

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
JULY 2, 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, Police Chief
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:08 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 all council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

5. ***PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF JULY AS THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S RECREATION APPRECIATION MONTH. VICTOR RETA***

Proclamation was read by Victor Reta.

6. ***PRESENTATION TO RECOGNIZE PLAYERS, COACHES AND STAFF FOR THE 2026 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LITTLE LEAGUE. VICTOR RETA***

Players and coaches were recognized.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO***
8. ***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 2, BLOCK 1, SOCORRO REHABILITATION SUBDIVISION, LOCATED ON S. MOON RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING. LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent

REGULAR AGENDA **PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE**

9. ***PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 17-D & 17-D-1, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11660 UNIT B SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL RETAIL DEVELOPMENT. LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Irene Rojas stepped out of the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Public Hearing opened at 6:27 p.m.

Sam Leony spoke on this item.

Diego Ruiz, City Planner read a statement from Jose Duran

Irene Rojas returned to the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

- 10. SECOND READING, AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACTS 17-D & 17-D-1, BLOCK 27, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11660 UNIT B SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL RETAIL DEVELOPMENT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent

Cesar Nevarez stepped out at 6:33 p.m.

Irene Rojas returned to the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 695 AMENDMENT NO. 2, DECREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET BY \$270.00. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

Public Hearing opened at 6:46 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION ON ORDINANCE 695 AMENDMENT NO. 2, DECREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET BY \$270.00. *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, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 845 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) LOCAL PARK GRANTS PROGRAM FOR THE SOCORRO PARKS IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I PROJECT, AND TO AUTHORIZE A REQUIRED 50 PERCENT LOCAL MATCH.**
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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:
Absent

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 846 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN THE CITY PRIDE SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CITY PRIDE SIGN PROGRAM.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO RESEARCH AND PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF SHIPPING CONTAINER HOMES AND COMMERCIAL USE WITHIN THE CITY.**
MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

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

16. 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

17. 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

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

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

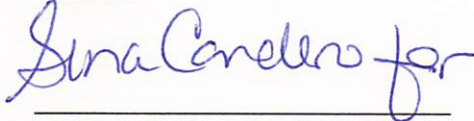
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18) and nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:02 p.m.* Motion passed.

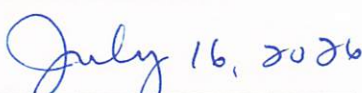
Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Cesar Nevarez, Alejandro Garcia, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas
Nays:
Absent



Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor



Olivia Navarro, City Clerk


Date approved

