

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 17, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

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
Robert Rojas, Police Chief
Alejandra Valadez, City Development Director

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:06 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence by Escontrias Steam Academy

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence was recited.

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. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2026.** **OLIVIA NAVARRO**
7. **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 5A1, BLOCK 2, EL GRAN VALLE REPLAT B, LOCATED AT 11550 DINDINGER RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2A (URBAN RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A QUADRUPLX.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**
8. **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 TRACT 2, BLOCK 23, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED AT 10540 SOCORRO RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL), TO ALLOW FOR A QUADRUPLX.** **LORRINE QUIMIRO**
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 TRACT 2-H-1, BLOCK 4, SOCORRO GRANT, LOCATED ON N. MOON 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 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:

Absent:

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Cesar Nevarez to *move up item twenty (20) above number ten (10)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

20. INTRODUCTION OF CAMILA ARREOLA, CHAIR OF THE SOCORRO MUNICIPAL YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SMYAC).

MAYOR RUDY CRUZ, JR.

During this time, Mayor Rudy Cruz introduced Ms. Camila Arreola, a student at Americas High School.

REGULAR AGENDA
PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCES

10. 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:25 p.m.

No Speakers for Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 6:25 p.m.

11. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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 Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *approve item eleven (11)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

GRANTS DEPARTMENT

12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 858 AUTHORIZING CITY OF SOCORRO REPRESENTATIVES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TXCDBG).

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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:

Absent:

13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, AND THE EL PASO AREA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, LGC (EPATS), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

John Andow spoke on this item.

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

Nays:

Absent:

14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 859 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 PASO DEL NORTE TRAIL – SOCORRO SPINE ALIGNMENT PROJECT (CSJ: 0924-06-789).
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Irene Rojas to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

Alejandro Garcia stepped out of meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Alejandro Garcia returned to meeting at 6:50 p.m.

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 WITH CEA ENGINEERING GROUP, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE UNDER THIS WORK AUTHORIZATION IS \$745,952.15, FUNDED BY 2026 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.
ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

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

Diana Guerrero spoke on this item.

Ruben Reyes stepped out of the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

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

Nays:

Absent: Ruben Reyes

16. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO RATIFY LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT AMISTAD AND THE EL PASO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (ETA) PROPOSALS FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 FUNDING.*

ALEJANDRA VALADEZ

Ruben Reyes returned to the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

17. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 860 FOR THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT WITH A WAIVER REQUEST FROM SECTION 38-8.2. - PRELIMINARY PLAT -- PLANS AND DATA (SUBSECTION C. ENGINEERING REPORTS) TO WAIVE THE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN & SOIL ANALYSIS REQUIREMENT FOR THE REYES ESTATES, BEING ALL OF TRACT 4A, BLOCK 9, SOCORRO GRANT, AND LOCATED AT 336 BROWN RD., CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS.*

LORRINE QUIMIRO

A motion was made by Gina Cordero seconded by Ruben Reyes to *approve item number seventeen (17)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

18. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 861 FOR THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE OHANAS, BEING A PORTION OF TRACT 1X,*

NOW KNOWN AS TRACT 1X1, LEIGH CLARK SURVEY NO. 293, AND A PORTION OF LOT 17, BLOCK 6, CIELO DEL RIO UNIT 2 AMENDING PLAT, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

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

19. *DISCUSSION AND ACTION* TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 862 FOR THE REPLAT OF MISSION TRAIL ESTATES REPLAT L, BEING A REPLAT OF LOT 10, BLOCK 22, MISSION TRAIL ESTATES, LOCATED AT 401 BORREGO ROAD, SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS. *LORRINE QUIMIRO*

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

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

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

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

22. *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*

23. 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

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

ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Gina Cordero to *delete its twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:

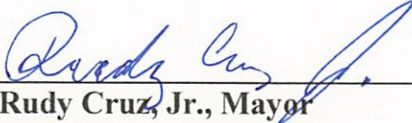
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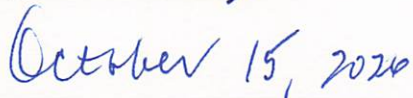
A motion was made by Alejandro Garcia seconded by Irene Rojas to *adjourn at 7:23 p.m.* Motion passed.

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

Nays:

Absent:


Rudy Cruz, Jr., Mayor


Date approved




Olivia Navarro, City Clerk