

**CITY OF LAREDO
WORKSHOP ON THE ALIGNMENT OF 3464**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS
5:45 P.M.**

MINUTES

M95-S-33

NOVEMBER 13, 1995

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
LOUIS H. BRUNI,	"	, DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO,	"	, DISTRICT III
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	

Cm. Casso joined the meeting at 5:53. p.m.

IV. DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE ALIGNMENT OF F.M. 3464

Cm. Guerra announced that he would recuse himself from any discussion or action due to the fact that he has a son that works for one of the entities involved in this item.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, gave an overview summary on the status of this issue and brought council up to date.

Mr. Norbert Dickman, representing the Fasken interests, spoke on the issue to change the present alignment.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, local engineer representing the Barbara Fasken, stated that the city should support their proposal to change the alignment of Section 1 of Loop 20 which would result in a savings to the City of Laredo of \$7,292,000.00 and presented the following figures involved in the re-alignment of the project:

	<u>Alt. No. 1</u>	<u>Alt. No. 2</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Total Project :	37,892,000	28,390,000	9,502,000
TXDOT	28,700,000	26,490,000	2,210,000
City of Laredo:	9,192,000	1,900,000	7,292,000

The above figures submitted by Mr. Mejia were from Wilbur Smith and Associates. He requested that the council accepts alternate no. 2 which they are proposing and if it is accepted by the City Council that a written notice of their support be sent to the Texas Transportation Commission and request that they expand the environmental and public hearing that is planned for the proposed section of the road from Bridge No. 4 to the Mines Roads by extending the study all the way to I.H. 35, not just from the Mines Road to the Bridge and also incorporate the proposed alignment as shown on Alternate No. 2. He proposed that if the alignment is accepted to request in writing that TxDot incorporate the City of Laredo's thoroughfare plan in their design which would include the two north-south arterials and the corresponding grade separations with Section 1, of Loop 20.

Mr. Bob Knuckles with Wilbur Smith Associates explained the report alternatives differences and the cost analysis on Alternatives 1-3 on the alignment.

Mr. Luis Ramirez, TxDOT District Engineer, stated that TxDot is wants the project built and the last thing they want to do is to get in an adversary situation with the City of Laredo and the City Council. He asked that council and landowners agree on whatever issue they want to agree on. He received the figures 30 minutes ago, has not reviewed the figures and he does not dispute any figures coming from any reputable firm. Their intent is not to get in the middle of whose figures are right.

Mr. John R. Hurd, abutting property owner, stated that they have never demanded any money for property donation. He asked that they be given the opportunity to present their numbers to council and concluded by requesting council to go with the original project.

Mr. Robert Muller made it clear to council that alternate no. 2 is the only appropriate route for this project due the City's long term thoroughfare plan which is planned with north-south

arteries.

Motion to approve resolution 95-R-143.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Cm. Perez

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Castañeda

Cm. Jerry Perez

Cm. Cardenas

Against: 2

Cm. Casso

Cm. Moreno

Abstain: 1

Cm. Guerra

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez


For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 7:20 p.m

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1995. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy Secretary II

MINUTES APPROVED ON: December 18, 1995

CORRECTIONS: