

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
APRIL 2, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cesar Nevarez

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Jim Martinez, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Lt. Juan Favela
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Jose Quiñonez,

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:03 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE LED BY ERNESTO SERNA FINE ARTS ACADEMY.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by Cielo Gayle student at Ernesto Serna Fine Arts Academy.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Quorum was established with five council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up item twenty-four (24) after the Presentations.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

PRESENTATION

5. *IN MEMORIAM RECOGNITION HONORING CARLOS SEPULVEDA, SR., A UNITED STATES MARINE VETERAN AND VALUED MEMBER OF THE SOCORRO COMMUNITY.* *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Memoriam Recognition honoring Mr. Carlos Sepulveda, Sr.

6. *RECOGNITION OF THE 2026 CAMPUS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AND 2026 CAMPUS SCHOOL SUPPORT EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR FOR THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER AREA SCHOOLS.*

ALEJANDRO GARCIA

During this time the 2026 Teachers of the Year and Support Employees were recognized.

7. *PRESENTATION TO HONOR 2026 HERMANAS SPEAKERS.*

VICTOR RETA

2026 Hermanas Crystal Saavedra and Joselyn Ortega were recognized.

24. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY (NHANES) AND TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT TO USE CITY FACILITIES FOR NHANES OPERATIONS.*

VICTOR RETA

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

Presentation made by Alexa Ortiz, from NHANES.

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Alejandro Garcia

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.**
9. **APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2026 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2026.**
OLIVIA NAVARRO
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING FEBRUARY 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING FEBRUARY 2026 CASH RECEIPTS.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
12. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING FEBRUARY 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS.**
LOURDES GOMEZ
13. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR ISABELLA VALLEY SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 13, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11764 SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
14. **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 GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL, BEING GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT ONE AND A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 9871, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
15. **INTRODUCTION. FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT ONE REPLAT A, BEING ALL OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT ONE, AND A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, ABSTRACT NO. 9871, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT 16400 & 16450 GATEWAY WEST. BLVD., TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL TRAILER PARKING.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO
16. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR GATEWAY INDUSTRIAL UNIT TWO, BEING A PORTION OF ROBERT E. NIX SURVEY NO. 305, ABSTRACT NO. 9871, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**

17. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$15,000,000 OF CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2026 FOR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, PARK IMPROVEMENTS, AND A NEW SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES; APPROVING A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Alejandro Garcia

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

18. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 695, AMENDMENT NO. 1, DECREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 BUDGET BY \$13,949.00. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Public Hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 695, AMENDMENT NO. 1, DECREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 BUDGET BY \$13,949.00. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez and Alejandro Garcia

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH” IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ*

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Alejandro Garcia returned to the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX (WSB) TO ADVANCE MUTUAL OBJECTIVES BY SUPPORTING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS GROWTH, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND SERVICE DELIVERY AT THE E.G. CHAYO APODACA COMMUNITY CENTER IN SOCORRO, TEXAS. THERE IS NO FINANCIAL IMPACT AS A RESULT OF THIS MOU.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO THE FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ) DISTRIBUTION SITE OPERATOR AGREEMENT WITH PILOT AIR FREIGHT, LLC, TO RECOGNIZE THE ENTITY CONSOLIDATION AND NAME CHANGE OF PILOT AIR FREIGHT, LLC INTO ITS PARENT COMPANY, MAERSK LOGISTICS & SERVICES USA INC.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve with feedback from legal*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING LUPITA INFANTE AND THE INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA PERFORMANCE CONTRACT FOR THE 2026 INDX EVENT. VICTOR RETA

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

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

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR THE INDEPENDENCE DAY XTRAVAGANZA AND ALLOW UP TO TWO QUALIFIED VENDORS TO APPLY FOR PERMIT. VICTOR RETA

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

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

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PETITION TO RELEASE THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY FROM THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: APPROXIMATELY 0.0115 SQUARE MILES (7.357 ACRES) EL PASO CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPERTY IDS:617067, 73607, 255687, AND 206098. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN INVENTORY OF CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO IDENTIFY PARCELS THAT MAY BE DECLARED SURPLUS AND CONSIDERED FOR SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR THE SAINTS PETER & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH 2026 BAZAAR TO BE HELD FROM JUNE 26, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 28, 2026, AND WAIVE ASSOCIATED EVENT PERMIT FEE. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

CITY MANAGER

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A QUICK SHIP PLAYGROUND UNIT FOR BULLDOG CHAMPIONSHIP PARK FROM KRAFTSMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,319.91 THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 781-25. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AND RATIFICATION OF THE 3/19/2026 LETTER OF SUPPORT SIGNED BY MAYOR CRUZ FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

31. 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

32. 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

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

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

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

Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez

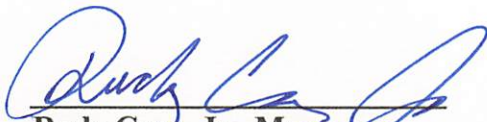
34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:17 p.m.*

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


Nays:

Absent: Cesar Nevarez


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

April 16, 2026
Date approved




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk