

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

M-92-R-31

M I N U T E S

SEPTEMBER 21, 1992

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
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	

Motion to excuse Cm. Cardenas due to a death in the family.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Perez not present)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Special City Council Meeting: September 3, 1992
- Special City Council Meeting: September 4, 1992
- Special City Council Meeting: September 5, 1992
- Regular City Council Meeting: September 8, 1992
- Special City Council Meeting: September 12, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to add that the Mayor came in at 9:45 on the Special Council Meeting of September 12, 1992.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 5

Against:

Abstain: 1
(Cw. Aldridge)

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Street Improvements Project 41; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets 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 16th day of November, 1992.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract by and on behalf of the City of Laredo as Zone Grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94, and operator of Foreign-Trade Zone Site 1 of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94, with Liverpool Enterprises, Inc., to allow Liverpool Enterprises, Inc., to use a designated portion of said Foreign-Trade Zone Site for Foreign-Trade Zone operation; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Alzafar Temple for the purpose of holding a circus, at the approximate 13 acres of land located on Saunders Avenue, at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Repealing the lease between the City of Laredo and IRCO Corporation authorized by Ordinance 92-O-110, dated May 26, 1992, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with IRCO Corporation for the approximate 97,183 square feet of land constituting Building # 1315, located at 2015 Pappas Street, at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Laredo Airport Ventures, Inc., a Texas Corporation, for the approximate 562,500 square feet of land located at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Amending Section 24-82 (f)(b)(1)(f) of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo to permit more than one free standing sign per commercial business premises under certain conditions.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$23,396.00 from the Program Generated Income Account of the Laredo Narcotics Task Force to the Personnel Account of the Laredo Narcotics Task Force.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Approving the 1992 Tax Roll and providing for the levy and collection of general and special ad valorem and occupation taxes for the City of Laredo for the Tax Year 1992 and the Fiscal Year 1992 - 1993.
(To be discussed in conjunction with Budget items.)

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to proceed as introduction of the 1992 Tax Roll and providing for the levy and collection of general and special ad valorem and occupation taxes for the City of Laredo for the Tax Year 1992 and the Fiscal Year 1992 - 1993.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda was not voting due to the fact that he was presiding over the meeting due the Mayor's absence on the meeting of September 23, 1992.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. RESOLUTIONS

11. 92-R-101 Appointing Benita A. Valdez, the nominee of Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda, to the Beautification Committee of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Perez came in at this time - 5:39 p.m.)

12. 92-R-102 Appointing Edna Garza Lara (Beautification Committee) and Jimmy Rodriguez (Cable Commission), the nominees of Councilmember Jose Perez, to the specified Committee, Board, or Commission of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve appointing Edna Garza Lara (Beautification Committee) and Jimmy Rodriguez (Cable Commission), the nominees of Councilmember Jose Perez, to the specified Committee, Board or Commission of the City of Laredo.

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

13. 92-R-103 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Claim No. 1696 involving transfer of 18 acre feet of Class A water rights from Richard Haynes and Arnulfo Gonzalez, Jr., to the City of Laredo; their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Claim No. 1696 involving transfer of 18 acre feet of Class A water rights from Richard Haynes and Arnulfo Gonzalez, Jr., to the City of Laredo; their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

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

14. 92-R-104 Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Project Award #3-48-0136-08, to increase the federal grant participation amount from \$422,478 to \$465,868, for the Airport Terminal Expansion Project.

(Please refer to item # 25)

Motion approving Amendment No. 1 to the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Project Award #3-48-0136-08, to increase the federal grant participation amount from \$422,478 to \$465,868, for the Airport Terminal Expansion Project.

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

15. 92-R-105 Accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$100,000, in order to install Distance-To-Go Markers and REIL (lights) for Runway 35L.

Motion accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$100,000, in order to install Distance-To-Go Markers and REIL (lights) for Runway 35L.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 92-R-106 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services Corporation and the City of Laredo, for Neighborhood Housing Services.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services Corporation and the City of Laredo, for Neighborhood Housing Services.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 92-R-107 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$177,907.00 from the Governor's Office to improve public safety in our community.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$177,907.00 from the Governor's Office to improve public safety in our community.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 92-R-108 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$135,096.00 from the Governor's Office for funding of equipment and personnel for an organized Multi-Agency Narcotic Trafficking Task Force.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$135,096.00 from the Governor's Office for funding of equipment and personnel for an organized Multi-Agency Narcotic Trafficking Task Force.

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

- 19. 92-R-109 Authorizing and directing the establishment of a Convention and Visitors Bureau for the City of Laredo, for the purpose of promotion of the City in regard to tourism and convention activities.

Motion authorizing and directing the establishment of a Convention and Visitors Bureau for the City of Laredo, for the purpose of promotion of the City in regard to tourism and convention activities.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 2
 (Cw. Juarez)
 (Cm. Aldridge)

(Cm. Cardenas was not present)

VII. MOTIONS

- 20. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three year lease contract in the amount of \$20,475.60, with the Low Bidder, Wickersham Ford, Inc., Orange, Texas, for the acquisition of three police vehicles.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a three year lease contract in the amount of \$20,475.60, with the low bidder, Wickersham Food, Inc., Orange, Texas, for acquisition of three police vehicles.

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

- 21. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, C.L. Thomas Petroleum, Inc., Hebbronville, Texas and Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the City's fleet.

Motion to award contract to the low bidders, C.L. Thomas Petroleum, Inc., Hebbronville, Texas and Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of unleaded and diesel fuel for the City's fleet.

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

22. Approval of construction contract change order no. 5, a decrease of \$93,129.40, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$106,680.63, to J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Laredo, Texas, for the Anna Avenue Truck Route Project.

Motion to approve construction contract change order no. 5.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Award of construction contract to Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas, for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Improvements Project 39 (46 Blocks) in the amount of \$1,077,347.60.

Motion to award construction contract to Ramex Construction.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Approval of construction contract change order no. 9, a decrease of \$39,211.30, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$76,467.45, to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Improvements Project 32 (41 Blocks).

Motion to approve construction change order no. 9

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Award of construction contract to Low Bidder Meeting Bid Specifications, J. E. Boyd General Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$511,000.00, for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Addition Project.

Motion to award construction contract to low bidder meeting bid specifications, J.E. Boyd General Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount \$511,000.00 for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Addition Project.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Approval of construction contract change order no. 2, a decrease of \$8,000.00, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,288.40, to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Ligarde/Barrios Drainage Project (Tinaja Creek Phase I).

Motion approving construction contract change order no. 2.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Authorization to reject one (1) bid received for the Laredo International Airport Joint Sealing Runway 14/32 and Rehabilitation of Taxiway Echo Project, modify the plans as recommended by F.A.A., and re-bid the project.

Motion to authorize to reject one (1) bid received for the Laredo International Airport Joint Sealing Runway 14/32 and Rehabilitation of Taxiway Echo Project, modify the plans as recommended by F.A.A., and re-bid the project.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Award of construction contract to the Low Bidder, F & W Electrical Contractors Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$42,070.00, for the Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL) at Runway 35L, and Distance Remaining Signs on Runway 17R-35L, at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to award construction contract to the low bidder, F & W Electrical Contractor Inc., San Antonio, Texas.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Approval of construction change order no. 3, an increase of \$8,304.40, to the contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Laredo, Texas, to modify drainage for the 1200 Block of Frost, for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Improvements Project 34 (38 Blocks)

Motion to approve of construction change order no. 3.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

30. Accepting the terms of the letter of agreement dated August 25, 1992, between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership, concerning the donation of a 90 foot right-of-way in fee simple, to complete the extension of Springfield to Spring Road.

Motion accepting the terms of the letter of agreement dated August 25, 1992, between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership, concerning the donation of a 90 foot right-of-way in fee simple, to complete the extension of Springfield to Spring Road.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Juarez)

31. Accepting the donation of a 37.5 foot wide tract of land consisting of 1.0958 acres, more or less, for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project, and accepting the terms of the agreement dated August 25, 1992, between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership.

Motion accepting the donation of a 37.5 foot wide tract of land consisting of 1.0958 acres, more or less, for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project, and accepting the terms of the agreement dated August 25, 1992, between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Juarez)

32. Accepting the terms of the letter of agreement dated August 25, 1992, between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership, concerning the City's commitment to possibly abandon as a public easement, a portion of Casa Verde Road, if it is deemed to belong to the City, in exchange for Mr. Jacaman's conveyance of a 150 foot wide right-of-way for the construction of the inner loop.

Motion accepting the terms of the letter of agreement dated August 25, 1992 between the City of Laredo and Jacaman Cattle Company, Ltd., concerning the City's commitment to possibly abandon as a public easement, a portion of Casa Verde Road.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Juarez)

33. Authorizing the City Staff to advertise the sale of certain City owned properties by bid procedure, to the general public.

Motion authorizing the City Staff to advertise the sale of certain City owned properties by bid procedure, to the

general public.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

34. Requests from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request by Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

Discussion and possible action concerning the status of Shiloh Street and International Boulevard.

* NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Cm. Perales asked for the possibility of changing the designated 120 ft. set by the city to an 80 ft. right-of-way street on Shiloh Road.

Peter H. Vargas, City Manager, stated that due to an overpass leading to expressway the State Highway Department had requested the street to be 120' wide.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, representing Jorge Gonzalez and Antonio DeLlano property owners, stated that Mr. DeLlano is unwilling to set a 120 foot right-of-way, but is willing to go with an 80' right-of-way and thus was requesting an 80' right-of-way for Shiloh.

Motion was made that the master plan be changed and make it an 80' wide street (Shiloh) from McPherson all the way to IH 35.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

Cm. Castaneda clarified the motion, "to change the comprehensive plan on the Shiloh thoroughfare from 120' to an 80' street.

Jose Salvador Tellez, City Attorney, stated that because of the nature of this item appearing in the agenda, the best thing that council could do was to make a motion directing staff by motion to come back with a resolution to propose plans which may include condemnation of the person's property, then amend the resolution that adopted the master plan because the Master Plan was adopted by resolution.

SECOND RESCIND HIS MOTION.

Cm. Perales made a motion, "that we follow the advise of legal counsel."

Peter H. Vargas, City Manager, "or bring back options of how to resolve the issue."

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. G. Perez

Peter H. Vargas, City Manager, clarified the motion, "to instruct staff to come back with options with regards to Shiloh Blvd....that...just to bring back options on how to get it constructed."

Cm. Juarez added, "that would expedite the construction of this particular thoroughfare East-West Shiloh."

Motion was clarified again, to instruct staff to come back with options on expediting the construction of the East-West Shiloh.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda was not voting due to the fact that he was presiding over the meeting.)

B. Request by Councilmember Jerry Perez:

Recognition of J. C. Martin Elementary School, Leyendecker Elementary School, Buenos Aires Elementary School, and Santa Maria Elementary School for their success in achieving the educational goals of the State of Texas.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion recognizing J.C. Martin Elementary School, Leyendecker Elementary School, Buenos Aires Elementary School, and Santa Maria Elementary School for their success in achieving the educational goals of the State of Texas.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge not present and Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda was not voting, he was presiding over the meeting.)

The following representatives received the resolutions for their schools:

Grace Baldera	-----	J.C. Martin Elementary
Veronica Martinez	-----	Buenos Aires Elementary
Francisco Inocencio	-----	Leyendecker Elementary
Raul Ramirez	-----	Santa Maria Elementary

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s).

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Public hearing for the proposed paving assessments on Project 39 be held, and that the ordinance closing the hearing and fixing a lien and charge be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing of Project 39 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, State Certified Appraiser, confirmed the assessed improvement values.

Mr. Luciano Duarte appeared before the City Council but preferred to handle the item in private with Community Development personnel.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Cardenas was not present.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

36. Public hearing regarding the amending of Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Operation, Division 5, Truck Routes and Operation, by amending Section 19-278(h), to increase fees for escorting oversize cargo and oversize vehicle movements; providing for publication and effective date; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI, Operation, Division 5, Truck Routes and Operation, by amending Section 19-278(h) to increase fees for escorting oversize cargo and oversize vehicle movements; providing for publication; providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Renato Zapata spoke against the rate increase.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

37. Public hearing regarding amending Ordinance 85-O-84, dated June 4, 1985, amended by Ordinance 91-O-248, dated November 4, 1991, authorizing an increase in tolls on the three International Bridges for non-commercial vehicles, empty no-freight trucks, as well as vehicles, trucks and trailers transporting freight; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Ordinance 85-O-84, dated June 4, 1985, amended by Ordinance 91-O-248, dated November 4, 1991, authorizing increase in tolls on our three International Bridges for non-commercial vehicles; empty no-freight trucks; as well as vehicles, trucks and trailers transporting freight; providing for publication; providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Elmo Lopez, Jr. spoke on behalf of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Chamber is concerned on the number of shoppers that will continue to cross if the increase is approved and that the commercial fares would also affect the freight traffic for Laredo in competition with other Texas border cities.

Mr. Frank Quesada, Transportation Committee Chairman, presented a letter to the council from Mr. Joe Azios in opposition to the bridge fare increases.

Mr. Pepe Suarez, President of the Central de Servicio de Carga of Nuevo Laredo, spoke before the council against the commercial bridge fare increases.

Also speaking against the fare increase from the Nuevo Laredo Delegation of Transportacion was Mr. Roberto Quintanilla.

The President of the Laredo Transportation Association, Frank Vida, spoke against the bridge increase fares.

Mr. David Capland, from an unnamed drayage company, spoke against the rate increase.

Mr. Renato Zapata, Jr., President of Renato Zapata and Company, spoke against the increase.

Mr. James Notzon, tractor business owner, spoke before the council against the rate increase.

Mr. Carlos Zuniga from Zuniga Freight Company stated that he was also against the rate increase.

Mr. Mercurio Martinez, III, spoke against the rate increase in order to stay competitive with the other communities.

Mr. Jesus Ponce stated that the fair share of the street deterioration should be by those who cause it.

Mr. Elias Mendiola, a small business person, stated that the Mexican Government has increased their charges and that this new increase will affect all small businesses.

Mr. Ricardo Hernandez, truck business owner/operator, stated that his \$12.00 was his fare share.

Mr. Jerry Schwebel recommended that some organizations be allowed to more thoroughly conduct polls and allow them to present their position to the council.

Mr. Pepe Trevino, member of the Transportation Committee, stated the committee agreed with the fee increases, but that he asked Mr. Vargas to come up with new financing for the contemplated street improvements.

Mr. Sam Gibson spoke in favor of the user fee bridge increases.

Motion to wait for next year.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 2

Against: 0

Abstain: 5

(Cw. Aldridge & Cm. Juarez)

Motion to consider the different alternatives from the Transportation Committee with the following changes:

Vehicles (non-commerical).....\$ 1.25
 Empties: (tractor/trailers)
 2 axles.....\$ 8.00
 3 axles and up..... 8.00

Freight Trucks (loaded) * To remain the same:
 5 axles and up - up to 84,000#....\$12.00
 Bobtails up to 56,000#..... 6.00
 2 ton heavy duty dually..... 4.00
 Pick-up with freight.....2.00

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

Against:

Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 38. Public hearing regarding amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances. Specifically, to amend Section 31-138 providing for the rates to be charged for water, by an escalating rate from \$0.74 to \$1.05 for both residential and commercial customers within the City limits, and Section 31-38 for water outside the City Limits; adding Section 31-38(A), the fees and service charges to perform the special water and sewer functions; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend Section 31-138 providing for the rates to be charged for water, by an escalating rate from \$0.74 to \$1.05 for both residential and commercial customers within the City Limits; and Section 31-138 for water outside the City Limits; adding Section 31-138(A), the fees and service charges to perform the special water and sewer functions.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Elton Gaskey was concerned on the rate increase to the non-profit organizations.

Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, Water Utilities Director, explained that those who do not exceed 10,000 gallons per month will not be affected with the a rate increase.

Mrs. Dolores May asked that if they could place a special rate for senior citizens on limited income.

Motion to instruct staff to move ahead with a plan to address specifically senior citizens within the city limits of Laredo by providing some type of a rebate from a special fund.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

39. Public hearing regarding amending Section 31-92(A) pertaining to the Schedule of Sewer Rates of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances to increase the rates charged for sanitary sewage disposal, by an escalation rate from \$0.86 to \$0.95 for residential customers, and from \$0.86 to \$1.10 for commercial customers, by increasing the maximum monthly residential rate from \$20.35 to \$25.00; and by increasing the rates for service outside the City Limits one and one half (1 1/2) times those set out above; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 31-92 (A) pertaining to the schedule of sewer rates of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances to increase the rates charged for sanitary sewage disposal, by an escalating rate from \$0.86 to \$0.95 for residential customers and from \$0.86 to \$1.10 for commercial customers by increasing the maximum monthly residential rate from \$20.35 to \$25.00; and by increasing the rates for service outside the City Limits to rates one and one half (1 1/2) times those set out above; providing for publication and providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

40. Public hearing regarding establishing the policy that all overweight cargo vehicle movements within the City shall have to pay a street maintenance fee; establishing fees for overweight vehicle movement; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Establishing the policy that all overweight cargo vehicle movements within the City shall have to pay a street maintenance fee; establishing fees for overweight cargo vehicle movement; providing for publication; and providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

41. Public hearing concerning amending Chapter 14 (Garbage, Trash & Refuse) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend Section 14-4.1(A) and 14-4.1 (B), to increase residential garbage fees and Landfill tipping fees as follows: residential fees from \$6.00 to \$7.00, Landfill tipping fees, vehicles, non-compactor and compactor from inside the City Limits, from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per ton; for similar vehicles from outside the City Limits, from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per ton. Tire fee increases: passenger tires from \$0.50 to \$1.00, truck tires from \$1.00 to \$1.25; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 14 (Garbage, Trash & Refuse) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend Sections 14-4.1(A) to increase residential garbage fees from \$6.00 to \$7.00, and Landfill tipping fees as follows: vehicles, non-compactor and compactor from inside the City Limits from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per ton, for similar vehicles from outside the City Limits from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per ton; tire fee increase, passenger tires \$0.50 to \$1.00; truck tires from \$1.00 to \$1.25;

providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

42. Public hearing concerning amending Ordinance No. 89-O-208, dated November 6, 1989, which authorized the Police Department to charge designated fees for copies of case reports and traffic accident reports, and for arrest record searches and letters relating thereto, fingerprint work and validating of taxicab meters, to increase each fee designated therein; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Ordinance No. 89-O-208, dated November 6, 1989, which authorized the Police Department to charge designated fees for copies of case reports and traffic accident reports, and for arrest record searches and letter relating thereto, fingerprint work and validating of taxicab meters, to increase each fee designated therein; providing for publication and effective date.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

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 and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda was not voting)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

43. Public hearing concerning amending Section 7-4 of the Code of Ordinances, adopting the 1991 Standard Mechanical Code, and revising the fee schedule; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 7-4 of the Code of Ordinance (Mechanical); adopting the 1991 edition of the Southern Standard Mechanical, and appendices Appendix B (Schedule of Permit Fees) of the Southern Standard Mechanical Code; increasing the basic permits fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 in addition to per item fees; amending Section 105 of the Standard Mechanical Code; providing for publication and for effective date.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduced.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

44. Public hearing concerning amending Section 11 of the Code of Ordinances, adopting the 1990 National Electrical Code and revising the fee schedule; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 11 of the Code of Ordinance (Electricity) in the following respects; Section 11-2 adopting the National Electrical Code, 1990 Edition; amending Section 11-44 (Permit Fees) by increasing the basic permit fee from \$10.00 to \$20.00; increasing per item fees; providing for publication and for effective date.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to open the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protempore was not voting)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

45. Public hearing concerning amending Chapter 25 of the Code or Ordinances, adopting the 1991 Standard Plumbing Code and revising the fee schedule; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances (Plumbing) in the following respects: Section 25-3 adopting the Standard Plumbing Code, 1991 Edition; amending Appendix H of the Standard Plumbing Code to increase the basic permit fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00; providing for publication and effective date.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

46. Public hearing concerning establishing rental rates for the Civic Center Ballroom, Auditorium, Meeting Rooms, and rates

for personnel, equipment services, and parking fees for the Civic Center parking lot; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Establishing rental rates for the Civic Center Ballroom, Auditorium, Meeting Rooms, and rates for personnel, equipment services, and parking fees for the Civic Center parking lot (rear); and providing for effective date.

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to instruct staff to come up with alternatives for the Civic Center fees.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to table the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

Motion to move item No. 10 at this time. (September 23, 1992)

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Public hearing concerning adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1992 - 1993, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1992 and ending September 30, 1993, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1992 -1993 appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported

therein for the year beginning October 1, 1992 and ending September 30, 1993, 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

(Cm. Cardenas was not present)

Ms. Jan Ibanez Carter, Vice-Chairman of the Library Board, spoke on the budget cut of a library clerk. She asked that this position is very vital and asked council to reconsider this item.

Richard Perez, Bill Green and Mike Conchas from the Chamber of Commerce asked for a 12 month extension on the promotional funds from the council.

Mr. Elton Gaskey, Laredo Regional Food Bank President, requested for \$24,000 if there are funds during the third quarter.

Mercurio Martinez, III, spoke in favor of the Mayor's salary increase.

Hilario Cavazos stated that the Mayor deserved the increase.

Jesus Hernandez stated that he was in favor was increasing the Mayor's salary to at least \$25,000 in order to have a full time Mayor.

Mr. Jorge Casiano, Sr. spoke against the Mayor's salary increase.

Motion to extend the meeting another 15 minutes.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

Motion to allocate \$500,000 to the Chamber of Commerce and extend their contract for the next 12 months.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

Motion to do a draw down from the \$7,000,000 fund balance for one additional library clerk with a cost of \$16,000 and increase the Laredo Regional food Bank allocation from

\$15,000 to \$24,000; the other food bank has already been funded at \$42,000 this being a draw down total of \$9,000 and \$16,000.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

Motion to increase an additional \$4,000 for Meals on Wheels.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

Motion to close the public hearing, introduce and have staff come back with all transfers and changes for the next Special Council Meeting for Monday, September 28th.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to recess for Wednesday, September 23, 1992 at 5:30 p.m.

(Time: 11:08 p.m.)

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against:

Abstain:

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

*NOTE: This item was recessed to September 23, 1992.

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, American Custom Maps, Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the amount of \$15,695.00, for the design and production of 5,000 transit maps.

Motion to award of a contract to the sole bidder, American Customs Maps Santa Fe, New Mexico, in the amount of \$15,695.00, for the design and production of 5,000 transit maps.

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

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

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

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

*NOTE: This item was recessed for September 23, 1992.

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

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

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

49. Informing the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation Board of Directors of a revision of the LMHC dwelling lease, to evict those tenants that fail to pay the overdue rent, plus late charges, before the expiration of thirty days from the first day of month for which rent is due.

Motion to approve.

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

Motion to adjourn as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as City Council.

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

(Mayor Protempore Castaneda was not voting)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Perez

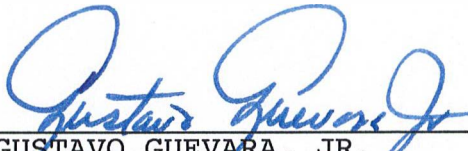
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 6:30 P.M. (September 23, 1992)

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 25 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST AND RECESSED ITEMS OF THE 23RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1992. 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:

CORRECTIONS: