

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 6, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruben Reyes (*arrived to the meeting at 8:05 pm*)

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney (*joined virtually*)

Estevan Gonzales, IT Director
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Officer Vega
Officer Gandar
Officer Frausto

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.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Darrell Mond, Fernando Lazo, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jeremy Hendrix, Roberto Lagona, James Lowenberg, Alma Ramirez, and Rocio Martinez spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *postpone item number six (6) to the next Regular Meeting of November 20, 2025, item twenty-five (25) before item eleven (11) and item twenty-one after item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION TO RECOGNIZE CAFÉ COCOL AS SMALL BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

Presentation made by Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

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

Presentation made by Jose Quiñonez, Economic Recovery Coordinator

7. PRESENTATION BY JOHN ANDOH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EL PASO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, ON REGIONAL TRANSIT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Presentation made by John Andoh.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2025. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Grcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**25. UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ARTERIAL 1
PROJECT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jeremy Hendrix, and Edgar Carrasco spoke on this item

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *allow more time to Edgar Carrasco to speak*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

Edgar Carrasco continued speaking

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *continue and complete the NEPA (National Environment Policy Act) study*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Gina Cordero

Nays: Irene Rojas

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EVENT PERMIT AND FEE
WAIVER REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS TRAILS FOR TOYS PARADE FOR
DECEMBER 13, 2025, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, and Irene Rojas

Abstain: Gina Cordero

Absent: Ruben Reyes

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *take a recess*.
Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

**THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO A RECESS AT 7:43 PM
RECESS**

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 8:05 PM

**REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

- 11. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:06 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$70.00 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 8:08 pm

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 8:08 pm

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE # 635 AMENDMENT # 3 AMENDMENT TO DECREASE EXPENDITURES BY \$70.00 FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

15. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:10 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 8:10 p.m.

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

17. 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

Public Hearing opened at 8:16 p.m.
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 8:16 p.m.

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Gina Cordero to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED HOLIDAY SCHEDULES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026, 2027, AND 2028. *CAROL CANDELARIA*

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:

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CITY ENGINEER. *CAROL CANDELARIA*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

CITY MANAGER

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CALLING A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.07 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve December 4, 2025 as the December Regular Council Meeting*. Motion passed.

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

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AND RATIFY THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LGC (EPATS) FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT ACCESS IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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:

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT CITY STAFF TO EVALUATE AND PRESENT FINANCING OPTIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (COS) TO SUPPORT ONGOING AND FUTURE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

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

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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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 twenty-seven, twenty-eight and twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

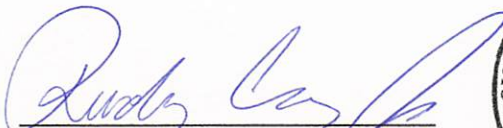
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:


Abstain:

30. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 8:45 p.m.*


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

November 20, 2025
Date minutes were approved