

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Gina Cordero
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ruben Reyes

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Victor Reta Recreation Ctrs. Director
Robert Rojas, Police Chief
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Judith Rodriguez, Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:09 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by R. C. Baquera and moment of silence.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATIONS

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *move up item six (6) before five (5)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

6. ***PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION TO RC BAQUERA, ALEYIAH BAQUERA, AND ALEXANDRA BAQUERA FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION (TAAF) STATE SWIMMING COMPETITION.*** ***MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.***

Recognition by Mayor and City Council to the Baquera children.

5. ***WORKSHOP AND DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2026-2027 BUDGET FOR ALL CITY OF SOCORRO DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.*** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte and Victor Perez

CONSENT AGENDA

7. ***EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
8. ***DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2026.*** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
9. ***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 3, BLOCK 2, EL CAMPESTRE, LOCATED AT 734 CAMPECHE RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIPLEX ON THE PROPERTY.*** ***LORRINE QUIMIRO***

10. 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 28, BLOCK 9, COUNTRY GREEN, LOCATED AT 659 MILO DR, CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A VARIANCE FROM SEC. 46-260(2), TO ALLOW FOR FOUR DWELLING UNITS EXCEEDING THE THREE MAXIMUM PERMITTABLE UNITS IN AN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT. LORRINE QUIMIRO

11. 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 27, NORTH LOOP ACRES, LOCATED AT 660 STEDHAM CIR., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A QUADRUPLEX. LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

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 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

Public Hearing opened at 7:09 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:09 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 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 item thirteen (13)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

- 14. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC). THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD INCLUDE THE REPEAL, REPLACEMENT, AMENDMENT, AND CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING DEVELOPMENT-RELATED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVISIONS GOVERNING ZONING, LAND USE, SUBDIVISIONS, PLATTING, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, REVIEW AUTHORITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 7:15 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

- 15. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC). THE PROPOSED ACTION WOULD INCLUDE THE REPEAL, REPLACEMENT, AMENDMENT, AND CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING DEVELOPMENT-RELATED REGULATIONS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PROVISIONS GOVERNING ZONING, LAND USE, SUBDIVISIONS, PLATTING, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, APPLICATION PROCEDURES, REVIEW AUTHORITY, ENFORCEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 851 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT), TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE RIO VISTA ROAD COMPLETE STREETS FEASIBILITY STUDY (CSJ: 0924-06-774).**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 852 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT), TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE SOCORRO MICRO TRANSIT VEHICLES PROJECT (CSJ: 0924-06-765).**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 853 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOCORRO TO ENTER INTO AN ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT (AFA) WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, ACTING THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT), TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE SOCORRO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) STUDY PROJECT (CSJ: 0924-06-776).**

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item eighteen (18)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO 2025-2028 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICE EXPANSION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND THE CITY OF EL PASO TO ALLOW SOCORRO TO ACCESS EL PASO URBANIZED AREA FORMULA FUNDS FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF (2) ADA VEHICLES FOR THE CITY FROM MODEL 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$155,818.00.

VICTOR RETA

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

POLICE DEPARTMENT

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE THE FY 2025 OPERATION STONEGARDEN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

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

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

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET.

CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

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

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

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 854 APPROVING THE REPLAT FOR MC ADOO ACRES REPLAT C WITH A VARIANCE REQUEST FROM SEC. 46-238.- AREA REQUIREMENTS, SUB-SECTION (2) MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS, TO ALLOW A 10'-0" FRONT YARD SETBACK AND A 10'-0" REAR YARD SETBACK, INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 25'-0" FRONT AND REAR YARD SETBACKS, FOR PROPOSED LOT 2, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 11, MC ADOO ACRES, AND LOCATED AT 620 JEWEL DR., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY TEXAS.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

CITY MANAGER

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE OF 0.736866 FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

26. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2026 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE CITY'S TRANSIT SERVICE AS AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM INITIATIVE DURING THE SOCORRO MISSION RESTORATION EVENT ON OCTOBER 17, 2026.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

28. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION REGARDING THE EL PASO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (ETA) PROPOSAL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CITY'S SOCORRO ¡AVANZANDO! MICROTRANSIT SYSTEM.
ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ESTABLISH THE SOCORRO MAYORAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL.
MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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

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

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF STREETLIGHTS ALONG ALAMEDA AVENUE BETWEEN RIO VISTA ROAD AND NEVAREZ ROAD. ALEJANDRO GARCIA

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

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

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

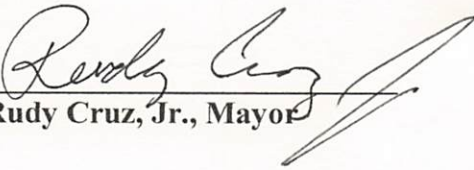
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas *to thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32) and thirty-three (33)*. Motion passed.

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

34. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas *to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.* Motion passed.

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


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

8-20-2026
Date approved




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk