

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Victor Perez, Deputy City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Lorraine Quimiro, City Planner
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Robert Rojas, Police Chief
Carol Candelaria, HR Director
Alejandra Valadez, Economic Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:20 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence led by Olivia Navarro.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with four council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 5. *EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 6. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2026.* *OLIVIA NAVARRO***
- 7. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.* *LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 8. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.* *LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 9. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING APRIL 2026 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.* *LOURDES GOMEZ***
- 10. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READIN, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 17-D AND 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***
- 11. *INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 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 the Consent Agenda.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCE

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 21-A, BLOCK 17, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10199 SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:20 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

- 13. SECOND READING, AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 21-A, BLOCK 17, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10199 SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (LIGHT COMMERCIAL), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirteen (13).*

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item thirteen (13) with staff's recommendation that any business located on the property shall not include a drive-through service.* Motion passed.

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

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 15-E, BLOCK 10 SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11159 ALAMEDA AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO GMU (GENERAL MIXED USE), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:30 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF TRACT 15-E, BLOCK 10 SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 11159 ALAMEDA AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO GMU (GENERAL MIXED USE), TO ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

- 16. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 13, FLOR DEL RIO, LOCATED AT 11820 FLOR DEL SOL AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

- 17. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S MASTER PLAN AND REZONING OF LOT 16, BLOCK 13, FLOR DEL RIO, LOCATED AT 11820 FLOR DEL SOL AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A DUPLEX.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

- 18. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR ALAMEDA CENTER SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 22-C, 22-D, AND 22-D-1, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10201 AND 10211 ALAMEDA AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:40 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

19. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR ALAMEDA CENTER SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACTS 22-C, 22-D, AND 22-D-1, BLOCK 8, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10201 AND 10211 ALAMEDA AVE., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

T.J. Karam spoke on this item and announced that this will be a Starbucks Coffee Shop.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

20. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR BAUMAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 9, 10A, 11A, AND 12A1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:46 p.m.
No Speakers for Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

21. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR BAUMAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, BEING ALL OF TRACTS 9, 10A, 11A, AND 12A1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT NORTH LOOP DR. AND BAUMAN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 843 APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR BAUMAN COMMERCIAL CENTER, BEING ALL OF TRACS 9, 10A, 11A AND 12A1, BLOCK 2, SOCORRO GRANT LOCATED AT NORTH LOOP AND BAUMAN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Jorge Azcarate spoke on this item.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 844 APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR GARCIA ESTATES, BEING TRACTS 4-D-2-B AND 4-D-2-C, BLOCK 3, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10646 HORN CIRC., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS AND APPROVING A VAREIANCE FROM SECTION 46-293, AREA REQUIREMENTS, SUBSECTION (1), TO ALLOW A 0.85 ACRE LOT INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 1-ACRE MINIMUM LOT SIZE WITH THE A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) ZONING DISTRICT. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

- 24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR LA PURISIMA CHURCH AT 328 S. NEVAREZ ROAD, ANNUAL FIESTA DE SAN MIGUEL, AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (SWAT) AND CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM (CNT) AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GEOSYNTEC CONSULTANS, INC. FOR A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCENARIO ANALYSIS. CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY THE PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT (PGA) BETWEEN THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (EPMPO) AND THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024 FUNDING AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$171,454 THROUGH THE FEDERAL SECTION 5310 SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM. A \$21,794.29 MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THIS GRANT.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUILD PROGRAM FOR THE AWARD OF \$1,728,951 FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE MOON ROAD COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING PROJECT. NO LOCAL MATCH IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROJECT.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO A 25-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH EL PASO COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (EPCWID1), ALLOWING SURFACE USE OF RIVER DRAIN (A DRAINAGE CANAL) BY THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR CONTINUED USE AS AMISTAD PARK. THERE IS AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$500, PLUS INFLATION AS PER THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX. **ALEJANDRA VALADEZ**

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF RIO VISTA FARM FACILITIES FOR COMMERCIAL MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCTION.

VICTOR RETA

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT ACT (PFIA) TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE RUBEN REYES AND DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVE IRENE ROJAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *delete items thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and thirty-six (36)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time for item number thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

32. 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

33. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. PROJECT MIST [551.87]

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:40 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:55 PM

35. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A FORTINET NETWORK UPGRADE, RENEWAL AND MANAGED ENDPOINT SECURITY SOLUTION FROM CALIAN CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT [551.071, 557.76 AND 551.0761]

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve the purchase and implementation of Fortinet Network Upgrade, renewal and managed endpoint security solution from Calian Corporation.* Motion passed.

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

37. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:56 p.m.*

Ayes: Ruben Garcia, Cesar Nevarez, and Alejandro Garcia

Nays:

Absent: Gina Cordero and Irene Rojas

Gina Cordero for

Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

Olivia Navarro

Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

July 16, 2026

Date approved

