

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
SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alejandro Garcia

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, 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
Julio Dominguez, PPW Supervisor
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Coordinator
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:10 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited 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

5. **RECOGNITION OF CAMPESTRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SALVADOR H. SANCHEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR "A" RATING FROM THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY.** ***IRENE ROJAS***

Campestre Elementary School and Salvador H. Sanchez were both recognized.

6. **PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH.** ***VICTOR RETA***

Proclamation was read by Victor Reta.

Isidro Torres, Executive Director of NAMI spoke on this item and Katherine Longoria, Director of External Affairs at Emergence Health Network was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. **EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS.** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
8. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2026.** ***OLIVIA NAVARRO***
9. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2026 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT.** ***LOURDES GOMEZ***
10. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2026 CASH RECEIPTS REPORT.** ***LOURDES GOMEZ***
11. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING JUNE 2026 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL.** ***LOURDES GOMEZ***
12. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE EL PASO CITY TAX OFFICE TO PERFORM THE ACTUAL ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SAID PROPERTY TAXES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***
13. **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1 2026 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30 2027 FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** ***ADRIANA RODARTE***

14. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS ADOPTING THE AMENDED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO.
ADRIANA RODARTE

15. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 695, AMENDMENT NO. 3, DECREASING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 BUDGET BY \$884.00. **ADRIANA RODARTE**

16. 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 A PORTION OF TRACT 1A, 1B AND 1E, NOW KNOWN AS TRACT 1A1, 1A3, 1B1, 1B3 AND 1E1, BLOCK 26, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED ON VINEYARD RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

17. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Public Hearing opened at 6:23 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hering

Public Hearing closed at 6:23 p.m.

18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 857 REGARDING THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5.08 AND 5.09 OF THE SOCORRO CITY CHARTER.

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 19. 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***

Public Hearing opened at 6:28 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

- 20. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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***

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

An amended motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty (20) with staff's recommendation that the proposed development be limited to a duplex*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 21. 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 QUADRUPLX. *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

Public Hearing opened at 6:36 p.m.

No speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

22. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Gina Cordero seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-two (22)*.

A motion was made by Irene Rojas to *approve staff's recommendation of a Triplex*.

This motion dies, no second

An amended motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *approve item twenty-two with a quadruplex*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT 22-07-01 WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ AND ASSOCIATES, LLC TO INCLUDE FEDERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS UNDER 2 CFR 200 APPENDIX II. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EL PASO METROPOLITAN ORGANIZATION (EPMPO) FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S FFY 2026 AND FFY 2027 SECTION 5310 PROGRAM AND DEMONSTRATE ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF HIRING 5310 PERSONNEL AND PROCURING TRANSIT SOFTWARE. THE CITY'S REQUIRED TOTAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION FOR FFY 2026 AND FFY 2027 IS UP TO \$44,892.64. ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 2027 FORD F-150 POLICE RESPONDER VEHICLES AND TEN 2027 FORD MAVERICK AWD VEHICLES FROM SILSBEE FORD THROUGH TIPS CONTRACT NO. 240901 – TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$504,528.50, USING CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION PROCEEDS ALLOCATED FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET.**

CHIEF ROBERT C. ROJAS

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

CITY MANAGER

- 26. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE ON WHICH CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE TAX RATE AND ON THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET.**

ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) COMPACT UTILITY TRACTOR PACKAGES FROM WILSON EQUIPMENT LLC IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$82,500.00, UTILIZING 2026 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE TRAVEL AND ATTENDANCE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL AT THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML) 114TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 11–13, 2026. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH SBNG, PC FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO AND FORMA GROUP, LLC FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 3 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2027. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item thirty-one (31)*. Motion passed.

Rick Armendariz from Forma Group spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

32. PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP WITH GIA SOLEIL ESPINOZA, MISS EARTH USA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF "MIA'S GARDEN," A COMMUNITY HEALING AND MEMORIAL GARDEN IN THE CITY OF SOCORRO.

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *delete item thirty-two (32)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

33. 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

34. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *delete items thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and thirty-five (35)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move into Executive Session at this time*.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:18 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 7:32 PM

36. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF SPARKS ARROYO DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE PRICE, APPRAISALS, TERMS OF ACQUISITION, AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. [551.071 AND 551.072]
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve and grant city staff authority they requested in Executive Session.*

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia

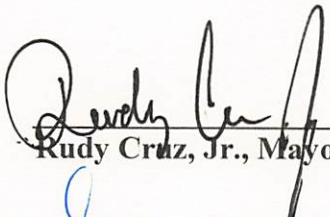
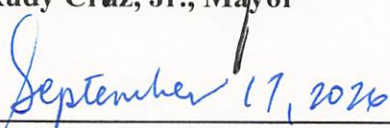
37. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Irene Rojas seconded by Gina Cordero to *adjourn at 7:37 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent: Alejandro Garcia


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor

September 17, 2026
Date approved




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk