

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

M92-R-11

M I N U T E S

April 20, 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, JR.	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		
JERRY BRUCE CAIN,	ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY		

ABSENT:

Motion to excuse Cm. Liendo due to illness.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Regular City Council Meeting: April 6, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Approving a renewed lease with Bowden Medical, Inc., for the approximate 3,200 square feet constituting Building #213, located at 805 Cherry Hill at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Approving a renewed lease with Gerardo Javier Ramos for the approximate 2,240 square feet, constituting Building #1757, located at 1801 San Pedro at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Approval of contract amendment to add a new attachment for the HIV Care Consortia to provide funds for the HIV Insurance Assistance Project with the Texas Department of Health for the period of April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993.

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#### VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances #92-O-078, #92-O-081, #92-O-082 and #92-O-083.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 92-O-078 An ordinance approving a new lease with Laredo Independent School District, for the approximate 4,612 square feet constituting Building #1101, located at 4218 North Urbahn Avenue at the Airport. (Cm. Juarez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 92-O-082 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with Webb County providing for technical and repair services to the sewer plant at the Webb County Detention Center, and the water line to said facility. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez







The following is a list by priorities:

I. MAJOR STREETS

- |                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Santa Maria    | 6) Calton Rd.        |
| Calton Rd/Del Mar |                      |
| 2) McPherson      | 7) So. Meadow        |
| Saunders/Taylor   | Willow/Chacon Bridge |
| 3) Market         | 8) Guadalupe         |
|                   | Arkansas/Martin      |
| 4) Bartlett       | 9) Sta. Isabel       |
| Locust/Saunders   | Sanchez/Jefferson    |
| 5) Arkansas       | 10) South Meadow     |
| Saunders/Market   | Chacon Bridge/Pine   |

I. INTERSECTIONS

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1) Market & Meadow          | 9) Arkansas & Travis         |
|                             | S.W. Corner                  |
| 2) Arkansas & Clark         | 10) Vidaurri & Lafayette     |
| 3) Arkansas So. of Saunders | 11) Vidaurri & Burnside      |
| 4) Bartlett So. of Saunders | 12) Burnside & Sta. Isabel   |
| 5) Santa Isabel & Scott     | 13) Santa Isabel & Jefferson |
| 6) Sta. Maria & Lafayette   | 14) Tilden & Lyon            |
| 7) San Pedro & McPherson    | 15) Meadow & Clark           |
| 8) Springfield & Frost      | 16) Markley & Sta. Maria     |

19. Request for termination of professional services with Black & Veatch, design engineers for the 5 million-gallon-per-day water plant in Northwest (Mines Rd.) Laredo.

This item was also under executive session.

Motion to waive the rules and take item 19 & 20 at the end of the meeting.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion terminating of professional services with Black & Veatch.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

20. Request for executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e) to discuss contemplated litigation.

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e) to discuss contemplated litigation.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. announced that no formal action was taken.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

21. Presentation by John Keiser of South Texas Development Council regarding issues related to solid waste in the City of Laredo.

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

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, stated that the city has submitted applications and is waiting for money from the state and that once we have the necessary resources then we can react to the situations.

Mr. Joe Guerra, Public Works Director, stated that there is a recycling program and that we are doing everything we can up to now. He added that we have \$100,000 saved up in the landfill for the recycling which will come in 1993-94, in the CIP there is \$1,200,000 for the Municipal Recovery Recycling Facility. He added that we have at least 18 years to go in the landfill and if we recycle 20% it will last us another 10 years.

At this time Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. presented Ing. Arturo Cortez Villada, Mayor of Nuevo Laredo and his delegation of leaders of the community and businessmen.

Ing. Arturo Cortez Villada greeted the members of our Council. Ing. Cortez Villada presented Mr. Ramon Barrios president of the Pro-construction committee of the third bridge. This committee was created by the Governor of Tamaulipas, Ing. Americo Villarreal. He explained that the reason of their visit was to accompany Ing. Cortez Villada and to express to the people of Laredo, Texas, their concern about the third bridge. He recognized the effort being made by all the people of Laredo, Texas. He said that they are willing to work together, and that they would fraternally help the City of Laredo, Texas, to hasten the work pending on the third bridge.

Mr. Barrios proposed that they favor and support Laredo to hasten that a commission be coordinated to work together with both authorities to go address our ambassador to support Laredo and to hasten this application and secondly, that a permanent representative be in Washington for this project.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas, reported that the procedure takes from seven months to one year. The Presidential Permit was submitted on September 1991, it has to go thru 40

different federal agencies.

Judge Mercurio Martinez, County Judge, asked that the council recognized Mr. Sergio Preciado who works for the Federal Government of Mexico and who has been assigned for two years to open up an office in Laredo dealing with the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Sergio Preciado made a brief announcement and presentation regarding the office that will be set up for the North American Free Trade Agreement.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

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

A. Requests from Mayor Pro-Tem Hector J. Liendo:

1. Recognizing the Neighborhood Station police officers for their work in combatting crime in the colonias and neighborhoods.

The Mayor recognized the following police officers for their excellent work in the neighborhood police substations.

SUBSTATION:

Police Officers	- Ruben Reyes	(Russell Terrace)
	- Victor Renteria	(South Laredo)
	- Ricardo Hernandez	(South Laredo)
	- Blasa Blum	(Supervisor)
Investigator	- Efren Chavez	(Colonia Guadalupe)

2. Address council regarding a petition received from Ladrillera neighborhood residents.

Motion was made to table this item due to the fact that there was nobody representing Ladrillera neighborhood residents.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Elias Mendiola to address Council regarding the 14th Laredo Suns Relay Track Meet.

Mr. Elias Mendiola representing the Laredo Suns Relay Track Meet appeared before the City Council to make a presentation and requested financial assistance for this event. He stated that previously he had received \$300 from council. This year he is requesting half of his

\$1,500 budget.

Cm. Castaneda made a motion that Mr. Mendiola work thru the Mayor's office and the Parks & Recreation Office on his request.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Request of Rancho Viejo residents to address Council.

Mr. Guillermo Castro, Jr., President of the Association of Rancho Viejo Family Residents, came before council concerning problems that have affected them since the city allowed enterprises to construct apartments or condominiums. He stated they are not against the growth of Laredo and added that the feasibility and the density studies should have addressed the issue of the inflow of students that will be brought into the U.I.S.D. area.

Mr. Castro suggested that an ordinance should be made stating that any land that is developed or donated for public goods, whether for schools or parks, should make the developers accountable for the conditions that are developing in the subdivisions.

Mr. Juan Luis Ramirez, resident of Rancho Viejo stated that statistics and deficiencies that were mentioned before in another meeting are that they are becoming real. Mr. Ramirez stated that traffic and accidents have increased greatly. He petitioned for the studies that should have been made to make the authorization for these apartments from P&Z. He added they had only received the legal opinion from the Legal Department saying they are constructing legally.

Mr. Armando Trevino, attorney representing the individuals from Rancho Viejo stated that what they had requested was a copy of the master plan and the changes that have occurred from the time that this portion of the city was part of it and the changes that occurred.

He added resident's concern was that there was an indication that several studies were made as to traffic and land development which encompassed the master plan. Mr. Trevino added that residents wanted to know what kind of detailed studies were made as to the growth of this area, how it would impact the residents verses the business development.

The Mayor stated that we have a recently approved master plan which we would provide at a cost of \$75.00 for the whole comprehensive plan.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding taxi cab ordinance.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Councilmember Blas Castaneda:

1. Status report on lighting requested by Retama and Hillside residents.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas, stated that needs have been identified and that approximately 785 lights that currently exist and that these lights are somewhat out-dated, they have torn arms. Mr. Vargas stated that they need to be converted to mercury lights that would provide additional lighting. The cost to change or convert all these lights is approximately \$200,000. The total amount to convert the entire community runs as high as a \$1,000,000.

Mr. Vargas added a city wide inventory is being made of the community where additional lighting or conversion is required so that this information can be presented at budgetary meetings in August.

Cm. Castaneda stated that this request should be a priority due to crime in Laredo and suggested that Mr. Vargas look at the end of the forth quarter revenue figures to see if we can lighten up the neighborhoods in the community.

Cw. Moreno recommended that staff make a report on this particular location and come back with a report for either now or for the next budget year.

2. Report from the City Manager concerning Calton Road bridge and drainage request.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas, stated that the concern that was raised was the capability of the city's bridge structure on Calton Road and the drainage area, whether or not it had the capacity to handle the increase flow if the properties were to develop. Mr. Vargas stated that after review, we have found out that the bridge structure of Calton Road would in fact handle the increased flow from the development of the area, however, there is a problem downstream or just across the street from Calton which is that the condition of the easement is insufficient to handle the flow from the



Mayor stated he did not know who was running and financing this ads. Mayor stated that there are federal regulations that may have been violated on the part of the stations that are airing thses ads.

## XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the Public Hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

23. Amending the Narcotic Drug Trafficking Task Force Budget to appropriate \$209,759.00 in program income collected through March 31, 1992. Appropriate \$120,424.00 for the operation of Webb County Drug Impact Court and \$89,335.00 to the Reserve Appropriation, and submitting this budget amendment to the Governor's Office for approval.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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24. Authorizing the City Manager to approve transfer of \$120,424 from Program Income to the Laredo Narcotic Task Force to provide Webb County with the local share of a grant for the Webb County Drug Impact Court.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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25. To amend the 1991-92 budget and to enter into an agreement between the City of Laredo and Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service to provide police services for a joint operation known as "Operation Cooperation" between the above



XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

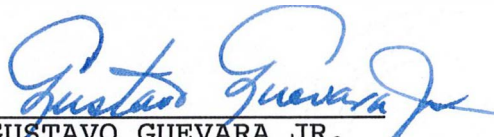
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 8:30 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 14 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVÁRA JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez  
Deputy City Secretary II

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: MAY 04 1991

CORRECTIONS: