

**CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-93-S-20

JULY 26, 1993

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

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cw. Cecilia Moreno due to an out-of-town commitment.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Earthen Channel Agreement between the City of Laredo and United Independent School District of Laredo, Texas ("UISD").

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

V. RESOLUTIONS

3. 93-R-081 Authorizing the City Attorney to file Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire all of Block 1 of the Don Rey of Texas Subdivision as per plat records in Volume 5, page 82, Webb County Plat Records, for the extension of Springfield Avenue past Del Mar Boulevard (with possible Executive Session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(f)).

Motion to wait until the end of the agenda to take action.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion authorizing the City Attorney to file Eminent Domain Proceedings to acquire all of Block 1 of the Don Rey of Texas Subdivision as per plat records in Volume 5, page 82, Webb County Plat Records, for the extension of Springfield Avenue past Del Mar Blvd.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. MOTIONS

4. Award of a contract to Low Bidder, Larry A. Norton & Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$113,639.01, for the purchase of personal computers for use by various City Departments.

Motion to award contract to low bidder, Larry A. Norton & Company, in the amount of \$113,639.01 for the purchase of personal computers for use by various City Departments.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Award of a professional services contract to Gonzalez, Farias and Guerra, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$56,000.00, for financial audit services for FY 1992-1993.

Motion to award professional services contract to Gonzalez, Farias and Guerra, in the amount of \$56,000.00 for financial audit services for FY 1992-1993.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

6. Request for Executive Session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(f) for a review of the City Manager's salary, and possible action concerning his contract with the City.

Motion to until the end of the agenda for council consideration of this item.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Presentation by Commander Lino Nuncio, Jr., of the Catholic War Veterans to Mayor Saul N. Ramirez for his support in making their 4th of July celebration a success. (Sponsored by Councilman Felipe Cardenas)

Commander Lino Nuncio, Jr. and Mr. Lefty Martinez presented the Mayor a Certificate of Appreciation from the Catholic War Veterans.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Amending Section 2-1 of the Subdivision Ordinance by adding Subsection (e), excepting the conveyance of street rights-of-way to abutting property owners from the platting requirements; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 2-1 of Subdivision Ordinance, by adding Subsection (e), excepting the conveyance of street rights-of-way to abutting property owners from platting requirements; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Rezoning Block 697, Lots 7 and 8, Eastern Division from R-0 (Residential Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District) located at 1219 Chihuahua; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 697, Lot 7 and 8, Eastern Division, located at 1219 Chihuahua from R-0 (Residential Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation before council.

Motion to reopen the hearing for reconsideration.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Longoria, stated that his client is recommending denial of the zone change request.

Mrs. Kirpatrick stated she is against the zone change request.

Mr. James William Kirpatrick spoke against allowing the zone change.

Mr. Manuel T. Longoria, owner of the south lots, spoke against the zone change.

Atty. Sergio Martinez, representing Mr. Pena, spoke in favor of allowing his client the zone change request.

Maria Pena, agent of Rio Realty who sold the property to Mr. Adolfo Gonzalez Pena, spoke in favor of granting Mr. Pena the zone change request.

Mr. Michael Talley spoke in favor of allowing the car wash to be built at the location at 1219 Chihuahua.

Motion to concur with P&Z to deny the zone change request and to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 2

(Cw. Aldridge)

(Cm. Juarez)

Against: 5

(Cm. Perez)

(Cm. Castaneda)

(Cm. Perales)

(Cm. G. Perez)

(Cm. Cardenas)

Abstain: 0

Motion dies to deny the zone change.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 9. Rezoning Block 1207, Lot 7, and the eastern half of Lot 8, Eastern Division, from R-1 (Single Family Residence District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District), located at 204 through 208 Bartlett Street and 2114 Green Street; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1207, Lot 7 and East half of 8, Eastern Division, located at 204-208 N. Bartlett and 2114 Green, from R-1 (Single Family Residence District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup made the presentation before the council.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. & Mrs. Treviño, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing; approve the zone change request; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 10. Rezoning Block 1081, Lot 7 and the eastern half of Lot 8, Eastern Division, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District), located at 1920 Willow; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1081, Lots 7 and the eastern half of 8, Eastern Division, located at 1920 Willow Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) and R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mrs. Kowis, a resident on Aldama Street, spoke against the zone change request and wants the zone to stay R-1.

Mr. Jose Luis Medina, a resident on Willow, stated that he wants to break the lot in order to sell the lot.

Motion to close the public hearing and concur with P&Z to deny the zone change request.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge
 Second: Cm. Juarez
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 11. Rezoning 1.23 acres out of Porcion 25 from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District), located at the 7000 Block of San Bernardo; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.23 acres out of Porcion 25, located on the Southern Porcion of the 7000 Block of San Bernardo, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Castaneda

Moved :
Second:
For: Against: 0 Abstain: 0

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 42.37 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation before the council.

Mr. Tom Ramirez, local engineer, spoke in favor of the zone change request. He added that he was in favor of all the six ordinances to adopted by council.

Motion to approve Tract I and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Mayor Ramirez questioned staff about the six tracts that are divided into different acreage and the ordinances that are being introduced which were not comparable in acreage. Mayor Ramirez asked that council recess at this time and asked Mrs. Sukup to get together with her staff and put them in the correct order.

Motion to recess this public hearing at this time and proceed in opening public hearing #14.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to table all six ordinances for next week's meeting as six separate ordinances for consideration and to post wording properly.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 5.048 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 2.57 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 18.32 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 9.779 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 12.435 acre tract in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, located in Crown Ridge Subdivision, as further described in Attachment "A" from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

14. Rezoning the east half of Block 31, located at the southeast corner of Calton Road and San Francisco Street in Calton Gardens Subdivision, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the eastern half of Block 31, located at the

southeast corner of Calton Road and San Francisco in Calton Gardens Subdivision, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation before council.

Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Pancho Mims, requested the zone change for the purpose of constructing a Sherwin-Williams store across the Texas Hardware store.

Motion to close the public hearing; introduce; and approve the zone change request which includes staff's additional right-of-way request.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perales

15. Rezoning 11.73 acres of Blocks 51, 52, 55 & 61 in Porcion 25, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District), located at 6105 San Dario; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.73 acres of Blocks 51, 52, 55 and 61 in Porcion 25, located at 6105 San Dario, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) ; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing; approve the zone change request; and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perales

16. Rezoning 2.9036 acres out of a 10 acre tract in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District), located at 5615 East Saunders (Hwy. 59); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.9036 acres out of a 10 acre tract in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, as further described in "Attachment A", from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Gilbert Sanchez, representing the families surrounding the Trucking firm, spoke against the zone change request.

Mr. Tom Ramirez, a local engineer, spoke in favor of granting the developer the zone change request.

Mr. J.O. Alvarez, representing Mr. Mel Quesada and builder of the project, spoke in favor of granting Mr. Quesada the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; override P&Z and approve the zone change request with the requirement that the paving is done in its entirety, property is landscaped, and that a solid fence be provided on the west side; and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Juarez

17. Rezoning Block 286, Lot 10, Eastern Division, located at 706 Musser Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 286, Lot 10, Eastern Division, located at 706 Musser, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P&Z to approve the zone change request; and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

18. Authorizing a Special Use Permit for 2.8935 acres out of Abstract 268, Porcion 24 which is currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residence District), located at the end of Superior Drive; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.8935 acres in Porcion 24, Abstract 268, further described in "Attachment A", from R-1 (Single Family Residence District) to Special Use Permit for Manufactured Housing Park; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Jad Gilpin, of 206 Sparks, spoke against the proposed zone change request.

Mr. Jessie Jacaman, an Alta Mira Subdivision property owner, spoke against the zone change request.

Mrs. June Leyendecker, property owner adjacent to the Salinas and Garcia properties, requested that council's action is to leave the area as an R-1 subdivision.

Mrs. Rosa Benavides spoke against the zone change request.

Dr. Enrique Benavides spoke against the zone change request.

Mrs. Jane Connally spoke against the zone change request.

Ms. Vicky Ottmers, representing Candlewood and Broadcrest residents, stated that the 79 residents signed a petition against the zone change request.

Mr. Marco Garcia, representing Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Garcia, stated that the residents that are to locate to their subdivision don't want to relocate to south Laredo, but rather, they want to continue to stay in north Laredo.

Mrs. Garcia, mobile home park developer, spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Mrs. Irene Gonzalez spoke in favor of allowing the Garcias the zone change request for a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Home Park in order to place their mobile homes in the north Laredo area.

Mrs. Rick Tanner, a mobile home owner, spoke in favor of the of the mobile home zone change request.

Mrs. Janie Gomez, mobile home owner on San Dario in Casa Norte, spoke in support of the zone change request.

Mrs. Mel Cambell, a mobile home owner, spoke in favor of the zone change request for the Garcias.

Mrs. Sally Nuñez spoke in favor of the zone change.

Mrs. Pamela Denny spoke in favor of the mobile home park zone change request.

Mr. Raul Garcia, representing the Garcia family, asked the council for their support for the zone change request.

Mr. Joseph Garcia spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to table until further discussion with the Garcias, Cm. Perales and the adjoining property owners.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Amending Chapter 24 Section 24-61 Definitions And Interpretations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo providing for Appendix "A" Definitions; Section 24-62 District and Boundaries, establishing Zoning Districts And Specific Use Overlay Districts, Special Use Permits; Conditional Use Permits; and consolidating statements of district purpose; Section 24-63 Effects Of Districting And General Regulations; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 24 Section 24-61 Definitions And Interpretations of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo providing for Appendix "A" Definitions; Section 24-62 District and Boundaries, establishing Zoning Districts And

Specific Use Overlay Districts, Special Use Permits; Conditional Use Permits; and consolidating statements of district purpose; Section 24-63 Effects Of Districting And General Regulations; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation before council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing; table the item; and re-advertise as a public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. Perales
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0


X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was 9:00 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 14 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF JULY, 1993. 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: AUGUST 2, 1993

*NOTE: Item 16 - On August 2, 1993 Council amended to change address from 2515 Saunders to 5615 East Saunders (typo on agenda)