

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 16, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero

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
Robert Rojas, Police Chief
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Diego Ruiz, City Planner
Judith Roriguez, City Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by Campestre Elementary School.

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was recited.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item number six (6), after item four (4) and items thirty-two after items (5) and seven (7).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

- 6. RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENT ATHLETES FROM THE SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL FEEDER AREA WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2026 SOCORRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT JAMES P. BUTLER SPRING GAMES. *IRENE ROJAS***

Student Athletes were recognized.

PRESENTATION

- 5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A PRESENTATION AND PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2026 AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO. *MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item five (5).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

- 7. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 12-18 AS CITY OF SOCORRO'S POLICE DISPATCH & ANIMAL CONTROL WEEK. *VICTOR RETA***

Proclamation was read and police dispatchers were recognized.

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item thirty three (33) after thirty-two (32).* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ASHLEY SERRANO TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS PLACE 5.

RUBEN REYES

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

33. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER.

During this time Ms. Serrano was sworn in by Olivia Navarro, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

8. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

9. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2026. *OLIVIA NAVARRO*

10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REPLAT FOR BABA UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION REPLAT C, BEING A REPLAT OF LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 2, BABA UNIT ONE SUBDIVISION REPLAT A, AND LOCATED AT 1001 & 1021 NUEVO HUECO TANKS ROAD., EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, TO CREATE ONE NON-RESIDENTIAL LOT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL 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*

12. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR PEREZ SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 17-B-2 AND A PORTION OF TRACT 17-C-1-D, BLOCK 13, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 321 F. E. JACKSON RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

13. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN (SECTION 38-7.3.-MASTER PLAN-REQUIRED) FOR BAUMAN VALLEY ESTATES, BEING TRACTS 1-A, 1-A-1, 1-B, 1-B-2, AND 12-D, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT; TRACTS 9-A AND 10-A, AND LEIGH CLARK SURVEY 298 ABSTRACT 6262, TRACT 42, BLOCK 1 SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, TO ALLOW FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF A FINAL PLAT FOR HORIZON PARK UNIT TWO SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 2, 3B, 3B5, AND 4E1A, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED NEAR HORIZON BLVD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 6, BLOCK 3, MONTEROSALES SUBDIVISION, LOCATED AT 10479 MONTEVIDEO ST., SOCORRO, TEXAS., FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL) TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

16. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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

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

- 18. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:18 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

- 19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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

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

- 20. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:23 p.m.
No speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:23 p.m.

- 21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

- 22. 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:26 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

- 23. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *take a five (5) minute recess*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED IN A FIVE MINUTE RECESS AT 7:30 PM

RECESS

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:37 PM

- 24. 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*

Public Hearing opened at 7:37 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

- 25. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-five (25)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

- 26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS LESO (LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE) PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND MAYOR TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.** *CHIEF ROBERT ROJAS*

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE FEE WAIVER FOR EXCAVATION PERMIT FEE FOR THE LOWER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT MESA VERDE SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *deny item twenty-seven (27)*. Motion passed.

Ed Long, from the Lower Valley Water District spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

CITY MANAGER

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 90TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET CALENDAR.

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item twenty-nine (29)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A REQUEST RECEIVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL CARRILLO LANE BRIDGE.

VICTOR PEREZ

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty (30)*. Motion passed.

An amended motion was made by Cesar Nevarez seconded by Irene Rojas to *add this project to the Capital Improvement Plan*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY LETTER OF SUPPORT SUBMITTED TO EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EPCC) FOR THE COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM (CAMP).

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia and 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 Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete items thirty-four (34), thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

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

37. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TEXAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC.'S TEST YEAR 2025 GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM INTERIM RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE – PUC#OS-26-00030734; HQ#UTILITY-72 [551.071].
JAMES A. MARTINEZ

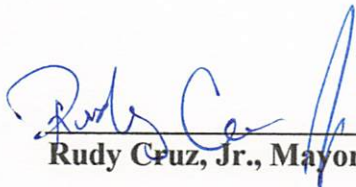
A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *suspend the effective date for (45) forty-five days*. Motion passed.

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


38. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:34 p.m.*

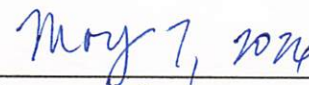
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent: Alejandro Garcia and Irene Rojas



Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk



Date approved

