

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
1110 HOUSTON STREET
5:30 P.M.

M-92-R-06

M I N U T E S

FEBRUARY 18, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Pro-Tem Hector J. Liendo called the meeting to order in absence of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Hector J. Liendo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. 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
HECTOR J. LIENDO,	"	, DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
ANTHONY McGETTRICK,	CITY ATTORNEY	

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. and Cm. Eduardo Perales.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Special City Council Meeting: January 27, 1992
Regular City Council Meeting: February 3, 1992
Special City Council Meeting: February 10, 1992

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending Chapter 15, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances to

add Section 15-66 (Definitions), Section 15-67 (Requiring a Permit and Fee for the Management of Hazardous Materials), Section 15-68 (Workplace Hazardous Materials Management List), Section 15-69 (Exceptions), Section 15-70 (Guidelines by City Fire Chief), Section 15-71 (Denial of Permit or Renewal; Suspension or Revocation of Permit), Section 15-72 (Prohibited Acts), and Section 15-73 (Providing for a Penalty); providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinance(s) #92-0-043 #92-0-044, #92-0-45, and #92-0-46.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

4. 92-0-043 Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 3 of the water supply and controlled development contract between the City of Laredo and Royal Joint Venture, which amends paragraph 17 to provide for payment of funds for improvements to the City's water system on a per platted acreage basis; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. 92-0-044 Approving a two-day lease with Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., for the approximate 13 acres located on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 92-0-045 Amending the General Fund budget for fiscal year 1991-1992, as amended, to increase line item, Police Department, Machinery and Equipment, from \$23,600.00 to \$50,600.00 for the acquisition of radio equipment necessary for the implementation of the 911 System; and to reduce the line item, Reserve Appropriation, by \$27,000.00. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 92-0-046 Approval of new contract and budget for HIV/AIDS Services with the Texas Department of Health for the period beginning January 1, 1992 and ending December 31, 1992. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTION(S)

8. 92-R-014 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2783 involving the transfer of 124.32 acre feet of Class B water rights from Cristobal Martinez, et al; to the City of Laredo; their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Motion to approve.

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

9. 92-R-015 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-421 involving transfer of 7.5 acre feet of Class B water rights from Araceli Hernandez to the City of Laredo; their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 92-R-016 Appointing the nominee of Councilmember Jose R. Perez, Jr. to the Charter Revision Committee.

Motion to approve.

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

11. 92-R-017 Authorizing sale of Certificates of Obligation in amount of \$6,700,000, and Improvement & Refunding Bonds in amount of \$21,695,000 on March 16, 1992; and selecting the underwriters for these sales.

Mr. Steve Elliot, from First Southwest Financial Advisors, made the presentation before the City Council.

Motion to approve.

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

12. 92-R-018 Directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Waterworks System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$3,700,000.

Motion to approve.

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

13. 92-R-019 Directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$2,000,000.

Motion to approve.

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

14. 92-R-020 Directing publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Paving Assessment Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992, in the principal amount of \$1,000,000.

Motion to approve.

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

VIII. MOTIONS

instruction of staff to proceed according to the new schedule.

Motion of adoption of proposed amended annexation schedule and instruction of staff to proceed according to the new schedule.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

25. Presentation by Frank Leach, Laredo Development Foundation.

Mr. Frank Leach, Director of the Laredo Development Foundation, made a presentation before the council on the LDF Annual Report. He spoke on industrial attractions, existing industry program, and special projects.

26. Discussion regarding a petition received in favor of opening St. Augustin Street from Grant Street to Lincoln Street for light vehicle traffic.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, stated that he would have a more complete report by the next council meeting.

- 26(a) Cm. Perez requested a status report under communications from Mr. Jesus Olivares, Parks & Recreation Director, on the Boys-Girls Club in South Laredo.

Mr. Olivares stated that he would be back to council by the next meeting to call for bids on the property to meet legal requirements.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

27. Request from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Hector Liendo:

1. Request by Mr. Braulio Martinez of Webb County to address the City Council on landfill fees.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, requested that the item be tabled for the next council meeting.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion regarding amenities for the proposed Convention Center.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Recognition of Student Councils from United and Nixon High Schools to address City Council on rates at the Civic Center.

Francisco Sanchez, representing Nixon High School together with a student delegation, spoke before the council requesting the use of the facilities at no charge or at 50%.

Mr. Vargas stated that they needed to prepare a report to see how it would impact the city by the first meeting in March.

C. Request from Councilmember Consuelo Montalvo:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding parking at St. Augustine Church.

Father Tom Davis requested the removal of two double parking meters one the 200 block of San Bernardo and the second on 900 block of Zaragoza.

His second request was to close the 200 block of San Agustin on Sundays only from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Motion to relocate the two requested meters, one on San Bernardo and one on Zaragoza.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

On the matter of closing the 200 block of San Agustin on Sundays, staff recommended that they be allowed to look into this request for the purpose clearing safety concerns.

D. Request from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez:

1. Report regarding the status of the contract with the Tecolotes.

Mr. Larry Dovalina, Civic Center Director, made the presentation before the council. He stated that they have looked at two contracts; one is basically the same as last year's with more details and the second is an option where the baseball team takes over the facility and the entire operation. He added that by the next meeting in March, they would have a more complete contract draft for council to look at.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the Public Hearing(s):

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Juarez

For : 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. That a public hearing for the proposed paving assessments on Project 38 be held and that the ordinance closing the hearing and fixing a lien and charge be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing on the Project 38 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project, and fixing a lien and charge.

Mr. Amador Escudero, City Engineer, made the presentation before the council.

A letter was read by Mayor Pro-tem from Elisa Perez Saenz of 1410 S. Texas in regards to storm drainage to be placed to prevent soil erosion as the water drains into Tinaja Creek.

Mr. Escudero stated that this problem is being addressed.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, Independant Property Appraiser, testified to the enhanced property values.

Mrs. Helen Ibañez asked for consideration for retired and limited income people on payment for the assessment.

She was referred to Mrs. Collazo from CDA for possible assistance.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

29. That a public hearing be held regarding a change in the zoning from R-2 to B-4 SUZD on Block 1461, all lots, Eastern Division, and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1461, Eastern Division, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-4 SUZD (Highway Commercial Specific Use Zoning District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Rick Vasquez from the Planning Dept. made the presentation before the City Council.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mercy Hospital spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

30. That a public hearing be held regarding a change in the zoning from RO to B-3 on Block 150, Lots 3, 4, and 5, Western Division, and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 150, Lots 3, 4, and 5, Western Division, from RO (Residential Office District) to B-2 (Central Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Rick Vasquez made the presentation before the City Council.

There was no public input.

Motion to approve a B-2, close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

(Cw. Aldridge was out temporarily.)

31. First public hearing on the proposed annexation of a 123.02 acre tract, known as, Los Obispos.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Cw. Aldridge not present.)

Dan Hebner from the Planning Dept. made the presentation before council.

There was no public input in favor or against.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Juarez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. First public hearing on the proposed annexation of a 371.7869 acre tract, known as, La Bota Ranch Residential #1.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Juarez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Dan Hebner, Planner III, made the presentation before council.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, representing Mr. Albert Muller, spoke in favor of the annexation.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

33. Public hearing regarding the 1991 Airport Master Plan Update Report.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Mass Transit Board.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Motion to adopt and certify the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Plan prepared by the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro).

Mr. Rick Pulido, Transit General Manager, made the presentation before the council. He presented four (4) copies of the plan to the City Secretary for public inspection and review.

Motion was made to adopt and certify the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Plan.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as Mass Transit Board and reconvene as City Council.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Juarez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

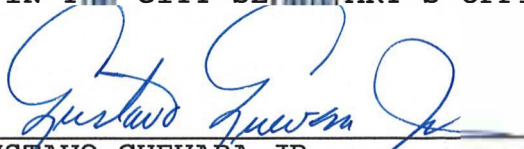
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Adjournment was at 8:00 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 13 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1992. 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: MAR 2 1992

CORRECTIONS: