

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

M-92-R-08

M I N U T E S

MARCH 16, 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	
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	DISTRICT VIII	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY		
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER		
JERRY BRUCE CAIN,	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY		

ABSENT:

Motion to excuse Cm. Liendo.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Castaneda & Cw. Montalvo not present)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting: March 2, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Castaneda came in at this time. 5:40 P.M.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 1991-1992, as amended, to increase line item Operating Transfer Out - Street Reconstruction from \$0 to \$131,362 to redirect monies for Street Reconstruction Improvements; and to reduce the line item Reserve for Police and Fire Salary Increases by \$131,362.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Amending the Street Reconstruction Fund budget for Fiscal Year 1991-1992 as amended, to increase expenditure line item Street Materials from \$458,000 to \$828,509; to increase revenue line item Transfer In-General Fund from \$0 to \$131,362; and to reduce the opening fund balance from \$349,594 to \$110,447 to increase for Street Reconstruction Improvements.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Empresas Deportivas de Nuevo Laredo, S.A. de C.V., for the lease of West Martin Field, concession operations, and advertising sales.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances #92-O-050, #92-O-051, #92-O-052, #92-O-053, #92-O-054, #92-O-055, #92-O-056, #92-O-057, #92-O-058, #92-O-059, #92-O-060 and #92-O-062.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 92-O-050 Releasing two utility easements reserved by the City in a prior conveyance, and accepting a sewer easement in return for said release. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 92-O-051 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 92-0-052 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 of September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 92-0-053 Council approval of amended contract and budget for the HIV Health, Treatment, and Social Services with the Texas Department of Health for the period of September 1, 1991 through August 31, 1992. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 92-0-054 Authorizing the Education and Recreation Department to increase the fees at the Public Swimming Pools. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 92-0-055 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 92-0-056 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of

Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Waterworks System Revenue 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. (City Council)

SECOND READING:

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 92-0-057 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Sewer System Revenue 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. (City Council)

SECOND READING:

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 92-0-058 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax 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. (City Council)

SECOND READING:

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 92-0-059 Authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, approving an official statement, and the execution of an escrow agreement. (City Council)

SECOND READING:

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cw. Aldridge
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 92-0-060 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$3,500,000, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and approving an official statement. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cw. Aldridge
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 92-0-062 Closing the hearing on the McPherson Road Improvement Assessment Project, and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cw. Aldridge
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTION(S)

18. 92-R-024 Appointing Rafael Torres, the nominee of Councilmember Consuelo Montalvo, to the Beautification Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Castaneda
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cw. Montalvo came in at this time. 5:55 P.M.

19. 92-R-025 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease/purchase agreement with Bank One Leasing Corporation, Denver, Colorado, for a vibratory tamping compactor in principal amount of \$58,270.00 payable over 36 months at 8.63% simple interest.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 92-R-026 Authorizing a contract with Diversified Investors, a Texas General Partnership, to dedicate a street extension of Alta Vista Drive to McPherson Road, and authorizing the improvement of said street at City's cost.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. 92-R-027 Declaring the necessity to acquire approximately 0.0430 acres out of the G.B. & C.N.G. Railroad Co., Survey 1019, Abstract No. 62, Northern Division, City of Laredo, for McPherson Road Reconstruction Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 92-R-028 Honoring Father Morgan Rowsome for his spiritual leadership in our community.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. 92-R-029 Declaring the necessity to acquire three drainage easements located East of McPherson Road for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project as follows: A. approximately 1.0958 acres (47,731.4 square feet) situated in survey 1021, abstract 64, G.B. & C.N.G. Railroad Co., partially located in the City of Laredo, B. approximately .8841 acres (38,511.4 square feet) situated in survey 1021, abstract 64, G.B. & C.N.G. Railroad Co., City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and C. approximately 0.2336 acres (10,176.3639 square feet) out of a 2.0069 acre tract of land.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. 92-R-030 Declaring the necessity to acquire 2,893.50 square feet out of Block 80, Calton Gardens Subdivision #1, Northern Addition, to be used for additional right-of-way for the proposed paving of Sycamore between Gallagher and Diana Avenue.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

25. Award a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Coastal Plains Sales and Service, in the amount of \$19,656.00 for the Market Street Tennis Courts Project.

Motion to award construction contract to the low bidder, Coastal Plains Sales and Service.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Authorization to reject five (5) bids received February 20, 1992, modify the construction plans and specifications, and re-bid the Water Line Replacement Phase I (10 Blocks) Project.

Motion to authorize to reject five (5) bids received February 20, 1992 and come by with a modified bid.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Approval of change order no. 4, an increase of \$75,000.00, to the construction contract with Ramex Construction, Inc., for the 1990 Bond Issue Zacate Creek Channelization and Pilot Channel Project.

Motion to approve change order no. 4.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Approval of amendment no. 7 to engineering contract with S.A. Garza Engineers, Inc., for a Resident Project Representative for inspection services during construction of the effluent line for the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant, for an amount not to exceed \$30,833.35.

Motion to approve amendment no. 7 to engineering contract with S.A. Garza Engineers, Inc.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$23,009.40 to Raquel Castillo d/b/a Borderline Construction, for the Central Fire Station Project.

Motion accepting the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$23,009.40 to Raquel Castillo d/b/a Borderline Construction.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Approval of change order no. 3, an increase of \$21,896.32, to construction contract with Cutler Repaving, Inc., for the Street Recycling Project.

Motion to approve of change order no. 3, an increase of \$21,896.32

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Reimbursement to Texas Municipal League Inter-Governmental Risk Pool for self-insurance amount carried by the City of Laredo in the matter of the general liability claim of Petrolino Morin vs. City of Laredo.

Motion to approve reimbursement to Texas Municipal League Inter-Governmental Risk Pool.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of contract to the Low Bidder, Villarreal Electric, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$3,666.00 for the purchase of three light bars for the new Fire Department vehicles.

Motion to award of contract to the low bidder, Villarreal Electric in the amount of \$3,666.00.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of contract to the Sole Bidder, Irv Thomas Honda,

Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$12,595.95 for the purchase of four motor scooters for the Police Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Award of a thirty-six month vehicle lease contract to the Low Bidder, Sames Motor Co., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$536.32 per month.

Motion to award a thirty-six month vehicle lease contract to the low bidder, Sames Motor Co.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award of contract to the Low Bidder, Texas Truck Center, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$30,546.00 for the purchase of one aerial lift vehicle for the Traffic Safety Department.

Motion to award contract to the low bidder, Texas Truck Center in the amount of \$30,546.00.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Award of contract in the amount of \$6,020.00 to Garrett Business Systems, Laredo, Texas for the purchase of one copier from the 1992 State of Texas Copier Contract, Class 12E. The copier will be used by the Health Department's Ryan White HIV Care Consortium Program.

Motion to award of contract in the amount of \$6,020.00 to Garret Business System.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Award a contract to the Sole Bidder, IBM Corporation, Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$215,101.00 for the purchase of the IBM AS/400 E 60 Model, and \$122,473.00 for the operating system software. Award a contract to the Sole Bidder, Intelogic Trace, Inc., San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$30,000 for an 8mm reel to reel tape backup equipment.

Motion to award a contract to the sole bidder, IBM Corp.

42. Amending the Department of Community Development's Policies and Procedures Manual for the Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs.

Mrs. Cindy Collazo stated that the following changes being proposed are:

- (1) Chapter 2, section 3(G) - All property taxes must be current. This includes City, County and Schools.
- (2) Chapter 2, section 3(I) - Applicant must be able to furnish the city with a first lien priority Deed of Trust on the property for the duration of the loan period.
- (3) And that various other minor changes were made to attachments as outlined in the errata sheet.

NOTE: No attachments or errata sheets were turned in for the record.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewed interlocal agreement for FY 1991-1992 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb for local supported public health services to non-city residents of Webb County.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewed interlocal agreement for FY 1991-1992 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

44. Presentation by Professor Jerry Thompson, Laredo State University.

Motion to withdraw this item.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Presentation by John Keiser, South Texas Development Council, regarding the status of the South Texas Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. John Keiser from the South Texas Development Council made the presentation before the council.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

46. 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.

Mr. Martinez gave an estimated use of 300 trucks per year as the number used by the county and they figured that they pay an annual fee of \$5,0000.00.

Staff stated that they have met with county staff and have reviewed this county request, but they are not recommending this consideration at this time.

Mayor stated that this is something that can be considered at the budget hearings.

2. Request by the Hotel/Motel Association to address the City Council regarding the proposed convention center.

Mr. Fernando Cantu of the Hotel/Motel Association appeared before the council stating that the President of the Association thru political power was told not to get involved with the new civic center question. He addressed the council on the actual location of the proposed civic center and about a creek that exists at this location.

B. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the placement of traffic devices or signage at the intersections of Puerto Marques and International Blvd., and the intersection of Puerto Alegre and International Blvd., to control vehicular speed in the area of the newly constructed Las Brisas Park.

Motion to instruct staff to do a traffic count at these intersections and report to council.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

C. Request from Councilmember Dr. Jacinto Juarez:

providing for publication and effective date.

Mr. Erasmo Villarreal, Acting Planning Director, made the presentation before the council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

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

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Federal Advisory Council (U.S. Department of the Interior).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Approval of amendment no. 1, for an amount of \$30,000, to the professional services contract with Wilbur Smith Associates for the Feasibility Study/Site Selection for the Laredo Transit Center and El Metro Facility.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

