 1, HORIZON PARK ONE REPLAT "A" SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED ON ANDREW ARROYOS DR, SOCORRO, TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING HORIZON PARK UNIT ONE REPLAT "B" SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, AND 22, BLOCK 1, HORIZON PARK ONE REPLAT "A" SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED ON ANDREW ARROYOS DR, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A ROSARIO Y DANZA A VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE AT 10628 SHADY VALLEY TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2025 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Petrita Barrera, organizer of this event spoke on this item.

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

CITY MANAGER

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR PROTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.03 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *appoint District 3 Representative Gina Cordero as Mayor ProTem*. Motion passed.

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

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1, 2026, DUE TO THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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 HORIZONE CO. CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE SOCORRO SIDEWALK PROJECT (PROJECT NO. 24-09 TO INCLUDE SIDEWALK INSTALLATION ON LICO LANE AS PART OF PHASE V IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,685.54. *VICTOR PEREZ*

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, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Abstain:

30. 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*

31. 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*

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty (30), thirty-one (31) and thirty-two (32)*. 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 Corder to *move into Executive Session at this time.*

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:36 PM

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING STATEMENT OF INTENT OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, THE CENTRAL-GULF, WEST NORTH, AND RIO GRANDE VALLEY SERVICE AREAS, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. OS-25-00028202.

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *deny the application.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. PRESENTATION BY RAUL MENDOZA, MONSTER LINK ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) OVERVIEW FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete item nine (9).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

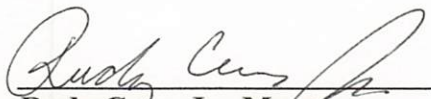
34. ADJOURN


A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:37 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

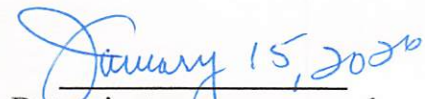
Nays:

Abstain:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk




Date minutes were approved