

CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS

**CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
ON THE PROPOSED FY 1995-96 BUDGET**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1995

**FIESTA MOTOR INN, FIESTA ROOM
5240 SAN BERNARDO, LAREDO TX (210) 723-3603**

M I N U T E S

AUGUST 10 -12, 1995

M95-W-22

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Saul N. Ramirez called the Budget Workshop 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
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:

Cm. Blas Castaneda was absent on August 10, 1995.

III. GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING PRACTICES - Gonzalez, Farias and Guerra, P.C.

Ms. G.G. Flores of the independent auditing firm of Gonzalez, Farias and Guerra made the presentation to the council.

IV. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LAREDO TO OTHER TEXAS CITIES - First Southwest Company

Mr. Raul Villaseñor of the First Southwest Company, Investment

year CDBG Program Grants we allocate monies for sidewalk paving programs within the CD areas.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. ENGINEERING SERVICES - Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer

- A. STATUS OF THE SIX-YEAR STREET PAVING PROGRAM
- B. STREET RECYCLING & RECONSTRUCTION
- C. STATUS OF THE 1993 G.O. BOND PROJECTS

IX. THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED PLAN WITH APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT - Cindy Collazo

- A. CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FY 96
- B. MUNICIPAL HOUSING
- C. DAY CARE
- D. PROJECT HOME

Motion authorizing the Community Development Department to submit the consolidated plan as presented by staff to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez was not present to vote, Cm. Castaneda was absent)

Motion to organize a neighborhood association as part of the new home construction program that would be able to insure that all city ordinances are complied with in the affordable housing program done thorough the CDBG Program.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to instruct staff to provide the council with an analysis on single family housing units at India and Cortez, and that it not be limited to single units, but to include duplexes and triplexes for Municipal Housing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. RECESS FOR DAY ONE

Motion to recess for Friday, August 11, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. at The Fiesta Inn, Fiesta Room at 5240 San Bernardo.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Workshop recessed at 4:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 1995

I. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST 1995, AND WHICH WAS CONTINUED FROM THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1995.

II. ABSENCES

III. FIRE DEPARTMENT - Mike Perez, Fire Chief

- A. FIRE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION
- B. EMS & AMBULANCE SERVICES
- C. STATUS OF PROPOSED NEW FIRE STATIONS

Motion that staff look into the concern that Unitec provides an alternate entrance in case the railroad blocks the existing entrance during an emergency and that we look into the possibility of changing the fire code to have foam requirements for petroleum storage tanks such as the Diamond Shamrock and the Tomas Petroleum tanks.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Guerra
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. POLICE DEPARTMENT - J.L. Martinez, Police Chief

- A. STATUS OF THE NEW POLICE BUILDING
- B. IMPLEMENTATION OF "MAYO-MURPHY" PLAN
- C. COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

V. PARKS, EDUCATION AND RECREATION

- A. PUBLIC LIBRARY
- B. RECREATION PROGRAMS
- C. PARKS, MEDIAN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE

Motion that Century City, Sierra Vista and Santa Rita in South

Laredo, Lamar and B.P. Newman Elementary and Country Club Estates in District II be included in the development of new parks in the proposed update of the City Parks Master Plan.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion that \$75,000 be appropriated to update the Park Master Plan in the fiscal year, that will incorporate crime prevention through an environmental design concept.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to allocate \$40,000 to \$50,000 for manpower during the school year for part-time workers to help in maintenance as a work cooperative with school districts (LISD & UISD) for approximately 10 people for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. FEDERAL AND STATE UNFUNDED MANDATES

A. SOLID WASTE AND MUNICIPAL LANDFILL - Joe Guerra, Public Works

1. COSTS OF SUBTITLE D LANDFILL REGULATIONS (LANDFILL MONITORING AND TESTING)
2. TEXAS SENATE BILL 1340 (MANDATORY RECYCLING) & MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY
3. PROPOSED REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS

Motion to concur with the recommendations of the Public Works Director to increase fees as follows: tipping fees of \$30.00 per ton for inside city users, \$65.00 for outside city users, and \$115 for outside county; waste transfer vehicle \$4.00 per ton; pickups \$2.00; tires \$1.25 for vehicles, \$1.50 trucks, and \$5.25 for equipment tires; residential mandate fee \$4.25, and commercial mandate fee \$4.25.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Casso
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

B. STORM WATER CLEAN-UP AND THE NATIONAL PERMIT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) - Raj Gunter, City Engineering

VII. HOTEL AND MOTEL FUND - Judy Baber, Internal Auditor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 1995

I. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP HELD ON THE 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1995, WHICH WAS CONTINUED FROM THE 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1995.

II. ABSENCES

III. PROPOSED WATER AND WASTEWATER ANNUAL BUDGETS -Tomas Rodriguez, Utility Services Director

- A. WATER FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
- B. WATER FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
- C. WASTEWATER FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
- D. WASTEWATER FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Motion to instruct staff to prepare the paperwork for \$25 million for water and sewer C.I.P. package loan with NAD Bank and to include water wells and projects for recapturing of water.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to increase the water rate by 2 for commercial users outside the city limits.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Casso
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Utilities Director to increase the sewer commercial rates from \$6.00 to \$7.00, \$.95 to \$1.10, and from \$1.00 to \$1.15.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. PROPOSED EL METRO TRANSIT ANNUAL BUDGET - Rick Pulido, El Metro General Manager

- A. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET
- B. USE OF 1/4 CENT SALES TAX REVENUES
- C. STATUS OF DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CENTER

V. PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ANNUAL BUDGET - Jose Flores, Airport Programs Director

Motion appropriating \$50,000 for additional drainage for gutters, necessary water inlets for the area that affects the Ligarde/Barrios drainage system. Motion is amended that it be included in the \$780,000 that were set aside for channelling and that if it's not within that range that it comes back to council for consideration.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Castañeda
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion that the Economic Development Council staff monies be placed as a branch of the Conventions & Visitors Bureau.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Guerra
Cm. Guerra withdrew his second and motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed in preparing the acquisition of right-of-way property and prepare a preliminary cost estimates on the structure of the San Francisco Bridge over Zacate Creek.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
Second: Cm. Castañeda
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to instruct staff to prepare engineering studies on the existing problem on 3300 Montgomery and also the 3100 block which contains low areas which floods every times it rains, from Montgomery Street and ends south to Texas Street, all the runoff from the Milton-Nixon area.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Casso
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to allow an additional \$5,000 property tax exemption for the elderly from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Moved : Cm. Casso
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: Phyllis Colon, Tax Assessor/Collector, stated that the tax exemption changes need to be done before April of the year that you are taxing.

IX. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.


Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 2:40 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES IN PAGES 01 TO 10 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOPS HELD FROM AUGUST 10, 1995 THRU AUGUST 12, 1995. 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: August 21, 1995