

CITY OF LAREDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

M-92-S-37

M I N U T E S

NOVEMBER 23, 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  
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

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Juarez due to an out-of-town commitment.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: Cm. Juarez showed up at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

**IV. FINAL READINGS**

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances: #92-O-188, #92-O-189, #92-O-192, #92-O-193, #92-O-194, #92-O-195, #92-O-196, #92-O-197, #92-O-238, #92-O-239, #92-O-240 and #92-O-241.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. 92-O-188 Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Operation, Division 5, Truck Routes and Operation, by amending Section 19-278(h) to increase fees for escorting oversize cargo and oversize vehicle movements; providing for publication; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Against: 0

3. 92-O-189 Amending Ordinance 85-O-84, dated June 4, 1985, amended by Ordinance 91-O-248, dated November 4, 1991, authorizing increases in tolls on our three International Bridges for non-commercial vehicles; empty no-freight trucks; providing for publication; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. 92-O-192 Establishing the policy that all overweight cargo vehicle movements within the City shall have to pay a street maintenance fee; establishing fees for overweight cargo vehicle movement; providing for publication; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 92-O-193 Amending Chapter 14 (Garbage, Trash & Refuse) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend Sections 14-4.1(A) to increase residential garbage fees from \$6.00 to \$7.00, and Landfill tipping fees as follows: vehicles, non-compactor and compactor from inside the City Limits from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per ton, for similar vehicles from outside the City Limits from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per ton; tire fee increase, passenger tires \$0.50 to \$1.00; truck tires from \$1.00 to \$1.25; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

6. 92-0-194 Amending Ordinance No. 89-O-208, dated November 6, 1989, which authorized the Police Department to charge designated fees for copies of case reports and traffic accident reports, and for arrest record searches and letters relating thereto, fingerprint work and validating of taxicab meters, to increase each fee designated therein; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

7. 92-0-195 Amending Section 7-4 of the Code of Ordinances (Mechanical); adopting the 1991 edition of the Southern Standard Mechanical, and appendices Appendix B (Schedule of Permit Fees) of the Southern Standard Mechanical Code; increasing the basic permits fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 in addition to per item fees; amending Section 105 of the Standard Mechanical Code; providing for publication and for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

8. 92-0-196 Amending Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances (Electricity) in the following respects: Section 11-2, adopting the National Electrical Code, 1990 Edition; amending Section 11-44 (Permit Fees) by increasing the basic permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00; increasing per item fees; providing for publication and for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

9. 92-0-197 Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances (Plumbing) in the following respects: Section 25-





Commerce and Mrs. Vela Comer of Vela-Comer's Exxon appeared before the council to speak against Scott as a truck route.

Mr. Richard Buitron, neighborhood resident on Sta. Maria and Scott, stated that the truck traffic on Scott is contributing noise and smoke exhaust pollution and causing safety hazards.

Mr. Steve Warshaw, IBOC employee, stated that there is no enforcement on the street blocks caused by the trucks and the intersection at Scott and Sta. Ursula is not made for truck traffic turns.

Alarberto Alarcon, legal counsel representing Gateway Transfer, spoke against changing the route from Scott.

Frank Quesada, Gateway Transfer, stated that safety is what is needed and that better truck routes need to be developed.

George Quesada, Gateway Transfer President, stated that they have a perfect safety record.

Charla Griffin, representing the Transportation Organization, spoke in regards to the safety programs within their organization to promote safe driving and added that one solution is more roads and more truck routes.

(Cm. Juarez came in at this time: 7:05 p.m.)

Motion to send this item to the Transportation Committee to eliminate Scott, Jefferson, and Lafayette as truck routes; to come back with recommendations or alternatives on eliminating these truck routes and see how they can be re-routed; to place patrol cars at Scott and Sta. Isabel and at Scott and Sta. Ursula; no trucks trailers on Scott; and that an ordinance be introduced at the next regular council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of Block 831, Lots 10, 11, 12, and the south 8.9 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, located

at 1504 Gustavus from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 831, Lots 10, 11, and 12, and the south 8.9 feet of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Eastern Division, located at 1504 Gustavus from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Anita Averill, spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P & Z to approve; and introduce.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Moreno

16. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of Block 116, Eastern Division, located at 200 West Lyon, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 SUZD (Highway Commercial -Specific Use Zoning District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 116, Eastern Division, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 SUZD (Highway Commercial Specific Use Zoning District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Joe Soliz, a representative from Mercy Hospital, appeared before the council to answer any questions concerning this zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P & Z to approve the zone change request; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Moreno

17. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of Block 894, Lots 9 and 11, Western Division, located at 3401 San Dario, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 894, Lots 9 and 11, Western Division, located at 3401 San Dario, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, representing Mr. Mike Jacaman, spoke before the council to answer any questions of concern from the council.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P & Z to approve the zone change request; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Castaneda

18. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of a 3.5028 acre tract located on Calton Road near the intersection of Calton and McPherson Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

## INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 3.5028 acre tract, located on Calton Road between Patio Lane and the Kidney Center, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing land developing owners, spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P&Z to approve the zone change request; and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain; 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Castaneda

19. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of a 2.8934 acre tract, located at the east end of Superior Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

## INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 2.8934 acre tract, located at the east end of Superior Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mrs. Jane Connally presented a video to the council on the construction situation around their area and affirmed her position against the zone change request.

Mrs. June Leyendecker, a resident of 41 acres directly south

of the Salinas-Key developing area, stated that she is opposed to an R-2 or R-3 zone change.

Mr. Jessie Jacaman spoke against the zone change request for fear of a Domino Effect that could extend to his subdivision at Alta Mira.

Ms. Rosa Benavides spoke against the zone change request.

Mrs. Cristine Garcia spoke against the zone change request, because she would like to keep the area with large lots.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing the Garcia developing family, spoke before the council to speak in favor of the zone change.

Mrs. Celina Viduarri Garcia, property owner, spoke before the City Council to request approval of the zone change request.

Mr. Marco Garcia spoke in support of being allowed the zone change request from the council.

Mrs. Barbara Fernandez, a resident of the Salinas-Key Subdivision, spoke in favor of allowing the R-2 zone change request.

Mr. David Garcia, representing the Garcia family, stated that since they find themselves between an R-1 and an R-3 zoning areas, that they should be allowed the right to chose an R-2 zone request.

Mr. Joe Ruiz read a letter from Mr. George Garcia, Webb Extension Agriculture Agent, who wrote on the good character of the Garcia family.

Mrs. Irma Ortega spoke in favor of allowing the Garcia family the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; table the item; and send back to P & Z for consideration of a specific use plan as a special use district zone change and that they meet with the residents that had expressed concern.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Public hearing concerning the rezoning of a 29.13 acre tract in the Quail Creek Subdivision, Phase III and IV, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 29.13 acre tract in Quail Creek Subdivision, Units III and IV, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, representing the developer, appeared before the council to answer any questions.

Motion to close the public hearing; approve the zone change request; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

21. Public hearing concerning the amendment of Chapter II of the Subdivision Ordinance, Section 2-1, Subdivision Plats Required, Form and Content of Plats, Approval Process, and rescinding Section 5-8, Fees; and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending certain sections of the Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 2, Submission of a Subdivision Plat; Rescinding Chapter 5, Section 5-8, Filing Fee; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk spoke on one point, neither for or against, but in terms of clarification which relates to the items that are required in terms of submitting a plat item (iv). Mr. Whitehawk suggested eliminating or substantially changing the language, because when property owners are prepared to submit their plat they do not necessary or exactly know what size



There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing; approve; and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

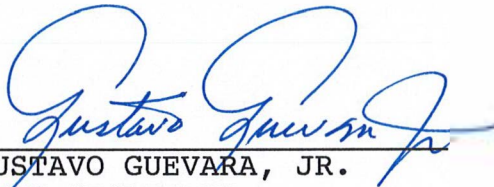
Moved : Cm. Castaneda  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 9:35 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 13 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD, 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 ON:

CORRECTIONS: