

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
FEBRUARY 5, 2026 @ 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 (*joined virtually*)

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Robert Rojas, Chief of Police
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director

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 Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy

Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Margarita Perez spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. **RECOGNITION OF YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ESD #2 / SOCORRO FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE DURING FIRE INCIDENT ON JANUARY 20, 2026.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

During this item Mayor Cruz and city council presented Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo Fire Department with a plaque.

6. **RECOGNITION OF MARRUFO CONSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND IN-KIND SUPPORT DURING FIRE INCIDENT ON JANUARY 20, 2026.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

During this time Mr. Marrufo was present to receive a plaque as appreciation from Mayor Cruz, and city council.

7. **PRESENTATION ON BORDERPLEX COMMUNITY CAPITAL (BCC) INTEREST RATE BUY-DOWN PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESSES BY HECTOR ESPINO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR.** *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

Mr. Hector Espino made presentation.

8. **PRESENTATION REGARDING THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DATA OBTAINED FROM ALL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS CONDUCTED BY THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT 2024 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.** *CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS*

Presentation made by Chief Rojas.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
10. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, AND SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2026.** *OLIVIA NAVARRO*
11. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE REQUESTED BY TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REDUCE THE SPEED LIMIT ON HORIZON BLVD (FM 1281) FROM NORTH LOOP DR. (FM 76) TO THE CITY LIMITS AT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10 FROM 50 MPH TO 45 MPH.** *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up items twenty-eight, twenty-nine (29), thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33) and thirty-four (34)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

28. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING ON A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE UP TO \$15,000,000 IN COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, PARK IMPROVEMENTS, A NEW SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

29. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ENGAGING MCCALL, PARKHURST & HORTON L.L.P. TO PROVIDE BOND COUNSEL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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:

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RAFAEL CARRILLO TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PLACE 6.

GINA CORDERO

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

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

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF AMPARO CARRILLO TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 5.
GINA CORDERO**

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

34. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrillo were sworn in by Olivia Navarro, City Clerk.

REGULAR AGENDA

**12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 12-A-1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED NEAR BAUMAN RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO**

Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

**13. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 12-A-1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED NEAR BAUMAN RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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 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 & 10-A, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298 ABST 6262 TRACT 42, LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BAUMAN RD., AND NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 AND C-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/ GENERAL COMMERCIAL), A 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***

Public Hearing opened at 7:12 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

Gina Cordero stepped out of the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Gina Cordero returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 & 10-A, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298 ABST 6262 TRACT 42, LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BAUMAN RD., AND NORTH LOOP DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) AND C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 AND C-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL/ GENERAL COMMERCIAL), A 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***

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:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *move up items twenty-two (22) and twenty-three (23) before item sixteen (16)*. 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 HORIZON PARK UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 2, 3B, 3B5, AND 4E1A, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED NEAR HORIZON BLVD., SOCORRO, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:27 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 2, 3B, 3B5, AND 4E1A, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED NEAR HORIZON BLVD., 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 FINAL 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:30 p.m.

19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL 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

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:

Mayor Cruz stepped out of the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor Cruz returned to the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

20. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 13, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11764 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Public Hearing opened at 7:34 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

A floor amendment was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to change from General Commercial and replaced with Agricultural. Motion passed.

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

Abstain:

A floor amendment was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to change from General Commercial to Agricultural. Motion passed.

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

Abstain:

21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 13, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11764 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A floor amendment was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to change from General Commercial to Agricultural. Motion passed.

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

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

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

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE 2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA EVENT DATE AND FIREWORKS CONTRACT.

VICTOR RETA

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve staff's recommendation of Big Dog Pyro in the amount of \$47,500.00 for fifteen (15) minutes*.

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

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 839 TO FORMALLY ADOPT THE NAME OF RIO VISTA CIVIC CENTER FOR BUILDINGS LOCATED AT THE PHYSICAL ADDRESS 901 N. RIO VISTA RD. SOCORRO, TX 79927.

VICTOR RETA

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:

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPROVAL REQUEST OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE HERMANOS FARMS INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION. THE AMENDMENT WOULD CHANGE THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PECAN TREE BUFFER WITH A NEW LANDSCAPE PLAN.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez 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 TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH ABLE CITY, LLC, AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A TIME EXTENSION AND EXECUTE THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE CREATION OF A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC). THERE IS NO FINANCIAL IMPACT FROM THIS ACTION.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE MAYOR AND ANY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBER TO TRAVEL FOR TML REGIONAL MEETING IV IN KERMIT, TEXAS ON FEBRUARY 20, 2026.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PROCURE AND CONTRACT ROADWAY RESTORATION SERVICES FOR LVWD PAVING CUTS, CONTINGENT UPON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT. (LVWD).**

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *deny item thirty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

- 35. 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

36. 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

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

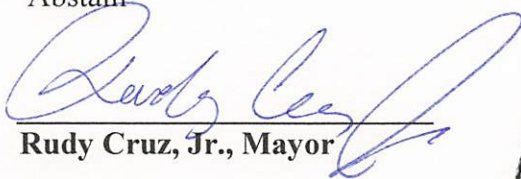
A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *delete items thirty-five (35), thirty-six (36) and thirty-seven (37)*. Motion passed.

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

38. ADJOURN

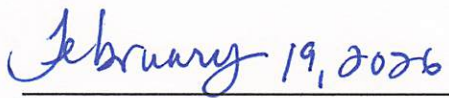
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 8:06 p.m.*

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk


Date approved