CITY OF LAREDO

Laredo, Texas

Special City Council Meeting

2400 San Bernardo Avenue

Civic Center Conference Room 1 & 2

6:30 P. M.

AGENDA NO: 86-S-30 Minutes DATE: August 25,1986

IN ATTENDANCE:

ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " , " II
SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., " , " III
MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR.," , " IV
ENRIQUE "HENRY" TREVINO, " , " V
DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI
JOSE A. VALDEZ, " , " VII
JOHN PETER MONTALVO, " , " VIII
GERRY CAIN, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY
MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.

(027.1) With a quorum present, Mayor Aldo Tatangelo called the meeting to order.

II. PRESENTATIONS
CITIZENS AND COUNCILMEMBERS REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

(043.1) A. Request for acknowledgement and support of BASTA for a grant from the Kennedy Foundation. (Cm. Jose A. Valdez)

Motion to acknowledge and support: Valdez
Second: Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(135.1) B. Presentation of what services Laredo Volunteer Lawyers program provides and to discuss proposed budget cuts. (Cm. Margarito Benavides, Jr.)

Mr. Armando Lopez and Mr. Paul Gallego requested additional funds ($1,598). Last year they were allowed $1,000. They informed City Council that the County has denied their request for funding .

III. REPORTS. IT IS RECOMMENDED:

(1437.1)A. Three Child Development Day Care facilities be closed due to poor enrollment. Since enrollment is low, not enough units are being generated by the program to meet monthly expendi-

tures. The City contracted for an enrollment of 290 children and is presently staffed to meet the needs of 290 children. Enrollment, however, is at 175 or at 60%. Consequently, all centers are over-staffed. Closure of the facilities will require the lay-off of approximately 15 to 18 staff members. The facilities recommended for closure are all rental facilities is need substantial improvements and include:

1. Raggedy Ann - 1413 San Francisco
2. Los Ninos Alegres - 1604 Victoria and
3. Cinderella - 416 Laredo

If immediate action is not taken to close the facilities and lay-off staff, the Day Care Program will have a project deficit of $91,963.00. Program is licensed to serve 344 children. If the three centers are closed, the program's licensed capacity will be 250. At present, 175 children are enrolled. If enrollment were to pick up to 250, then six employees could be re-employed in order to meet the proper staff-child ratio.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal made the presentation involving the closure of the facilities as well as proposed lay-off of personnel.

City Manager Townsend explained that the City reserves the right to terminate personnel, based on senority and also on documented information affecting each employee.

Motion to close Day Care facilities as recommended: Ramirez
Second: M. Benavides
For: 7 Against: Montalvo Abstain: 0

B. (639.1) A contract be awarded to the low bidder, B & B Paving, San Antonio, for $643,848.70 for construction of 43 blocks of streets in the 1985 Voluntary Paving Assessment Street Improvements Group IVA. Five bids were received. The project includes about $115,000 of water line improvements. The time specified for contract completion is 150 days after the work order is issued. The streets being paved are listed under the public hearing item on Agenda #86-R-29. This contract was considered on August 18, 1986, but the 5 to 1 vote was not sufficient for approval.

(648.1) Motion to go into Executive Session: Ramirez
Second: Cortez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Upon their return, motion to award contract to the low bidder, B & B Paving: Juarez
Second: Ramirez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

C. Change Orders No. 2 be approved for Leyendecker Construction, Inc.'s contract for Jarvis Plaza Transit Terminal due to extra work to be done to saw cut 1000 feet of concrete pavement around the perimeter of the construction site for an increase of $2,830.00. The revised contract will be $381,455. This work was not included in the original plans because the plans were based on the concrete curb being connected to asphalt rather than concrete. This change order was considered on August 18, 1986, but the 5 to 1 vote was not sufficient to approve.

Motion to approve: Juarez
Second: Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1800.1)D. Presentation of the 1986-87 Budget and consideration of a timetable for required public hearings. Although the appraisal roll has not been submitted to the City an estimate of values has been prepared. The General Fund budget has been prepared based on that estimate and is subject to change after the appraisal is provided. Indications are that the appraisal roll should be available by September 1, 1986. It is recommended that a public hearing be held on September 15, 1986 in accordance with City Charter requirements.

(Mayor Tatangelo left at 7:45 p.m. due to other commitment and Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez assumed the Chair).

Councilmembers requested a report on overtime activity of City personnel. City Manager Townsend indicated that a report would be forthcoming in a week.

(2589.1) Under the Police Department, Councilman Valdez pointed out that no cadet training will be available until the fall of 1987. Councilman Juarez expressed his concern over the resigning of police officers. Chief of Police Victor Garcia stated that only 5% of applicants are passing the exams. Councilmembers expressed concern regarding overtime pay in Police Department.

(1731.2) Under Public Works Cm. Juarez asked if there was regular pick up service at Del Mar. City Manager Townsend indicated that Del Mar has been under contract since annexation.

Mayor Tatangelo arrived at this time (8:30 P.M.)

(2949.2) Mayor Aldo Tatangelo stated that he had received a letter from the Boxing Club (Mr. Sergio Reyes) requesting funding.

Councilman Valdez made the following recommendations:

1. That the City take over the supervision and operations of the Club,
2. That it be a City activity under the Parks and Recreation Department,
3. That the present contract not be renewed,
4. That a Committee be created to re-activate activities.

Motion to recess the Special City Council Meeting to August 26, 1986 at 6:30 P.M., Civic Center Rooms 1 & 2: M. Benavides
Second: Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Meeting recessed at 10 P.M.)
BUDGETARY DISCUSSIONS WERE RECESSED TO AUGUST 26, 1986.
FOLLOWING ARE PROCEEDINGS ON THAT DATE:

(1169.3)Regarding the Health Dept., Councilmembers questioned the position of Mr. Reuel Waldrop. Mr. Lowell Woodward made a indicated that Mr. Waldrop is a consultant who assists in requesting grants and other health activities and works from his residence in Austin, Texas.

Motion to delete consultant fees (Mr. Waldrop's position) and that $8,417 be deposited into the General Fund: M. Benavides
Second: Valdez

(1604.3)Amend motion that monies be diverted to the Parks and Recreation Department for youth activities: M. Benavides
Second: Valdez
For: 8 Against: Juarez Abstain: 0

Councilman Santos Benavides requested a report on Mr. Waldrop's activities for the past two years.
It was also indicated that future activities by Mr. Waldrop should be requested to City Council on a contract basis.

(1708.3)Ms. Mary M. Bee, Animal Protective Society, made a presentation requesting funding, and explained increased activity over past year.

Motion that their budget remain at the present level: Ramirez

Second: S. Benavides
(Request to be taken under advisement).

(1991.3)Ms. Roxanna Guerra, Family Counselling, also requested funding and made presentation of services in their organization.

(2198.3)A request for funding was made for the Laredo Volunteers Lawyers Program, Inc.
Motion to approve $1,060 for Laredo Volunteers Lawyers Program, Inc., and $10,000 for the BASTA Program: Valdez
Second: M. Benavides
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(740.4) Public Works Department - Motion to return grader for street reconstruction: Valdez
Second: Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Councilman Cortez asked for clarification since he was under the impression that Street Closing monies were to be destined to resurfacing of streets in non targeted areas.

(2411.4)Motion that out of $2 million for Street Construction, that $200,000 be transferred to Sanitation to buy garbage trucks, and other equipment: Ramirez
Second: Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2777.4)Motion that $350,000 of Street Closing monies be carried to next year plus new monies for paving of non target areas: Cortez
Second: Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to recess meeting to August 27, 1986: Ramirez
Second: Juarez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Meeting recessed at 10 P.M.)

BUDGETARY DISCUSSIONS WERE AGAIN RECESSED TO AUGUST 27, 1986. FOLLOWING ARE PROCEEDINGS ON THAT DATE:

(965.5) Mr. Bob Shaeffer made presentation requesting funding on behalf of Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center.

Motion to keep funding at the same level as prior years: Juarez
Second: S. Benavides

Councilmen Valdez and Montalvo differed in opinion stating that the entire budget should be looked into before allowing monies.

(530.5) Motion withdrawn until budgetary discussions terminate and priorities established. It was noted that City Council was not being negative as to any funding of any agency simply being held up until budgetary hearings end.

Councilman S. Benavides criticized monies transferred into Parks on August 26, 1986.

(602.5) Motion that the $8,528 approved to be deposited into Parks and Recreation be reserved until priorities are established: Valdez
Second: S. Benavides
For: 7 Against: M. Benavides Abstain: 0

(2228.6)Mrs. Hortencia C. Gonzalez, City Secretary, stated that she is in need of a Data Entry Clerk, but due to the present freeze, she is requesting $5,600 for overtime to pay present personnel

which is already trained.

Councilman Juarez requested evaluations of City employees.

(3467.6)Councilmembers also requested that Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Tax Assessor Collector, and Mr. Ezequiel Laurel, Webb County Tax Assessor Collector, be present at the next City Council Meeting.

(3541.6)City Manager Townsend stated that the Finance Department is divided into Data Processing, Accounting and Purchasing Department.

(1296.7)Councilman Ramirez expressed his concern regarding the Shop Department. He questioned the kind of rotation system that the City has regarding lubricants, overhauls and routine work done on Police cars. Chief Garcia stated that they have 64 cars, but approximately 12 to 14 are in the Shop.

Motion to recess the budgetary discussions to September 2, 1986 at 6:00 P.M., Civic Center Rooms 1 & 2: Trevino
Second: Ramirez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. ADJOURNMENT (Recessed at 10 P.M.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS FO THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH, 26TH, AND 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1986. THE ORIGINAL COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS on this the 12th day of September, 1986.

HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Deputy

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: