

**CITY OF LAREDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-94-R-13

MAY 2, 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,	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	
CARLOS VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Special City Council Meeting of April 25, 1994

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Aldridge came in at 5:37 p.m.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to convey an off-site drainage easement to Hill Top Farm, Ltd. for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a storm drainage discharge line from Los Presidentes Subdivision, Unit 7 detention pond into a tributary of Chacon Creek.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of hosting a Family Festival on May 21, 1994, sponsored by Z93 Radio Station and Kraft Foods, Inc.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #94-O-085, #94-O-086, #94-O-087, #94-O-088, #94-O-089, #94-O-090, #94-O-091, #94-O-093, #94-O-094, #94-O-095, #94-O-096, #94-O-097, and #94-O-098.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. 94-0-085 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Francisco Alderete d/b/a Alderete & Associates for approximately 409 square feet constituting Room #8 of Building #S-1 located at 1718 East Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport;
- a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing May 1, 1994, and ending April 30, 1995;
 - b. Monthly rent will be \$355.00; providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 94-0-086 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Tri-Group International, Inc., for approximately 16,000 square feet constituting Building #60 located at 4810 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
- a. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing May 1, 1994, and ending April 30,

9. 94-0-089 Closing the hearing on Project 51 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 94-0-090 Approval of an amendment to the budget for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project, of the City of Laredo Health Department decreasing funds from \$152,886.00 to \$145,886.00 for the period beginning July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994; and decreasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-132-4055 from \$152,886.00 to \$145,886.00; and decreasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6078 from \$152,886.00 to \$145,886.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 94-0-091 Approval of a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for the previously approved two-year HIV Care Consortia Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 1993, through March 31, 1995, and the second year budget in the amount of \$163,205.00, and increasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-323-4051 from \$0 to \$163,205.00; and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6096 from \$0 to \$163,205.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 94-0-093 Calle Del Norte Paving Improvement Project declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of a certain street in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the street paving assessment roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 6th day of June 1994. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

13. 94-0-094 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Block 1575, Eastern Division located at 2605 Ross Street from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

14. 94-0-095 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 7, & 8, Block 1039 and Blocks X18, X19, X20, 1051 and 1052, located at 3317 Sacred Heart Drive, from R-2 (Multi-family Residential District) to AG (Agriculture District); providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

15. 94-0-096 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7 Block 255, Eastern Division, located at 1812 Marcella Street, of the City of Laredo, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

16. 94-0-097 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 4, out of Rancho Viejo Subdivision, Phase 1, located on Rancho Viejo Drive and West of Mines Road from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business

Texas-General Services Commission, Catalog Sales Program.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

20. Award of a contract in the amount of \$234,955.00 to the IBM Corporation, Austin, Texas, for the purchase of IBM disk drives, user memory and a tape backup system for the AS-400 computer system. All items will be purchased through the State of Texas-General Services Commission, Catalog Sales Program.

Motion to award of a contract in the amount of \$234,955.00 to the IBM Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Approval of change order no. 4, a decrease of \$35,696.50 acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$133,725.55, to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 41 (47 Blocks).

Motion to approve change order no. 4, a decrease of \$35,696.50 acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$133,725.55 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Award of an architectural engineering services contract to Frontera Associates International Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 to provide surveys, design and preparation of plans and specifications for Four (4) Neighborhood Recreation Centers.

Motion to award of an architectural engineering services contract to Frontera Associates International Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 to provide surveys design and preparation of plans and specifications for Four (4) Neighborhood Recreation Centers.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of a Professional Library Building Consultant Services Contract to John J. Miniter, Denton, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$21,342.00, for the New Main Library.

Motion to award a Professional Library Building Consultant Services Contract to John J. Miniter, for an amount not to exceed \$21,342.00 for the New Main Library.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Cooperation Agreement between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and the City of Laredo, in the amount of \$89,600.00 cash contribution by the City of Laredo for construction of the Upper Zacate Creek Flood Control Project in Laredo, Texas.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Cooperation Agreement between the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Laredo, in the amount of \$89,600.00 cash contribution by the City of Laredo for construction of the Upper Zacate Creek Flood Control Project in Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Approval of change order no. 4, an increase of \$7,841.25, to the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 46 (43 Blocks) construction contract with J and B Contractors, d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Mercedes, Texas, for the construction of a parking lot at Villa Del Sol Subdivision Park.

Motion to approve change order no. 4, an increase of \$7,841.25 to the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 46 construction contract with J and B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors for the construction of a parking lot at Villa Del Sol Subdivision.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Authorizing the City Manager to issue a Land Use Permit with Panorama Broadcasting, Inc., d/b/a KLDO for approximately 9.0 acres located on Maher Avenue for the purpose of hosting "Tarde De Oro", a one-day fair, on May 14, 1994.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to issue a Land Use Permit with Panorama Broadcasting, Inc., d/b/a KLDO for

approximately 9.0 acres located on Maher Avenue for the purpose of hosting "Tarde de Oro", a one-day fair, on May 14, 1994.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Approval of the General Fund contract with the Laredo Crimestoppers, Inc., for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Motion to approve of the General Fund contract with the Laredo Crimestoppers, Inc. for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993 to September 30, 1994, in the amount of \$10,000.00.

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

Against: 0 Abstain; 0

Under Communications:

- a. Cm. Juarez asked from staff what was city policy on Workmen's Compensation for employees who are involved in an accident in terms of the individuals coming in back to work after being involved in some type of an accident, if they have options available or an alternative plan whereby an individual could come to work less than full time.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, stated that when someone has come off from workmen's compensation, it is basically because the doctor has already told them that they are capable of coming back to their position. He added there is also what we refer to as light duty, in the event that he doctor says that the person is capable of coming back to work.

- b. Cw. Aldridge stated that she had been approached by elderly persons over the age of 65 who complained that the water utility deposit of \$100 when they wanted a name change was too high and asked if staff could lower the deposit to half the amount.

Mr. Vargas stated that this would require amending the present ordinance and that they would present the amendment at a future date for council consideration.

- c. Cm. Castaneda announced that Richard Perez had received a Master Degree in Business from University of Kansas.

- d. Cm. Castaneda introduced Ms. Diana Tamez of the Laredo Convention & Tourist Bureau who in turned presented a video presentation. She presented a written six month overview report to the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

(No report was submitted to the City Secretary's Office.)

- e. Cm. Cardenas announced that the 'Dia de Las Madres VIP Party scheduled for Tuesday at Pepe Trevino's Ranch has been changed to the Civic Center at 8:00 p.m.

IX. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

28. Request by Mayor and City Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request by Councilmember Eduardo "Eddie" Perales

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the pavement of Marcella Street between Calton Street and Hillside Road.

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, stated that the original plans were in project 45, but it is now in project 58 and that the landowners have still not donated the necessary right-of-way of a minimum of 40 feet. He concluded by saying that they will give the council a report on alternatives.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 6:30 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 11 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THIS THE 2ND OF MAY, 1994 AT 5:30 P.M. 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

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: May 16, 1994

CORRECTIONS: