

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M96-S-41

NOVEMBER 14, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Protem Poncho Casso called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Protem Casso led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ROQUE VELA,	WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DAVID CORTEZ,	WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., who was representing the City of Laredo at a Texas Municipal League Conference, Cw. Cecilia Moreno, and Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem Casso was chairing the meeting and not voting.)

IV. MOTIONS

2. Requesting authorization to proceed with an emergency purchase of a replacement ambulance from Reliable Emergency Vehicles, Comanche, Texas, in the amount of \$71,725.00. This ambulance will replace a 1991 unit that was damaged beyond repair in a vehicle rollover. The City is anticipating an insurance settlement in the amount of \$25,000.00 which will be used to offset the total purchase cost. Reserve appropriations will be available for the remaining balance. Reliable Emergency Vehicles will deliver the new unit within ninety days and will provide a loaner ambulance at no charge to the City.

Motion authorizing to proceed with an emergency purchase of a replacement ambulance from Reliable Emergency Vehicles, Comanche, Texas, in the amount of \$71,725.00.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

At this time Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, introduced the new Transit Manager, Mr. Gilbert Segovia.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

3. Discussion and possible action regarding project status and policy issues related to the Mines Road and Hwy 359 Colonias, water and wastewater projects.

Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, said that the two items deal with the colonia project and wanted to consider both items together since part of the presentation will deal with both.

He said that the goal is to bring Council up-to-date on the projects. He explained that council entered into an interlocal agreement in May of 1995 with Webb County to provide sewer service to the Larga Vista Subdivision and from that point the county proceeded to file with the TWDB (Texas Water Development Board) the necessary documents to get the project going and they hired Edward Garza as their engineer who has been working on the project.

The project is to the point where next Friday, Webb County has prepared a contract for this project, but that there are issues that they would like Council to be aware of that deal with the project. He continued by saying that one of them is the need for reimbursement agreements which they currently do not have in place for the owners that have agreed to

oversize the sewer line at their expense, that will benefit the areas. The reimbursement agreements have not been drafted and have not been prepared, but they need to be done because the developers will need to protect themselves to get reimbursed as a result of the oversize. Reimbursement agreements have to be in effect prior to completion of the contract. He made the developers aware that they are proceeding at their own risk since there is no reimbursement agreement and they don't know what shape that reimbursement agreement is going to take.

He concluded by saying that the Hwy 359 and Mines Road Project is further away and is not as ready to go as the Larga Vista. The Hwy 359 and Mines Road project is for both water and sewer, Larga Vista only for sewer.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, stated that they have capacity to allow the Larga Vista Colonia to come into our sewer system. They have capacity for 650 connections between today and the time that the Chacon Interceptor is on line, any further development passed 650 will not be possible because of limitations the way the lift stations are designed at this point. The EDAP project that is funding the Larga Vista Colonia can go as planned. He further gave an overview and explained policy issues for the colonia infrastructure project, adding that there are several issues to consider such as service area issues which were explained such as definition of boundaries, distribution grid, right to connect, ordinance conflicts, conditions for future connections and oversizing issues, permitted uses, reserve capacity and explained oversize scenarios. The facility plan is done consisting of existing residents only, plus approximately growth for two years. He is recommending setting a "date certain" for the inclusion what the service areas are going to be, they would like to take aerial photographs at the time they set or declare the colonia are closed to external residents within the colonia areas. The best time to set the "date certain" would be late December, so that when the plan is completed by Mr. Garza and it is submitted to the Water Board, that in essences seals the service boundaries, they will then define who is in and who is out. They will have to leave out those ineligible lots.

Cm. Casso stated that the city wants orderly growth and fair distribution of the cost in regards to oversizing of the lines, that we resolve all those ordinance conflicts that we have, and that a lot of the actions and motions have been taken on the past, but yet no money has been appropriated and thinks they should be making these motions under advisement until they know what the cost is associated with some of these motions.

Edward Garza, representing Paul Garza and Associates, has an engineering contract with the Webb County and spoke on the

Larga Vista EDAP Project. He went through several scenarios in terms of design and explained maps and graphs on the service area. He said there are two mechanisms for financing, but it is the board's requirement that private money is spent first before the government's so that the private money will be spent first during construction and to insure them that the money is going to be available and spent. There is also equity buying. The total project cost is \$1.9 million of which \$1.4 million is a grant from TWDB. Each owner is paying based on the size of property they own, on the frontage of the line that traverses through their property. He also explained the interceptor project recognizing the oversize issues.

Webb County Commissioner Roque Vela, who represents this precinct, said that they do not need reimbursement agreements because the city is not putting any money into this project. They would need these type of agreements if the city was paying the project and then get reimbursement from the landowners that are participating. This way we have \$1.4 million grant plus the amount with the landowners will pay for. He concluded by requesting for the City to revisit the "time certain" date.

Cm. Bruni stated that there is already a designated service area and people need to put the money to upsize the line and asked that Mr. Peña present an agreement to the council.

Mr. Peña stated that we are going with impact fees on summer of 1997 and the state paid equity cost for the sewer system interceptor, the lift station, and the treatment plant that is in place to service this area. The developers that are paying \$500,000.00 is only for the oversizing of the line not for the impact on the system. On the reimbursement agreement they might have to address the issue of the impact fees also.

At this time Mr. Garza explained the analysis and maps on the service area.

Mr. Peña stated that once the application is accepted by TWDB they can work on the oversizing.

Mr. Garza stated that in regards to Mines Road, all the lots and colonias are too large for conventional gravity systems, they cannot qualify them as conventional sewer system. The best approach for the Mines Road, for each tract is a septic tank or a cluster system. On the water issue he proposed to extend the water lines to feed the colonias or maybe tie into a water well. Water appears to be in a good shape for the Mines area, but they cannot justify the conventional sewer system.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding policy issues related to the Texas Water Development Board project on the

Larga Vista sewer line and future service area.

Note: This item was taken in conjunction with item #3.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Valdez


For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 7:00 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 05 ARE TRUE COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1996. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



 GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
 CITY SECRETARY

Minutes approved on: December 2, 1996