

**CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-93-S-28

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
CARLOS VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	

ABSENCES:

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. had to take plane to Washington that evening.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Second public hearing on adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 and appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993 and ending September 30, 1994, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem was presiding and not voting.)

Mario Novoa, representing the Laredo Builders Association, stated that certain new capital improvements in the water and sewer systems of the City of Laredo are badly needed in

continued growth demand. He added that they do not agree with the council's approval to increases on impact fees to new water connections. The association suggested that a resolution be adopted by council which considers the following proposal for a more reliable revenue source:

1. General Fund Contribution					\$ 500,000
2. Capital Improvement Fund					1,000,000
	(33,205 users x \$4.00 rate)				
3. Large volume water users surcharge					
	<u>Volume (gals.)</u>	<u>Users</u>	<u>Mo. Chg.</u>	<u>Per Yr.</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
	100,000 & over	449	23.00	276	123,924
	50,000-100,000	787	18.75	225	177,075
	40,000-50,000	600	14.50	174	<u>104,400</u>
					<u>405,399</u>
					\$2,499,239

Mr. Evan J. Quiroz stated that he is against the new impact lot fee, because it will add substantially to the cost of developing properties.

Jessie Jacaman was in favor of the \$4.00 increase on the water rate, because he felt it was presently too low.

Mrs. Peggy Newman stated that it was being unfair for the developers to foot the bill for new development. She asked that a work shop with the developers and the city council be held.

Robert Gutierrez said that Laredo should use vision and prepare for the future. He wanted to know why the City of Laredo is now in the business of building homes.

Albert Muller III, representing the Laredo Builders Association, went over figures of increased impacts fees for the past 3 years. He said that the \$1.50 over what we have proposed increase is what they want.

Mr. Jesus Ponce wanted to know the average of usage of water in Laredo was to which Tomas Rodriguez, Water Utilities Director answered that the average is 20,000 gals. per month at \$48.00 which includes water, sewer, and garbage. That 30% of the users consume 10,000 gallons at \$16.00 per month. Mr. Ponce agreed that a surcharge be added for those high users.

Mr. Hugo Gutierrez spoke against the increase on the impact fees, because it would drive the costs up.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
 Second: Cm. Castaneda
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 3. Second public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.5101 for 1993, approving the 1993 tax rate and providing for the levy and collection of general and special ad valorem taxes and the alcoholic beverage tax for the City of Laredo for the 1993 tax year and the 1993-94 fiscal year.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

II. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

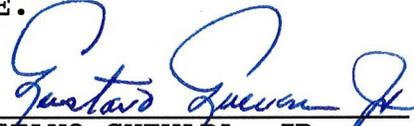
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time - 8:04 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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: