

CITY OF LAREDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

M-92-R-36

M I N U T E S

NOVEMBER 16, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Protem Blas Castaneda called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Protem Blas Castaneda 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
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. came in at this time: 5:35 p.m.

Motion to waive the regular rules of business and move up items 32, 34 and 35a for consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present).

Motion to waive the regular rules of business and move up items 31, 33 and 29 for consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting: November 2, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Approving a lease with the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra for the approximate 418 square feet constituting Room #219 of Building #132, for use as office space; located at 4719 Maher Avenue, at Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Repealing Ordinance #91-O-231 and designating for two-way traffic the 1100 Block of Maryland Avenue, which is that portion of Maryland Avenue lying between Guadalupe Street and Chihuahua, and providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate two-way traffic and for the removal of signs that indicate one-way traffic on said portion of Maryland Avenue.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Street Improvements Project 42; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the street paving assessment roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 21st day of December, 1992.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Street Improvements Project 43; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the street paving assessment roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 11th day of January, 1993.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to table ordinances: 92-O-234 and 92-O-235.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances: #92-O-221,
 #92-O-236, #92-O-237, #92-O-242, #92-O-243.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 92-O-221 Setting forth the membership, qualifications and duties of the Charter Commission; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 92-O-234 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Transportes Aereos Ejecutivos, S.A. (TAESA), for the approximate 296 square feet of counter and office space located at 4805 Maher Avenue, at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)

(Item was tabled by previous motion).

9. 92-O-235 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Transportes Aereos Ejecutivos, S.A. (TAESA), for the approximate 112,318 square feet of land including the improvements thereon known as Building #134 (formerly leased to the Webb County Tax Assessor) located at 4608 Maher Avenue, at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)

(Item was tabled by previous motion).

10. 92-O-236 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, Inc., of Laredo, a Texas Non-Profit Organization, for the approximate 32,500 square feet of land (for the purpose of constructing a warehouse for the storage of floats), located at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge) (Cm. Perales)
 (Cm. G. Perez)
 (Cm. Cardenas)

Motion fails.

Motion to approve the contract with the stipulation that staff will work to develop this position within the department; that it is in IRS compliance; and that the goal be set to 12 months for the in-house request.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 4 Against: 4 Abstain: 0
 (Cm. Castaneda) (Cm. Perez)
 (Cm. Perales) (Cm. Juarez)
 (Cm. G. Perez) (Cw. Aldridge)
 (Cm. Cardenas) (Cw. Moreno)
 (Mayor voted in favor)

Motion passes.

Motion waive the regular rules of business and move up items 35d and 35b for consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 15. 92-R-132 Appointing the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, as required by Chapter 395 of the Local Government Code, with the responsibility for evaluating land use assumptions and for advising the City Council on impact fees for new development; and adopting procedural rules for the Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 16. 92-R-133 A resolution requesting that the Texas Department of Transportation adopt proposed rules concerning the policies, procedures, and conditions under which a private entity or corporation may obtain the approval of the Texas Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation to construct, operate, and maintain a private toll facility.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

26. Authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.0287 acres out of the G.B. & C.N.G. Railroad Co., Survey 1019, Abstract No. 62, Northern Division, City of Laredo, for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project (with possible executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2 (f)).

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Accepting the donation of two 37.5 foot wide tracts of land consisting of 0.6930 acres described as Tract A and 0.3900 acres described as Tract B respectively, more or less, for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project from Northeast Complex Partnership and Mr. Eduardo Covarrubias, respectively.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Laredo Junior College to allow students to provide field experience at the Community Development, Child Development Centers.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
 (Cm. Juarez)

29. Information and Staff presentation concerning the Aldo Tatangelo Walkway.

Mr. Peter Vargas, City Manager, presented to council the following alternative recommendations:

- (1) To leave the walkway as is, but to implement changes to deter the transients, derelicts, and drunks by patrolling the area more often with policemen and to include the Park Rangers; increase the lighting; and to add more

trash bins.

(2) To eliminate walkway, since this was a HUD UDAG Grant completed project, HUD would not assess any monetary damages if the city would convert it to a street. The cost of converting the walkway is approximately \$86,900. He recommended that it a be one-way street.

(3) Remove the benches; increase lighting; add more trash bins; and patrol the area more often to eliminate present undesirable activities.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez suggested that staff proceed with the study and to include the study of converting Zaragoza street as a two lane street going west.

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

Motion to go into executive session.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session the Mayor announced that there was no formal action taken.

Motion to concur with legal staff to proceed to settle the case in pending litigation.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

31. Request by the South Texas Development Council to address the City Council concerning the J.T.P.A. Older Worker Program.

Mr. Javier Montemayor, representing the J.T.P.A. Older Worker Program, spoke on the program services to the City Council. He was inviting the citizens 55 and over to take advantage of the program to participate in the computer, accounting, word processing and English classes.

Mr. Adolfo Gutierrez made the same presentation in Spanish.

Mr. Pedro Garza Rocha, a participant, spoke of the benefits he has received thru this program and encouraged all citizens 55 and over to participate in this program.

32. Request by the Laredo Fire Department for the City Council to present the trophies to the winners of the poster contest for

the Winter Garden District Association.

Fire Chief Mike Perez stated that the winners will compete in the State poster contest.

Captain Venegas and Captain Moncivais made the presentations to the winners.

In the Special Ed Division:

1st Place:	Stefanie Gomez	-	Clark Elementary
2nd "	: Abundio Salinas	-	Alma Pierce
3rd "	: Ana Alicia Vela	-	Tomas Sanchez
4th "	: Gabriela Perez	-	Alma Pierce
5th "	: Norma Aguinaga	-	Alma Pierce

In the Primary Division:

1st Place:	Erika Lee Ortiz	-	Blessed Sacrament
2nd "	: Erik Villarreal	-	Santo Nino
3rd "	: Elizabeth Castoreno	-	Buenos Aires
4th "	: Cynthia Maldonado	-	Buenos Aires
5th "	: Abraham A. Reyes	-	Blessed Sacrament

Intermediate Division:

1st Place:	Noemi Martinez	-	Honore Ligarde
2nd "	: Janell Coe	-	Honore Ligarde
3rd "	: Amanda Esparza	-	Saint Agustin
4th "	: Lizette Montiel	-	Leon Daiches
5th "	: Victor Rangel	-	Honore Ligarde

Junior High Division:

1st Place:	Rogelio Martinez	-	Cigarroa Middle
2nd "	: Anissa Juarez	-	Clark Middle
3rd "	: Alfonso Hinojosa	-	Blessed Sacrament
4th "	: Melina Collazo	-	Salinas Elementary
5th "	: Christina Ramirez	-	Gutierrez Elementary

Overall School Poster Trophy Winner:

Honore Ligarde Elementary School

Cw. Aldridge came in at this time: 6:05 p.m.

33. Request by Aldo Tatangelo to address the City Council concerning the Aldo Tatangelo Walkway.

Mr. Tatangelo requested that before the city opens the Walkway, we should enforce the ordinances that prohibits drinking and loitering in the area. That the answer was in the council's hand and to have the police department enforce

the ordinance. He said that there is no traffic problem there. Furthermore, he stated that he sends his personnel to clean the area sometimes and requested from council not to tear the park down.

34. Recognizing the Finance Department of the City of Laredo for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Fiscal Reporting for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1991.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. recognized the Finance Department for their excellent work.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

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

A. Request from Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.:

Presentation of the Mayor's Cup to the Police Department as the winners of the Employee's Softball Tournament.

Mayor presented the trophy to the Police Department.

B. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda:

Discussion and possible action regarding citizen concerns involving traffic problems on Saunders from San Dario to McPherson.

Mr. Hector Alvarado spoke on the problems that older citizens encounter when crossing the Saunders Street. He stated that at Barcelona and Saunders the traffic is too fast and does not allow for many citizens to cross the street safely. He requested that the council place a traffic light at this location.

Police Chief J.L. Martinez suggested to increase traffic motorcycle patrol.

Mr. Joe Aranda, Traffic Director, stated that a study is in the process in order to be able to place controllers from San Bernardo to McPherson on Saunders to allow for longer stops and allow the coordination of slowing down the traffic. They will also make a study to see if a light is warranted at the San Francisco intersection.

Mr. Amadeo Saenz, Public Highways Traffic Engineer, stated that signals are not to slow traffic down and thus they may not be warranted. He will see if enough slow speed limit signs are in place along Saunders, but suggested that more speed vigilance enforcement.

Motion to have staff, police, State Highway Department, and traffic get together to see how to alleviate this

problem and to include the possibility of an overpass.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez:

1. Presentation by Rosie Gregory representing the M.A.D.D. organization.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the establishment of a 24 hour per day City "Hot Line" to report items that require corrective action.

Motion to instruct staff to prepare a cost estimate for a "Hot Line" service with working staff during working hours and an answering after hours.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the establishment of recreational activities by our Education and Recreation Department for our Senior Citizens.

Motion to instruct staff to present this item before the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request from Councilmembers Jose Perez, Arlene Rash-Aldridge, and Eduardo Perales:

Discussion and possible action concerning water line problems at the 3000 Block of Mercer.

Mrs. Borrego, a resident on the 3000 block of Mercer, stated that she had tried to solve this problem since 1985 and had been paying city taxes since then, but now their water line has been disconnected.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, Water Works Director, stated that the properties on this block are unplatted lots which

Project 41 (47 Blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Requesting approval to implement the new proposed rents, \$200.00 for a 2 bedroom and \$220.00 for a 3 bedroom, for the lower income units at the Tomas Flores Apartments, HODAG Project No. TX007HG401.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as City Council.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

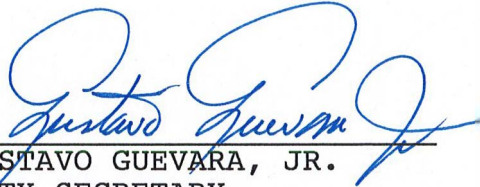
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 8:50 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 15 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS ON THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary II

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

CORRECTIONS: