

**WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND
THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON
LAREDO, TEXAS
5:30 P.M.**

M96-R-38

MINUTES

OCTOBER 30, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order.

II. IN ATTENDANCE

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., MAYOR
JOSE R. PEREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRUNI, " , DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO, " , DISTRICT III
ELISEO VALDEZ, " , DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA, " , DISTRICT VI
MARIO GEORGE ALVARADO, " , DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " , DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY
FLORENCIO PENA, III, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
JERRY CAIN, ASST. CITY ATTORNEY

MERCURIO MARTINEZ, WEBB COUNTY JUDGE
JORGE DE LA GARZA, WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ROQUE VELA, WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DAVID CORTEZ, WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER
RICK REYES, WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER
ANA LAURA CAVAZOS, WEBB COUNTY ATTORNEY
CARLOS VILLARREAL, WEBB COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

ABSENCES:

CECILIA MAY MORENO, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT IV

III. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF LAREDO AND WEBB COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON FIRE SERVICES FOR WEBB COUNTY AND INCIDENTS THERETO.

Mr. Aldo Tatangelo appeared before the City Council and the Commissioners Court stating that he is opposed to fire services for the county and stated that we should not have a contract with the County for either EMS or fire protection. It's about time they did they own fire protection service, they have their own budget which is big enough to do it.

Conrado Hein, Finance Director, explained the factors for determining the actual expenses as follows:

I. Budget

\$12,037,104	FY 96/97 operating budget
+ 455,000	administrative costs
<u>\$12,492,104</u>	yearly operating cost

II. Fire Department Inventory

\$3,038,822	building and infrastructure
<u>\$7,022,951</u>	rolling stock plus equipment*
<u>\$10,061,773</u>	
\$ 1,006,177	amortized over 10 years

*includes PFFCO's and Capital Outlay from FY 91-92 to FY 96-97

III. Bond Election Projects

\$5,200,000	Fire Training Facility
<u>\$2,800,000</u>	Three Fire Stations
<u>\$8,000,000</u>	
\$820,000	amortized over 15 years

Mr. Mike Garza, Interim Fire Chief, further explained the methodology used as follows:

I. Percentage of Webb County responses to all Fire calls.

14,318,281	Grand Total
X 3.5	= percentage of Webb Co. calls
\$501,140	Cost of Interlocal Agreement

II. Per Capita.

\$14,318,281	Grand Total
166,000	divided by City of Laredo population
\$86.00	per capita

\$14,000	total Webb County pop.
X \$86	include Rio Bravo and El Cenizo
\$1,204,000	
or	
7,000	Webb Co. Unincorporated area
X \$86	
\$602,000	

Cm. Bruni stated it is the liability of the City and not the man hours or calls made outside the city limits, he is concerned about the industrial parks and wants to exclude the Industrial Parks in the county.

Mike Garza stated that his concern is the foam supply necessary to combat a fire at the fuel farms.

Motion to enter into a \$400,000 fire and EMS contract to provide services with a provision added to that contract, the provision being that when the city develops an ordinance and the mechanism to charge industrial districts and until this ordinance is developed they will continue to provide services at the same level. The amendment being that the industrial parks will not be provided with fire protection until 90 days after the ordinance passes.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Guerra
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Note: Second to the motion agrees to 90 days after the ordinance passes, instead of 60 days.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

Adjournment time: 7:15 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGE 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD ON THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1996. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

Minutes approved on: December 2, 1996