

CITY OF LAREDO  
WORKSHOP BETWEEN THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND  
THE ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1110 HOUSTON STREET  
AUGUST 1, 1994 FROM 3:30 TO 5:00 P.M.

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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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

In Attendance:

Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., Mayor  
Jose R. Perez, Jr., Councilmember, District I  
Louis H. Bruni, " , District II  
Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso, " , District III  
Cecilia May Moreno, " , District IV  
Joe A. Guerra, " , District VI  
Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary

IV. Items for Discussion

A. Presentation of EAC members and materials

Lisha Adela Garcia, Economic Development Center Director, introduced the Economic Development Council members present. The members present were Mario Nova, County Court At Law Judge Jesus Garza, Frank Boenning, Dr. Roger Worsley, and Jaime Loera.

The council members consist of representatives of the following community sectors: Education and Training; Health and Environmental; Utilities; Transportation; Retail Downtown; Quality of Life and the Maquiladoras; Retail-North; Real Estate and Land Development; Customhouse Brokers; Banking; Legal and Judicial; Manufacturing; and ex-officio members Mayor Saul Ramirez, and Councilmembers Jerry Perez and Blas Castañeda.

B. Presentation of EAC chairs.

Co-Chair Mario Nova spoke on the background, composition, and guidelines of the Economic Advisory Council.

Co-Chair Jesus Garza spoke on the 9 workshops held and planned throughout the community. He stressed that work training and education are the biggest issues that need to be dealt with in this community and was addressed at every workshop held. He also stated that it was the consensus of the workshops that the City of Laredo could do a better job by promoting itself.

C. Current status and future perspective

Judge Garza asked that assured funding is needed in the amount of \$115,000 with the need to increase it in the future and hire more personnel for the acquisition of federal grants.

Judge Garza informed the council that an ongoing data collection process is in place and will continue to gather data for the next 6 months. Upon the second 6 months period, they will make a presentation of the recommendations of the different industries.

V. Discussion of the further efforts of Economic Advisory Council.

Judge Garza stressed the need for more public and private sector partnerships to create more jobs and increase in business activities. They have also undertaken various special projects such as the coordinating body for the South Texas Quality Workforce position paper and participation in a major grant writing project with 5 other entities for a School to Work skill assessment grant to the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness.

They will sponsor a Protocol Workshop to take place on August 19, 1994 with Laredo companies which will focus on Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Guerra

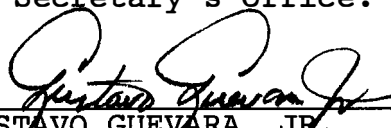
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 4:44 P.M.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 03 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the Workshop between the Laredo City Council and the Economic Advisory Council held on the 1st day of August, 1994. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY