

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 19, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alejandro Garcia

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
Lt. I. Rodriguez
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:02 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE LED BY
HUECO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Pledge of Allegiance recited and a moment of silence.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all members present.

4. PUBLIC COMENT

Fernie Salcido spoke during Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. ***RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION DECLARING MARCH 2026 AS "THEATRE IN OUR SCHOOL MONTH" IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.***
MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

During this time Mayor and Council recognized the High School Students.

6. ***PRESENTATION BY UTEP ATHLETICS REGARDING SOCORRO NIGHT.***
VICTOR RETA

During this time Victor Reta showed a video of Socorro UTEP Night.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
8. ***APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2026.***
OLIVIA NAVARRO
9. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AA ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 3, BLOCK 13, ALAMEDA ESTATES REPLAT, LOCATED AT 10387 MANZANA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW TWO EXISTING DWELLINGS, AND A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 46-262.- AREA REQUIREMENTS-SUB. (2)(D) TO ALLOW A REDUCED REAR YARD SETBACK OF 3'-0" INSTEAD OF THE 20'-0" SETBACK REQUIREMENT ON THE REAR DWELLING.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***
10. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR BABA UNIT ONE REPLAT B SUBDIVISION, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 2, BLOCK 2, BABA UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 10301 DESERT OAK CT., EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***
11. ***INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE II, SECTION 42-6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS TO REDUCE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON HORIZON BLVD (FM1281) COMMENDING AT NORTH LOOP DR. (FM76) TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY LIMITS AT INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10, FROM 50 MPH TO 45 MPH.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 5, BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT SOCORRO DISTRIBUTION DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO IC-MUD (INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL-MIXED USE DISTRICT); AND A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-451.-GENERAL REGULATIONS-SUB. (D)HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS- TO ALLOW 50'-0" MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BUILDING HEIGHT INSTEAD OF THE 45'-0" MAXIMUM HEIGHT LIMITATION TO ALLOW FOR DISTRIBUTION AND WAREHOUSE FACILITIES.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

13. INTRODUCTION. FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF A MASTER PLAN RESUBMISSION (SECTION 38-7.11.-MASTER PLAN-CHANGES) FOR SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER, BEING SOCORRO LOGISTICS UNIT ONE, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT TWO, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT THREE, ALL OF TRACT 7A, PORTIONS OF TRACTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 8A, PORTIONS OF MESA SPUR DRAIN, ALL WITHIN BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT; LOCATED AT SOCORRO LOGISTICS LN. AND SOCORRO DISTRIBUTION DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ALLOW FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

14. INTRODUCTION. FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT SIX SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 5, A PORTION OF TRACT 4, 6, 8A AND A PORTION OF MESA SPUR DRAIN, ALL WITHIN BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCORDING TO THE RESURVEY OF SAID SOCORRO GRANT MADE BY EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FOR TAX PURPOSES AND A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT TWO, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR THE SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT FIVE SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 7A, A PORTION OF TRACTS 6 AND 8A, AND A PORTION OF MESA SPUR DRAIN, ALL WITHIN BLOCK 5, SOCORRO GRANT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE RESURVEY OF SAID SOCORRO GRANT MADE BY EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS FOR TAX PURPOSES AND A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO LOGISTICS CENTER UNIT TWO, SOCORRO, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve Consent Agenda, items seven (7) through fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE UPDATES TO RESOLUTION 812 PERTAINING TO A GRANT AWARD FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2026 STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLCGP) FOR THE SOCORRO CYBERSECURITY MITIGATION PROJECT. THERE IS NO FINANCIAL IMPACT FROM THIS ACTION.** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 840 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S FY 2025 OPERATION STONEGARDEN (OPSG) TO FUND OVERTIME FOR OFFICERS SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL. THERE IS NO MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR THIS GRANT.** *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 18. 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*

19. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items eighteen (18), nineteen (19), and twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

21. DISCUSSION ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. PROJECT MIST; (551.087).

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items twenty-one (21)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

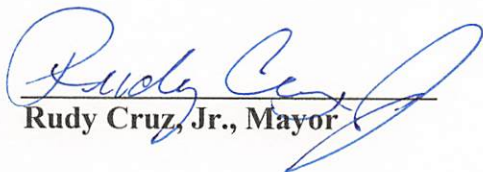
7. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 6:22 p.m.*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

March 5, 2026

Date approved





Olivia Navarro, City Clerk