

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

M92-R-07

M I N U T E S

MARCH 2, 1992

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
HECTOR J. LIENDO,	"	DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
ANTHONY McGETTRICK,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Regular City Council Meeting: February 18, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Releasing two utility easements reserved by the City in a prior conveyance, and accepting a sewer easement in return for said release.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Council approval of amended contract and budget for the

Maternal and Child Health Program with the Texas Department of Health for the period beginning September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Council approval of amended contract and budget for the Community and Rural Health, comprehensive health services with the Texas Department of Health for the period September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Council approval of amended contract and budget for HIV Health, Treatment, and Social Services with the Texas Department of Health for the period September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the Education and Recreation Department to increase the fees at the Public Swimming Pools.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. An Ordinance changing the name and physical addresses of certain streets within the city limits of the City of Laredo to facilitate the implementation of the 9-1-1 Emergency Communication System.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Waterworks System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$3,700,000, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and approving an official statement.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$2,000,000, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and approving an official statement.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination and Paving Assessment Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$1,000,000, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and approving an official statement.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$7,297.20 to Safety Supply and \$1,071.00 to Casco Industries Inc. the low bidders for the purchase of twelve bunker suits and accessories.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Award a contract in the amount of \$11,457.20 to the Low Bidder, Texas State Distributors, Beaumont, Texas for the purchase of forty police body armor vests.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$11,457.20 to the low bidder, Texas State Distributors for the purchase of forty police body armor vests.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award a contract to the Low Bidders, Villarreal Electric, Laredo, Texas (\$39,327.00), Gall, Inc., Lexington, Ky. (\$2,999.25), and G.T. Distributors, Austin, Texas (\$343.74), for the purchase of light bars, sirens, and shields for the Police Department.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidders.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Final acceptance of the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$14,512.73 to Price Construction Company, for the 1986 Bond Coke Street Drainage Project.

Motion to approve final acceptance of the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$14,512.73 to Price Construction Company.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move to communications to discuss the paving project status.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to include item 36B-3 for discussion at this time.

Second: Cm. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Award of construction contract to Sole Bidder, Randy L. Morrow, d/b/a General Construction by Randy's, in the amount of \$82,300.00 for the Lyon Street Tank (South) Repairs Project.

Motion to award construction contract to the sole bidder.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Presentation and receiving of the 1990-1991 Audit Report.

Cm. Juarez made the presentation.

Motion approve the 1990-91 Audit Report and instruct staff to follow the recommendations of the audit.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

31. Presentation and discussion regarding the possible conversion of San Agustin Street into a through street.

Mr. Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that he was still waiting for something in writing from HUD to determine if there would be any violations or limitations on the original UDAG agreement.

Aldo Tatangelo spoke against converting San Agustin Street into a through street.

Motion to table this item until the next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Liendo
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Authorizing the City Manager to go out on bids for the sale of City property located on the East part of Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 1302 Eastern Division. Property adjacent to the Santo Nino Branch Library.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to go out on bids for the sale of City property located on the East part of Lot 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of Block 1302 Eastern Division.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

material cost is \$220,000 and in addition to \$150,000 for drainage that would need to be included in order to construct that street.

Mr. Escudero stated that the \$220,000 were set aside for this project out of the reconstruction fund and that exact figures for the drainage were not available at the time, and at which time they were not funded.

Mayor requested that this item needs to be a part of the agenda for formal action to make this change and that it needs to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to see what council decides to do.

Mr. Vargas continued with the status report on the paving projects. Mr. Vargas suggested that council amend the budget and in order to amend the budget they have to hold a public hearing. He recommended a public hearing at the next City Council meeting.

Cm. Perez stated that they need to notify the people in south Laredo and notify them that we are not holding this project back.

Motion to hold a public hearing on the 16th of March.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Presentation by Cathy Garcia, Laredo Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ignacio Urrubazo from the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Richard Perez, Chairman of the Convention and Visitors Council, and Mr. Michael Landeck made a presentation on the Marketing Plan & Budget of the Convention & Visitors as of February 20, 1992 before the council.

35. Discussion with regard to the Transportation Committee's recommendations of: (a) requiring all taxicab vehicles to be equipped with air-conditioning by February 1993; (b) removal of all private taxicab company-owned telephones occupying public property, or negotiate fair market land/building leases; and (c) issue two additional taxicab permits to keep pace with the City's population growth in 1992.

Mr. Vargas stated this items have been before the Transportation Committee and are recommending this action to the City Council.

Motion to put this item as an introduction ordinance and handle this introduction under public hearings and notify people that have permits to inform them that the city is

contemplating this particular action.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

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

A. Requests from Mayor Pro-Tem Hector Liendo:

1. Request by Braulio Martinez of Webb County to address the City Council regarding landfill fees.

Motion to table for next regular meeting.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Request by residents of Rancho Viejo to address the City Council.

Mr. Guillermo Castro, Jr., President of the Rancho Viejo Property Owners, spoke before the council in protest on the construction of an apartment complex at this subdivision.

He stated whatever zoning restriction were imposed by the county at the time were inherited by the city. Mr. Castro added that the residents were advised that there would be no such construction in the future and that it was going to be a commercial zone.

He requested answers to the following questions:

- (1) "How are zoning and planning prescribed to each parcel of land?"
- (2) "What studies are done, if any, in our case?"
- (3) "Will water, sewage and electrical services be hampered with the added development?"
- (4) "Will the safety and the security of the residents in our area be at risk?"

Ms. Maria Estrella Ramirez stated their major concern was the safety of the children. She believes that this complex will produce traffic hazards.

Ms. Nora Mendoza stated that her concern was the security in vandalism.

Mr. Arnulfo Zapata, Vice-President of the Associa-

tion, stated that they were concerned with the devaluation of their property.

Mr. Armando Trevino spoke on behalf of the association and asked what powers council had to stop the construction.

Motion to instruct staff to look into the possibility of revoking the building permit and to look at the options that the city has available if any at all to lower density construction.

Mayor recommended that staff needs to trace back the history of the zone change on this matter. He added that council acts on 13 or 14 changes at least per month and that all are taken into consideration by council.

Mayor clarified that the motion that was made was to instruct staff to find out if there is any reason why the building permits may have been issued erroneously and should be revoked by the city. Mayor added another question would be, what additional options would be available to the city under this matter to enforce lower density of construction?

Mayor stated a response on this matter would be available by our attorney by Friday.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion regarding amenities for the proposed Convention Center.

Motion to withdraw this item as per Cm. Perales request.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the construction of a median along Del Mar Boulevard.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Joe Guerra Exxon and Las Asadas, spoke before the council to request a change in the construction of the median in order not to affect the traffic to these businesses.

Motion to refer this item to Legal Department to see

Cw. Moreno added that sidewalk recommendations be included.

Motion to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. named Cm. Perez, Cw. Aldridge, and Cw. Moreno as Chairperson of the committee.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Request from Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge:

1. Recognition of Allen Wang to address the City Council.

Mr. Wang appeared before the council to thank the council for the hospitality given to him since he was leaving Laredo.

2. Request that the City Council consider initiating a rezoning change from B-3 to B-4 Commercial for the Mercy Regional Medical Center complex.

Mayor requested that they go thru the P & Z Commission for this request change.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the Public Hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Liendo not present)

37. That a public hearing for the proposed McPherson Road Improvement Project 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 McPherson Road Improvements Project from Calton Road to Del Mar Boulevard, and fixing a lien and charge.

Mr. Amador Escudero, City Engineer, made the presentation before the council.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, Property Value Assessor, testified to the enhanced values.

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

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Award a contract to the Sole Source, GFI Genfare, Elk Grove Village, Illinois in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of six registering fareboxes and related replacement parts.

Motion to award a contract to the sole source, GFI Genfare, in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of six registering fareboxes and related replacement parts.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. 91-R-023 Resolution with respect to the issuance of bonds and/or certificates of obligation to finance Mass Transit Improvement for the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as Mass Transit and reconvene as City Council.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

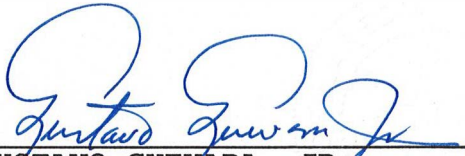
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 9:00 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 16 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF MARCH, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez
Deputy City Secretary II

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: MAR 16 1992

CORRECTIONS: