

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 20, 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
Merwan Bhatti, City Attorney

Alfredo Ferando, IT Systems Administrator
Xochi Marquez
Julio Dominguez, PPW Supervisor
Lourdes Gomez, Finance Director
Jose Quiñonez, Economic Development Coordinator
Robert Rojas, Police Chief

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence led by H. D. Hilley Elementary School.

Pledge of Allegiance and was recited by students.

3. Establishment of Quorum

Quorum was established with all council members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 AUGUST 6, 2026. *OLIVIA NAVARRO***

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

REGULAR AGENDA

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

- 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT MIST. *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS EXTENSION PROJECT, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE PRICE, APPRAISALS, TERMS OF ACQUISITION, AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. [551.071 AND 551.072] *LORRINE QUIMIRO***

- 20. DISCUSSION ON A POTENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY IN SOCORRO. PROJECT MIST; (551.071 AND 551.087). *ALEJANDRA VALADEZ***

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *move items seven (7), twenty-two (22), and (20) twenty into Executive Session at this time*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:12 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:42 PM

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT MIST.

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item seven (7) as discussed in Executive Session.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION 855 FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CAMINO REAL REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (CRRMA) FOR THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS EXTENSION PROJECT.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item eight (8).* Motion passed.

Raymond Tellez, Executive Director of the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR "HAUNTED HALLOWS," A HAUNTED HOUSE EVENT PROPOSED TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2026, THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026.

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item nine (9).* Motion passed.

Jesus Grajeda spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL SELF STORAGE FOR A STORAGE SALE AND MARKET EVENT TO BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 17, 2026, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2026, AND A REQUEST TO WAIVE THE APPLICABLE EVENT PERMIT FEE.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded Ruben Reyes to *approve to discuss*.

Carmen Esquivel spoke on this item.

An amended motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *deny the waiver and follow up with the Planning and Zoning Director*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

11. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A FARMERS MARKET TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2026, INCLUDING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BELEN STREET.
LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Ruben Reyes seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

CITY MANAGER

12. 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twelve (12)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

13. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX RATE CALCULATIONS, REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.
ADRIANA RODARTE

Presentation made by Adriana Rodarte.

No action for this item.

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR CB7 VIBRATORY COMPACTOR/ROLLER FROM WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,562.93 UTILIZING 2026 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) 2027 FORD F-250 SUPER DUTY XL CREW CAB TRUCKS FROM SEWELL FORD THROUGH BUYBOARD CONTRACT NO. 724-23 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$336,305.50 UTILIZING 2026 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

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

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

Nays:

Abstain:

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF ADULTS AND YOUTH UNITED DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (AYUDA) FOR THE HUD OLDER ADULTS HOME MODIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM. MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

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, Gina Cordero, and Irene Rojas

Nays:

Abstain:

17. 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

18. 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

19. 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 seventeen (17), eighteen (18), and nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

21. 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *postpone item number twenty-one (21) to the next Regular Council Meeting of September 3, 2026*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUEVO HUECO TANKS EXTENSION 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item twenty-two (22)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:

23. **ADJOURN**

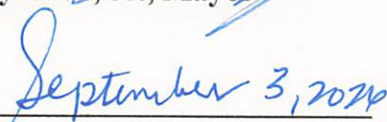
A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Alejandro Garcia to *adjourn at 7:31 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Abstain:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Date approved


Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

