

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Irene Rojas

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Chief Robert Rojas
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director
Isabela Perez, Recreation Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:04 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Lara, spoke during Public Comment.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Ruben Reyes to *allow more time for Ms. Lara to continue speaking*. Motion passed.

During this time the Honorable State Representative Mary Gonzalez was recognized by Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.

State Representative Mary Gonzalez and Yvonne Diaz spoke during Public Comment.

During this time Linda Chew and David Chew were recognized.

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up items twenty-eight (28), twenty-six (26) and twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT PRESENTED BY SBNG CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Presentation by Abigail Tellez

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY RESOLUTION NO. 841, DATED MARCH 5, 2026, DECLARING MARCH 2026 AS EL PASO VETERANS & RIDERS ASSOCIATION (EPVRA) APPRECIATION MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Darrell Mond and Lupe Garcia spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR THE FELIPE DE JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH VIA CRUCIS PROCESSION ON APRIL 3, 2026, FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M. AND WAIVE ASSOCIATED EVENT PERMIT FEE.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Cecilia Jara spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

CONSENT AGENDA

5. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2026.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** **LOURDES GOMEZ**
8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2026 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** **LOURDES GOMEZ**
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JANUARY 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS.** **LOURDES GOMEZ**
10. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI (PERMITS), DIVISION 1 (PERMIT GUIDELINES), SECTION 6-137 (TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT) TO TEMPORARILY CEASE THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS AND PERMITS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION TO PREVENT SHORTAGES OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES (INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE DEPENDENT ON NATURAL RESOURCES, SUCH AS WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS) AND ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON LARGE CUSTODIAL FACILITIES (INCLUDING PRISONS, JAILS, AND DETENTION CENTERS HOUSING MORE THAN 100 PERSONS); THE PENALTY IS PROVIDED IN . 6-137.5 OF THIS SECTION.**
- ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:52 p.m.

Samantha Singleton, Diana Martinez, Stephanie Acosta, Lynne Coyle, Marisa Limon Garza, and Diana Martinez

Public Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI (PERMITS), DIVISION 1 (PERMIT GUIDELINES), SECTION 6-137 (TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT) TO TEMPORARILY CEASE THE ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS AND PERMITS FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION TO PREVENT SHORTAGES OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC FACILITIES (INCLUDING INFRASTRUCTURE DEPENDENT ON NATURAL RESOURCES, SUCH AS WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS) AND ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE MORATORIUM ON LARGE CUSTODIAL FACILITIES (INCLUDING PRISONS, JAILS, AND DETENTION CENTERS HOUSING MORE THAN 100 PERSONS); THE PENALTY IS PROVIDED IN . 6-137.5 OF THIS SECTION.**
- ADRIANA RODARTE***

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS GOVERNING DATA CENTERS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND FINDINGS; ADDING DEFINITIONS; LIMITING LOCATIONS; REQUIRING SPECIFIC USE PERMITS; ESTABLISHING WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

Public Hearing opened at 7:08 p.m.

Veronica, Carbajal, Saul Gonzalez, and Joe Molinar spoke during Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOCORRO ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS GOVERNING DATA CENTERS; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND FINDINGS; ADDING DEFINITIONS; LIMITING LOCATIONS; REQUIRING SPECIFIC USE PERMITS; ESTABLISHING WATER, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *ADRIANA RODARTE*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve with the changes recommended by speaker Veronica Carbajal.*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number fourteen (14).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

15. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE OHANAS, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1X, NOW KNOWN AS TRACT 1X1, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY NO. 293, AND A PORTION OF LOT 17, BLOCK 6, CIELO DEL RIO UNIT TWO AMENDING PLAT, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Public Hearing opened at 7:24 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:24 p.m.

16. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE OHANAS, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1X, NOW KNOWN AS TRACT 1X1, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY NO. 293, AND A PORTION OF LOT 17, BLOCK 6, CIELO DEL RIO UNIT TWO AMENDING PLAT, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

17. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION REPLAT K, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 14, BLOCK 4, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 100 ESCALANTE DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Public Hearing opened at 7:27 p.m.

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

18. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION REPLAT K, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 14, BLOCK 4, LA JOLLA SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 100 ESCALANTE 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, and Gina Cordero

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

19. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING T THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT TWO REPLAT B, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 1B, BLOCK 1, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT TWO REPLAT A, LOCATED AT 10330 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ALLOW FOR DUPLEXES. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

- 20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT TWO REPLAT B, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 1B, BLOCK 1, TRUJILLO SUBDIVISION UNIT TWO REPLAT A, LOCATED AT 10330 SOCORRO RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS TO ALLOW FOR DUPLEXES.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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, and Gina Cordero
Nays:
Absent: Irene Rojas

- 21. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO REPLAT N, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 10, BLOCK 8, BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO, AND LOCATED AT 11301 SHEFFIELD DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:37 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:37 p.m.

- 22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROPOSED BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO REPLAT N, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 10, BLOCK 8, BAUMAN ESTATES UNIT TWO, AND LOCATED AT 11301 SHEFFIELD DR., SOCORRO, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT A DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING POLICY AND PROGRAM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S (FTA) REQUIREMENTS.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT THE CITY OF SOCORRO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN (PTASP) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 CFR PART 673 AND DESIGNATE THE CITY MANAGER AS THE ACCOUNTABLE EXECUTIVE UNDER THIS PLAN.**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY RESOLUTION NO. 842, DATED MARCH 5, 2026, RECOGNIZING CHARLES HASSOUN OF GROUP 1 FORD EL PASO, TEXAS FOR SUPPORTING THE EL PASO VETERANS & RIDERS ASSOCIATION (EPVRA) COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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, and Gina Cordero

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

- 29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE SOCORRO, TEXAS VETERANS TO SUPPORT FUNDING AND IMPROVEMENTS AT COUGAR PARK.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

- 30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESSMAN TONY GONZALES FOR THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS PACKAGE.**

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

- 31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESSMAN TONY GONZALES FOR THE CITY OF SAN ELIZARIO FY27 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR A REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.**

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR YSLETA DEL SUR PUEBLO'S FY2027 FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FOR A NEW HOUSING INITIATIVE IN DISTRICT 2, SOCORRO, TEXAS. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF HORIZON CITY FY2027 CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GOVERNMENT COMPLEX. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.*

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Corderto to *approve items thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32), and thirty-three (33).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

34. 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*

35. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *delete items thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35), and thirty-six (36).* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas

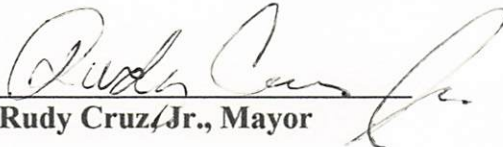
37. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:53 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Irene Rojas


Rudy Cruz Jr., Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk





Date approved