

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
1110 HOUSTON STREET
5:30 P.M.

M92-R-01

M I N U T E S

JANUARY 6, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Saul N. Ramirez 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
CECILIA MORENO,	"	DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	DISTRICT V
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	DISTRICT VI
HECTOR J. LIENDO,	"	DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
ANTHONY McGETTRICK,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENT: Cw. Arlene Rash Aldridge, District III

Motion to was made to excuse Cw. Aldridge.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge came in at 7:15 p.m.)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Regular City Council Meeting: December 16, 1991
Special City Council Meeting: December 23, 1991
Special City Council Meeting: December 24, 1991

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 92-O-002 Setting the maximum speed limit on that portion of F.M. 1472 lying within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and specifically repealing and superseding Ordinance #87-O-42 dated March 16, 1987, and any other prior enacted ordinances regulating same.
(Cm. Perales)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
9. 92-O-003 Setting the maximum speed limit of that portion of U.S. Highway 83 lying within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and repealing and superseding all prior enacted ordinances setting speed limits on that portion of U.S. Highway 83 lying within the city limits. (Cm. Perez)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
10. 92-O-004 Approving a renewed lease with Laredo Independent School District for the approximate 9,216 square feet constituting Building #1325, located at 215 Maher Avenue, at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
11. 92-O-005 Closing the hearing on Project 36 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Projects and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
12. 92-O-006 Providing for the redistricting of the eight City Council Districts within the City of Laredo; providing for publication in English and Spanish; and providing for an effective date.
(City Council)

Motion to table for next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 92-O-008 Request of Frank Mims to rezone site from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) on a 6.3195-acre tract located southwest of the intersection of Hillside and McPherson Road. (Cm. Castaneda)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 92-O-009 Request of L.L. Villa Land Co., to rezone site from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District) on a 57-acre tract, located west and east of the intersection of Loop 20 and Avenida Los Presidentes. (Cm. Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 92-O-010 Request of Carbell Reinhardt to rezone site from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); on Lots 7 & 8, Block 949, Eastern Division, located at the 1500 block of San Pedro. (Cm. Castaneda)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 92-O-011 Request of James B. Rice to rezone site from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential District) on Block 21, Lots 400-410, Block 22, Lots 411-421, Block 23, Riverview Estates Subdivision, located on Allen Drive. (Cm. Perales)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 92-O-012 Request of F.M. Canseco, M.D., to rezone site from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) on a 38-acre tract, located at 5300 San Bernardo. (Cm. Perales)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 92-O-013 Request of Rosa Maria Fierros Lopez to rezone site from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District) on Block 161, Lots 9 and 10, Western Division, located at 1620 Zaragoza. (Cw. Montalvo)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 92-O-014 Request of Texas Drilling Co., for a Special Use Permit on a 407.3895-acre tract, located in Porciones 36 and 37, bounded on the west by the Rio Grande and on the north by the Masterson Tract. (Cm. Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTION(S)

20. 92-R-001 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of certificate of adjudication No. 23-2789 involving transfer of water rights from Luis H. Izaguirre to the City of Laredo; their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

21. Award of engineering contract to CH2M Hill for the Impact Fee Study for the water and sewer capital improvements in the City of Laredo and its extra-territorial jurisdiction

area, and in conformance with state law, Senate Bill 336, in the amount of \$79,154.00

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Approval of construction contract change order no. 2, an increase of \$15,475.00, with Landmark Structures, Inc., for the 1990 Water Bond for two elevated water storage tanks.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Refund of taxes in the amount of \$964.59 paid by Antonio C. Vela.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Refund of taxes in the amount of \$3,061.66 paid by Air Weld, Inc.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Waiving penalty and interest for Johnnie Hunter under Section 33.011 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Motion to table for next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award contracts to the Low Bidders, Sames Motor Co., Laredo Texas, in the amount of \$113,245.00, for the purchase of eleven 1/2 ton trucks and Paul Young Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$24,312.00 for the purchase of two 3/4 ton trucks for the Engineering, Public Works, Health, and Utilities Departments and for the Building Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award a contract in the amount of \$5,496.00 to Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc., Rockford, Illinois, the Sole Source, supplier for replacement propellers.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Award a contract in the estimated amount of \$33,315.13 to the Low Bidder, Hydro Conduit, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of storm drainage pipe for Paving Project No. 35.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Award a contract in the amount of \$17,600.00 to the Low Bidder, Knapp Chevrolet, Houston, Texas, for the purchase of one 4-wheel drive vehicle for the Park Ranger Program of the Police Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Award a contract in the amount of \$31,782.00 to the Low Bidder, Crosstown Ford, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of three unmarked vehicles for the Police Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award an annual service contract in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for providing electrical services for street lights and traffic signals, to the Sole Bidder, Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Liendo
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

32. Authorizing the execution of Amended Vendor Agreements with the Community Action Council of South Texas, the Child Care Management Agency, to continue operating the Department of Community Development's Child Development Program with an increase in the reimbursement rate effective November 1, 1991.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Jaime Rapaport for the lease of 61 parking spaces for City employees.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing agreement between the City of Laredo and Housing Authority of the City of Laredo; whereby latter will obtain its gasoline from City facilities.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Authorizing an increase in the base salary of the City Manager Peter H. Vargas by 10 percent from \$75,324 to per year to \$82,856.40 per year and to amend his sick and vacation leave from equivalent of non-Civil Service employee to equivalent of Civil Service employee.

Motion to approve with inclusion of sick and vacation leave be equivalent to Civil Service employees as is currently provided as of December 23, 1991.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

36. Request from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request from Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge:

1. Status report and discussion on the development and implementation of a Water Usage Conservation Plan.

Motion to table Cw. Aldridge's items.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Councilmember Cecilia M. Moreno:

1. Reconsideration and possible action on item No. 19 of December 23, 1991 Council Agenda, specifically, request of Roy L. Martin to rezone site from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) on all lots of Blocks 293 and 294 Eastern Division, located at 2201 Sanders.

Motion to send back to P & Z for possible special use permit.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

C. Request from Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez:

1. Request from Webb County Taxpayers League to have fees waived for City of Laredo open records.

Motion to table for the next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion on widening Santa Maria Avenue between Northwest Boys Club and Mines Road.

Mr. Erasmo Villarreal, Acting City Planner, stated that this street had been identified as a minor arterial and that it requires 90 ft. of right-of-way. He added that we presently have 60 ft. of right-of-way and presently we have 40 ft. paved. Mr. Villarreal suggested that additional right-of-way be acquired.

Motion stated that we should consider this item as a top item for capital improvements and acquire additional right-of-way.

as to what their question or their concerns are so that we can follow-up on that issue or get whatever question and information is requested or a request for service. Mr. Vargas added that then he will call the individual and indicate what we have done.

Mr. Vargas stated that if someone leaves a message of what they are requesting, we will act on that service request, whether or not he has a chance to speak with them that day. He added in many instances what happens is that the clerical support will start the particular requests depending on the nature of the request.

Mr. Vargas assured them that there is an open door policy for people or anyone that needs to speak to him in his office. Mr. Vargas added that our aim is to respond to every citizen that has a request.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning an overpass on Lafayette and railroad crossing.

Motion to table for next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the blocking of all intersections by Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Liendo stated that the Union Pacific continues to block the intersections without any relief in sight. He requested a report on the fines and amounts that have been cited to Union Pacific.

Acting Police Chief Granados stated that they need to ticket the engineer of the train that's blocking the intersections. Mr. Granados stated that the officer needs to find a witness that saw this violation taking place and that is willing to sign the citation. He added that most of the cases by the time this officer responds the train is already moving from the intersections.

Acting Police Chief Granados answered Mr. Liendo's question as to the fines and amounts fined. He stated that the fines are up to \$200.

4. Nomination of Severo Flores to Charter Revision Committee.

Motion to approve the nomination.

against the zone change request.

Mr. Sam Brewster spoke against the zone change request.

Motion to deny the zone change and close the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Juarez)

39. That a public hearing for the proposed paving assessments on Project 37 be held and that the ordinance closing the hearing and fixing a lien and charge be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing on Project 37 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Aldridge was present - she came in at this time 7:15 p.m.)
(Cm. Perez & Cm. Castaneda were temporarily out)

City Engineer, Amador Escudero, made the presentation before the City Council.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, Appraiser, gave testimony as to value of the enhancements.

There was no public input.

Motion to introduce and close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Mass Transit Board.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Award a contract to the Sole Bidder, the Pannier Corporation, Warminster, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$18,500.00 for the purchase of 1,000 bus stop signs.

43. Request for Executive Session under Section 6252-17, Article 2(e) and possible action to discuss the City of Laredo vs. Roberto J. Cleontes, Individ., d/b/a Airport Apartments, Cause #37.373 in 111th Judicial District Court in Webb County, Texas.

Motion to go into Executive Session 6252-17, Sec. 2(e).

Moved : Cm. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor announced that no formal action was taken and that the attorneys will proceed to resolve.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 7:45 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 15 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Secretary

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: **JAN 20 1992**

CORRECTIONS: