

**CITY OF LAREDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

M-94-R-11

APRIL 18, 1994

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,	MAYOR	
JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ,	"	, DISTRICT II
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting of March 21, 1994 Special City Council Meeting of March 28, 1994 Regular City Council Meeting of April 4, 1994

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Vargas stated that an inventory is being taken to identify the areas, identify the individuals and that they are trying to attack this graffiti problems by either discouraging the actual graffiti by apprehending the individuals and discouraging them either through counseling or through prosecution of graffiti damage. They have also changed some of the specifications when they bid out projects for this type of work, so that in fact there is a chemical compounds that is incorporated into the construction that facilitates the cleaning. He concluded by saying that they are also using the park patrol.

Cw. Aldridge suggested that maybe the Youth Commission would help in doing the cleaning.

Cm. Castaneda asked for the support for the Youth Commission at budget time on their need because they will be needing a full time coordinator. In regards to the graffiti, Cm. Castaneda stated that we need to make sure that they can go as stiff as they can on the prevention of this particular problem. He asked council to ask the help of our City Manager, our Municipal Court Judge to see how we can fine line this particular enforcement. He strongly encouraged that Mr. Vargas work with the Municipal Court Judge and the City Attorney to see how they can facilitate some of these things.

Cm. Castaneda stated that there also has to be a closer coordination between the Police Department and Mr. Castillo in terms of where he is getting all the problems and how we can better improve on how we need to utilize these officers.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the creation of a Laredo Commission for Women.

Cw. Moreno stated that these are commissions established by cities. This would be an organization that would study issues that directly affect women or families, generally they do this by establishing a commission and have a task of doing that one item. With this commission they would also make recognitions of women that contributed to their society or the state in some fashion or another.

Motion to establish a Local Women's Commission; name Cw. Moreno to head the formation of this commission; and that she meet with staff to establish the rules and regulations.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0