

**CITY OF LAREDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M94-R-02

JANUARY 17, 1994

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, JR.,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ,	"	, DISTRICT II
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	
CARLOS VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	

IV. Approval of Minutes

2. Regular City Council Meeting of January 3, 1994

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Street Improvements Project 50; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets

square feet constituting Building #1405 located at 4120 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;

- a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing January 1, 1994, and ending December 31, 1994;
- b. Monthly rent will be \$111.00; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Jalapeño Festival, Inc., for approximately 9.0 acres of land located on Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
 - a. Lease term is for five (5) days commencing February 16, 1994, and ending February 20, 1994;
 - b. Rental will be one payment of \$1,200.00; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Authorizing the City Manager to accept a perpetual easement for two wastewater collection lines, a lift station, and force main facilities to the City of Laredo from Laredo Northwest Development Limited.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances 94-O-016, and 94-O-017.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 94-O-016 Amending the City of Laredo's 1993-1994 Annual Budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the amount of \$182,600.00 for the hosting of the Tejano Music Awards "Kick-Off Party" and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 94-O-017 Amending the City of Laredo 1993-1994 annual budget for the Landfill Trust Fund providing additional funds in the salary and fringe benefits category for the position of Recycling Program Coordinator; and decreasing the Landfill Trust Fund Reserve Appropriation Account No. 666-2760-534-9900 by \$32,052.00; and increasing Expenditure Line Item #666-2760 from \$0 to \$32,052.00.
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

13. 94-R-004 Appointment of a new member to the Economic Advisory Council by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

Motion approve the appointment of Martin Siordia to the Economic Advisory Council by Mayor Saul Ramirez, Jr.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 94-R-005 Creating a new category and appointing the nominee of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., to the Economic Advisory Council.

Motion creating a new category and appointing Judge Jesus Garza the nominee of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. to the Economic Advisory Council.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 94-R-006 Acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Health for additional funds in the amount of \$112,328.00, for the Immunization Action Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health for additional funds in the amount of \$112,328.00 for the Immunization Action Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period

of January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 94-R-007 Authorizing the City Manager to participate in the construction cost for oversizing Shiloh Drive from I.H. 35 to within 800 feet West of McPherson Road, and a bridge across Manadas Creek.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to participate in the construction cost for oversizing Shiloh Drive from I.H. 35 to within 800 feet West of McPherson road, and a bridge across Manadas Creek.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 94-R-008 Declaring the Public Necessity to acquire a 1.7495 acre (76,206.80 S.F.) tract of land, Leonardo Sanchez, original grantee, situated in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; being out of a 5.6289 acre tract of land, owned by Antonio De Llano, as recorded in Volume 1013, Page 466, of the Webb County Deed Records, Texas; said 1.7495 acre tract of land being more particularly described in Exhibit A. This acquisition is required for necessary Right-of-Way for the extension of Shiloh Drive, West of McPherson Road.

Motion declaring the Public Necessity to acquire a 1.7495 acre (76,206.80 S.F) tract of land, Leonardo Sanchez, original grantee, situated in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, a City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; being out of a 5.6289 acre tract of land. This acquisition is required for necessary Right-of-Way for the extension of Shiloh Drive, West of McPherson Road.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 94-R-009 Authorizing the City Manager to request a license for a water pipeline crossing at Mile Post 407.36, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, from Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. This is for the Del Mar 24" and 30" Water Distribution Mains Project in North Laredo.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to request a license for a water pipeline crossing at Mile Post 407.36, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, from Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. This is for the Del Mar 24" and 30" Water Distribution Mains Project in North Laredo.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 19. 94-R-010 Repealing Resolution No. 93-R-134 and authorizing the City Manager to accept conveyance of 330.5 acre feet of Class A Water Rights out of Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2759 from Killam & Hurd LTD., in partial payment of water availability charges in connection with the platting of the Estates of Winfield P.U.D., and Winfield Phase 1, pursuant to Section 31-92(b) of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances, as amended by Ordinance No. 87-O-25 dated February 2, 1987, by Ordinance No. 88-O-145 dated November 21, 1988, and by Ordinance No. 91-O-100 dated May 6, 1991, which authorizes payment of water availability charges by transfer of water rights; and authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for conversion to municipal use and establish diversion point.

Motion repealing Resolution No. 93-R-134 and authorizing the City Manager to accept conveyance of 330.5 acre feet of Class A Water Rights out of Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2759 from Killam & Hurd LTD., in partial payment of water availability charges in connection with the platting of the Estates of Winfield P.U.D. and Winfield Phase 1.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

- 20. Approval of change order No. 2, an increase of \$38,500.00, Street Paving Assessment Project 46 (43 Blocks) construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a/ South Texas Utility Contractors, Mercedes, Texas, for boring and casing of the storm sewer line crossing the railroad tracks at Chicago Street and at Ugarte Street in West Laredo.

Motion to approve change order No. 2, an increase of \$38,500.00, Street Paving Assessment Project 46 (43 Blocks) construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South

Texas Utility Contractors for boring and casing of the storm sewer line crossing the railroad tracks at Chicago Street and at Ugarte Street in West Laredo.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Award of an engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$374,792.00, to provide surveys, design, preparation of plans and specifications, and Resident Project Representative (inspection Services) for the North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Improvements Project, Economic Development Administration (EDA) Project No. 08-01-02878.

Motion to award engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, for an amount not to exceed \$374,792.00 to provide surveys, design, preparation of plans and specifications, and Resident Project Representative (inspection Services) for the North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Improvements Project Economic Development Administration (EDA) Project No. 01-01-02878.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Big D Lining Systems Company, Midland, Texas, in the amount of \$44,615.00, for the construction of a Landfill Liner for Cell No. 3, of the Laredo Landfill located at U.S. Highway 359, Permit No. 1693 in compliance with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Subtitle "D" requirements.

Motion to award construction contract to the low bidder, Big D Lining Systems Company in the amount of \$44,615.00, for the construction of a Landfill Liner for Cell No. 3, of the Laredo Landfill located at U.S. Highway 359, Permit No. 1693 in compliance with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Subtitle "D" requirements.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Approval of Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$129,150.00, to the engineering contract with Hellmuth, Obata, & Kassaubaum, Inc., Dallas Texas, for the Construction Phase of the Basic Services Contract, and for Resident Project Representative (inspection services) for the Construction of an Air Carrier Apron for the New Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$129,150.00, to the engineering contract with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 24. Award of a contract in the amount of \$30,223.00, to the Low Bidder, Computerland, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of sixteen (16) personal computers for various city departments.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$30,223.00 to the low bidder, Computerland, for the purchase of sixteen (16) personal computers for various city departments.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 25. Award of a contract in the amount of \$27,592.00, to the Low Bidder, Overhead Door of Laredo, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of all required metal doors, frames, and hardware needed for the Health Department Building/Complex interior finishing project.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$27,592.00 to the low bidder, Overhead Door of Laredo, for the purchase of all required metal doors, frames and hardware needed for the Health Department Building/Complex interior finishing project.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 26. Award of a contract in the amount of \$58,450.00, to the Low Bidder, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of all lighting fixtures needed for the Health Department Building/Complex interior finishing project.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$58,450.00 to the low bidder, Consolidated Electrical Distributors, for the purchase of all lighting fixtures needed for the Health Department Building/Complex interior finishing project.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 27. Award of a contract in the amount of \$30,948.00, to the Low

Bidder, Kuenstler Machinery, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of one forklift for the Utilities Department.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$30,948.00 to the low bidder, Kuenstler Machinery, for the purchase of one forklift for the Utilities Department.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of a contract in the amount of \$25,528.00, to the **Low Bidder**, Pumps Unlimited, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of a plant wash down system for the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$25,528.00 to the low bidder, Pumps Unlimited, Inc., for the purchase of a plant wash down system for the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award of a contract in the amount of \$26,200.00, to the **Sole Bidder**, Balch Machine Company, Inc., Brownsville, Texas, for the repair of a raw water pump at the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant.

Motion to award contract in the amount \$26,200.00 to the sole bidder, Balch Machine Company, for the repair of a raw water pump at the Jefferson Street Water Treatment Plant.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award of contracts to the **Low Bidders**, Villarreal Electric, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$26,555.00, and G.T. Distributors, Austin, Texas in the amount of \$2,336.80, for the purchase of emergency vehicle light bars and accessories for the Police Department.

Motion to award contracts to the low bidder, Villarreal Electric in the amount of \$26,555.00 and G.T. Distributors, in the amount of \$2,336.00 for the purchase of emergency vehicle light bars and accessories for the Police Department.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Award of an annual service contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, to the Sole Bidder, Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for providing electrical services for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for maintenance of street lights.

Motion to award an annual service contract in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to the sole bidder, Cantu Electric, for providing electrical services for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for maintenance of street lights.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Award of an annual contract in an amount not to exceed \$88,995.80, to the Low Bidder Meeting Specifications, Core Laboratories, Corpus Christi, Texas, for providing laboratory analytical services for the Utilities Department.

Motion to award annual contract in an amount not to exceed \$88,995.00 to the low bidder meeting specifications, Core Laboratories for providing laboratory analytical services for the Utilities Department.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Refund of property taxes in various amounts to the following individuals or entities:

- a. Cesario Morales, Jr., and wife Armandina Morales in the amount of \$545.80,
- b. Abraham Romero in the amount of \$942.33,
- c. Delia M. Ayala in the amount of \$685.44,
- d. Long Associates in the amount of \$2,564.53,
- e. Ricardo Cigarroa in the amount of \$2,549.16,
- f. American Meat Trading Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,963.47,
- g. Kim Kwang J. and wife Jeoung Kwang in the amount of \$1,006.04.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

34. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial

Reporting to Finance Department Director Diana Arredondo and her staff for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 1992. This is the fifth year in a row that the City receives such a distinct honor.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, read and showed the plaque awarded to the Finance Department to the City Council. Ms. Arredondo was not able to attend and accept the award. He announced that this was the fifth straight year that the Finance Department had received this award.

35. Presentation on the Tejano "Kick-Off" Party to the Mayor and City Council by Assistant City Manager Jesus Nava.

Mr. Nava, Asst. City Manager, made an up-to-date report on the event. He stated that they have received \$23,000 from sponsorships and that about \$24,000 will go for bands expenses to which there will be seven (7) bands that will be performing in that event. He added that the event will be televised by Telemundo, Channel 28 in Monterrey, Channels 4 and 10 that will cover 7 cities in Mexico, KLDO will televise a two hour special on the kickoff party.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Cm. Castaneda publicly thanked the Public Works Department on the worked done to clean the channels in his area.

Mayor asked that staff look into the paving situation at the Jewish section of the cemetery due to height problems.

Motion to waive the regular rules of business and move items E(1), F(1), F(2), D(2), and B(1) for consideration at this time.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

36. Request by the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request By Councilmember Jose R. Perez, Jr.

1. Discussion and presentation by Jesus Hernandez concerning Veterans affairs in the City.

Mr. Jesus Hernandez thanked the Mayor and Council for their letters and support given to him and other

veterans of this community. He asked that the city consider participation on a State Veterans Home with the federal government participating with 65% and the city or county participating with 35%. He requested that the city consider donating land at the old airbase to accommodate 200 veterans.

Mayor Ramirez thanked Mr. Hernandez for his vision on this project and announced that they are working on presenting this project with Mr. Gary Mauro and others to make this a reality.

A. Request By Councilmember Jose R. Perez, Jr.

2. Update report with possible action on the Tinaja Creek Channelization from New York to Pine Street.

Cm. Perez stated that he had gotten a report from staff earlier and will be getting a starting date and schedule by the next city council meeting.

B. Request By Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez

1. Presentation by Ann Vela of the Laredo Center for the Arts quarterly report.

Mrs. Ann Vela presented a package to the council and explained the events, calendars, etc.
(No package was presented to the City Secretary for the record)

She informed council that they hold 2 tours per week from San Antonio groups; school tours every week; art classes every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; and video presentations on Saturdays.

She requested staff support from council. She will prepare a minimum requirements, job description, and expense report to staff for council consideration at a later date.

C. Request By Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge

1. Presentation with possible action by Louis Bruni concerning the fire protection at the UNITEC facility.

Motion to table indefinitely.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request By Councilmember Cecilia Moreno

1. Discussion and possible action concerning a request for an accident, and traffic study at the intersection of Monterrey Avenue and Clark Boulevard to see if area warrants a traffic light.

Mr. Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated that a study of the last two years had been performed and that in the last two weeks they took a count to see if there was a change in the traffic count but that it still does not meet the requirements for a light. He said that in the last 3 years there have been 9 accidents, 8 of which were rear-enders of accidents going west/down hill. He recommends eliminating turning left at this location on lane going west.

2. Could possibly be a presentation by Nixon High School representatives depending on the contents of the contract with Volume Services. In any case she would still like discuss the contract and its ramifications.

Miss Joyce Escobedo, a student from Nixon High School, asked that the city assist them with their event, because they are limited in funds and the present concession service is too expensive.

Jesus Nava, Asst. City Manager, stated that they will work with the high schools and the contractor and use the rights the city reserved to help the high schools.

E. Request By Councilmember Blas Castañeda

1. 94-R-002 Honoring the All American Cheerleaders for their outstanding performance at the National Cheerleaders Association National Championship Competition held in Dallas on December 27 & 28, 1993.

Resolution Proclamation honoring the All American Cheerleaders for their outstanding performance at the National Cheerleader Association National Championship Competition held in Dallas on December 27 & 28, 1993.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

F. Request By Councilmember Eduardo "Eddie" Perales

1. Presentation by Andrés S. Rodriguez concerning his book, Por Amor, 106 Poesías, and the San Augustin Plaza. (Co-sponsored by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.)

Mr. Rodriguez presented to council a package containing the poems "Plaza San Agustin" and "El Lago Casablanca" with copies of newspaper clippings depicting other poems, articles, letters of recognition, etc.

F. Request By Councilmember Eduardo "Eddie" Perales

2. 94-R-003 Designating Andres S. Rodriguez Spanish "Poet Laureate" of the City of Laredo for his exceptional talent in composing poetry which reflects the rich cultural heritage of his hometown, Laredo, Texas.

Motion designating Andres S. Rodriguez Spanish "Poet Laureate" of the City of Laredo for his exceptional talent in composing poetry which reflects the rich cultural heritage of his hometown, Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

G. Request By Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

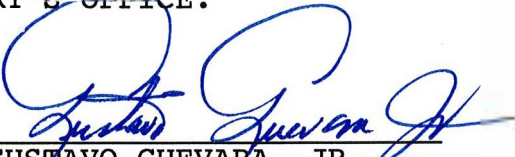
1. Discussion and possible action concerning wreckers in the downtown area. Specifically, wreckers picking-up cars in private parking lots, wreckers double parking, and wreckers going the wrong way on one way streets.

Mr. Tellez, City Attorney, stated that the city has no control on wrecker services picking up vehicles on private lots; that when a police officer is ticketing a vehicle and a wrecker stops at the same, a reasonable time by the officer should be considered; and that the wrecker services must obey and observe all traffic laws including the prohibition of double parking and going the wrong way when picking up vehicles.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the truck traffic on San Ignacio Avenue between Scott and Sanchez Streets.

He stated that his concern was the speeding by truckers at this location and that citizens are having their mail boxes knocked down. He asked that staff issue a letter to the railroad company addressing the blocking of the street crossing and that the police department patrol the area for speeders.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 16 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1994. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary II

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: