

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gina Cordero (*Mayor Pro Tem*)
Ruben Reyes
Cesar Nevarez
Alejandro Garcia
Irene Rojas

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor Rudy Cruz, Jr.

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
Carol Candelaria HR Director
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Sgt. Juan Favela

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 a moment of silence was led by Adriana Rodarte

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with five council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Speakers for Public Comment.

PRESENTATION

5. PRESENTATION BY 2026 INTERNS.

VICTOR RETA

Presentation made by Interns, Nevaeh Matsuda, Layla Pacheco Jacob Rivas, Vivian King, Michael Martinez, Jacob Vera and Mario Cedillo.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2026 AND REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2026.

OLIVIA NAVARRO

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2026 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MAY 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT.

LOURDES GOMEZ

11. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A 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

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

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 8, BLOCK 4, VILLA ESPANA, LOCATED AT 10484 EL CID DRIVE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A VARIANCE FROM SEC. 46-260 (2), TO ALLOW FOR TEN DWELLING UNITS EXCEEDING THE EIGHT MAXIMUM PERMITTABLE UNITS IN AN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT.**
LORRINE QUIMIRO

Public Hearing opened at 6:26 p.m.

David Holguin and Carlos Menchaca spoke during Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:34 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 8, BLOCK 4, VILLA ESPANA, LOCATED AT 10484 EL CID DRIVE, CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) WITH A VARIANCE FROM SEC. 46-260 (2), TO ALLOW FOR TEN DWELLING UNITS EXCEEDING THE EIGHT MAXIMUM PERMITTABLE UNITS IN AN R-2 ZONING DISTRICT.**

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve staff's recommendation with only eight (8) units maximum allowable.*

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

Nays:

Absent:

RECREATION CENTER

- 14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AWARD RFQ 26-03 FOR CITY HISTORICAL SURVEY TO PRESERVATION TEXAS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**
VICTOR RETA

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING

- 15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 847 APPROVING THE REPLAT FOR MC ADOO ACRES REPLAT B, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, MC ADOO ACRES, AND LOCATED AT 11260 RUSS RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

Ayes: Ruben Reyes, Alejandro Garcia, and Irene Rojas

Nays: Cesar Nevarez

Absent:

- 16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 848 APPROVING THE REPLAT FOR MERIDA SUBDIVISION REPLAT B, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 1, MERIDA SUBDIVISION, AND LOCATED AT 9911 FLORALIA DR., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 849 APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND FINAL PLAT FOR VIRGEN RANCH SUBDIVISION, BEING TRACT 18-F, BLOCK 13, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 364 VINEYARD RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 850 APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR PEREZ SUBDIVISION, BEING ALL OF TRACT 17-B-2 & 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***

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT AND FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE ANNUAL SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
LORRINE QUIMIRO**

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOCORRO MISSION'S APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL FUND FOR SACRED PLACES.
MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.**

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 Irene Rojas

Nays:

Absent:

21. 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

22. 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

**23. 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 *delete items twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), and twenty-three (23)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

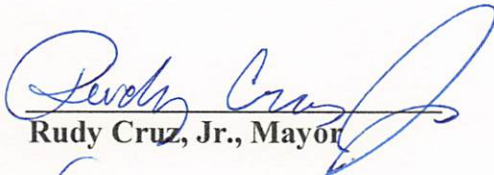
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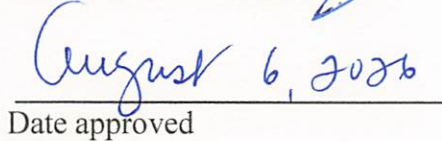
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *adjourn at 7:15 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Date approved


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk