

CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M-96-R-08

MARCH 25, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Protem Felipe Cardenas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Protem Cardenas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRUNI,	"	, DISTRICT II
CECILIA MAY MORENO	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA	"	, DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
CARLOS R. VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
FAUSTO SOSA,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. due out-of-town commitment and Cm. Casso.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Castaneda was not present and Mayor Protem Cardenas not voting.)

IV. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance(s) #96-O-036, and #96-O-043.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. G. Perez  
 For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Castaneda joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

2. 96-0-036 Approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996 authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, approving an official statement and the execution of an escrow agreement.  
 (Unanimous City Council)

FINANCIAL: Net present value of interest cost savings is projected at \$887,234.21 or 3.215199% of the refunded bonds.

The City proposes to refund the following maturities and amounts of the above-mentioned Bonds and Certificates of Obligation as follows:

Description	Maturities	Principal
Combination Tax and Paving Assessment Certificates of Obligation, Series 1986	1997-1999	235,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1988	1999-2008	1,750,000
Combination Tax and Paving Assessment Certificates of Obligation, Series 1988	1996-2000	405,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1989	2000-2009	2,475,000
Combination Tax and Paving Assessment Certificates of Obligation, Series 1989	1997-2001	405,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1990	2002-2010	1,950,000
Combination Tax & Motel and Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1988	2001-2010	875,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1990-A	2002-2010	1,650,000
Combination Tax and Waterworks System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1991	2003-2011	2,230,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1991	2003-2008	1,765,000
General Obligation Bonds, Series 1992	2006-2012	1,835,000
General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1992	2006-2008	555,000
Combination Tax and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992	2006-2012	1,055,000
Combination Tax and Waterworks Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992	2006-2012	1,960,000
Combination Tax and Mass Transit Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992	2007-2013	2,500,000
Combination Tax and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-A	2005-2013	2,325,000
Combination Tax and Waterworks System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-A	2005-2013	3,625,000

for a total aggregate amount of \$27,595,000 ("Refunded Bonds").

CITY OF LAREDO  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 1996

Par Amount of Refunding Bonds	\$30,080,000.00
Amount Being Refunded	\$27,595,000.00
Average Interest Rate of Old Bonds	6.6217%
Net Interest Rate of New Bonds	5.4060%
Overall Savings	\$1,072,054.99
Net Present Value Savings	\$887,234.21
As a Percent of Refunded Bonds	3.2152%

Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, General Obligation issuance of City of Laredo, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 1996 authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, approving an official statement and the execution of an escrow agreement.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. 96-0-043 An ordinance establishing Section 24.73 of the Laredo Land Development Code relating to oil and gas extraction and production requirements; amending provisions relating to permits for the drilling, re-entry, or recompletion of oil and gas wells; amending provisions relating to notice to adjacent property owners; rescinding Chapter 22 of the code of ordinances of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve ordinance establishing Section 24.73 of the Laredo Land Development Code relating to oil and gas extraction and production requirements; amending provisions relating to permits for the drilling, re-entry, or recompletion of oil and gas wells; amending provisions relating to notice to adjacent property owners; rescinding Chapter 22 of the code of ordinances of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**V. RESOLUTIONS**

4. 96-R-031 Adopting the City of Laredo Historic Preservation Plan.

Nina Nixon Mendez from the Planning & Zoning Department made the presentation before the council.

Mr. Jose Diaz De Leon, President of the Historic Landmark Board, explained the benefits of the plan.

Steve Snow, Hamilton Hotel, spoke in favor.

Ms. Betsy Gill spoke in favor of the plan to help preserve historical buildings.

Motion adopting the City of Laredo Historic Preservation Plan.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 96-R-032 Opposing the commercial land application or disposal of water and wastewater bio-solids within the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Watershed in Webb County, Texas.

Cm. Bruni asked what types of categories there are of waste or sludge? He asked that TNRCC explain the letter dated 3-21-96 sent to the House of Representative, Henry Cuellar, where it says that the agreement between the U.S. and Mexico does not apply to the beneficial land application of sewage sludge. Are there any guidelines pertaining to population?

Fernando Roman, Acting Utilities Director, answered the questions that Cm. Bruni had. He stated that generally they are classified as domestic sludge coming from the residential area and the industrial sludge which contain the metal pesticides and other contaminants that might come down the drain from industrial areas. He said that he does not know what the proposed site is suppose to receive. He added TNRCC has very strict guidelines and we as sludge generators have to follow them. The sludge in order to be applied in a beneficial land application like this one has to pass a test.

David Cortez, Webb County Commissioner, stated that the commissioners court took action this morning and will do every thing to keep the sludge out of



- 7. Public hearing on an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the east one half (1/2) of Block X14-A, Eastern Division, located on South Buena Vista at Frees, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the east one half (1/2) of Block X14-A, Eastern Division, located on South Buena Vista at Frees, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Marina Sukup, City Planner, made the presentation before the council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5  
(Castaneda was not present.)

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Public hearing on an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 312.55 acres out of Porcion 38 Abstract 472, T. Sanchez Survey, located east of U.S. 83, and south of Los Obispos Subdivision, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to AG (Agricultural District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 312.55 acres out of Porcion 38 Abstract 472, T. Sanchez Survey, located east of U.S. 83, and south of Los Obispos Subdivision, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to AG (Agricultural District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Castaneda not present to vote.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 9. Public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for scrap metal processing on all of Block 50 and the south one half (1/2) of Block 51, Eastern Division, located at 217 Chihuahua Street; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for scrap metal processing on all of Block 50 and the south one half (1/2) of Block 51, Eastern Division, located at 217 Chihuahua Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Anthony McGettrick, representing the Commercial Metals Company, was available to answer any questions from the council.

Motion to close the public hearing; go with the recommendations of the Planning & Zoning Commission; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 10. Public hearing on an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning .9819 acres out of Porcion 23, Abstract 283, L. Sanchez Survey, located west of McPherson Road and north of Shiloh Road, from R-1 (Single

Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning .9819 acres out of Porcion 23, Abstract 283, L. Sanchez Survey, located west of McPherson Road and north of Shiloh Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 11. Public hearing concerning an ordinance amending Section 24.65.11. B-1 (Limited Business District) and 24.65.13. B-3 (Community Business District), and 24.65.14. B-4 (Highway Commercial District) of the Laredo Land Development Code to delete square footage limitations applicable to certain uses within commercial zoning districts; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 24.65.11. B-1 (Limited Business District) and 24.65.13. B-3 (Community Business District), and 24.65.14. B-4 (Highway Commercial District) of the Laredo Land Development Code to delete square footage limitations applicable to certain uses within commercial zoning districts; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.



Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**VIII. RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

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

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

12. Motion to award a contract to the Low Bidder, Texas Commercial Bus, Lockhart, Texas, in the amount of \$289,021.00, for the purchase of three 24' and two 29' new specialty vans for use by the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro).

Motion to award contract to the low bidder, Texas Commercial Bus, Lockhart, Texas, in the amount of \$289,021.00, for the purchase of three 24' and two 29' new specialty vans for use by the Laredo Municipal Transit System. (El Metro).

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Laredo Mass Transit Board and convene as City Council.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

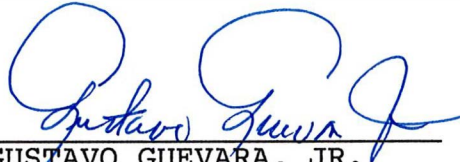
Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 6:45 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 10 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 1996. 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

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

CORRECTIONS: