

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

M92-S-32

M I N U T E S

SEPTEMBER 28, 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
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Perales due to out-of-town commitment.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. Amending Ordinance No. 92-0-055 to change the 4500 to 4699 Block of Dogwood to the 4500 to 4699 Block of Cherry Hill Drive.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Juarez

3. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Public

Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 1992, in the amount of \$2,800,000.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

V. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances #92-O-183, #92-O-184, #92-O-186, #92-O-190, #92-O-191 and #92-O-199.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

4. 92-O-183 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. 92-O-184 An ordinance amending Section 24-82(f)(b) (1)(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo relating to signs and outdoor advertising; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 92-O-186 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 92-O-190 Second reading of an ordinance amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 13. Public hearing regarding amending Ordinance No. 91-O-251 and 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 that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Ordinance No. 91-O-251 and establishing rental for the Civic Center Parking Lot (rear) and allowing a twenty percent discount on auditorium rates for events occurring Monday through Thursday; providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion instructing staff not to include the 20% to Holidays nor other peak days on Monday thru Thursday as identified by staff.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to eliminate the parking fees and make adjustments somewhere else.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 2
(Motion fails)

Against: 5 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as amended.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 14. Public hearing regarding amending Chapter 5.5 Article I. Ambulances, of the Code of Ordinances by deleting Section 5.5-5(b) and Section 5.5-8(b); amending Section 5.5.28 (c)(1) to increase ambulance service rates and charges; and that an

ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 5.5 Article I. Ambulances, of the Code of Ordinances by deleting Section 5.5-5(b) and Section 5.5-8(b); amending Section 5.5.28 (c)(1) to increase ambulance service rates and charges; providing for publication and providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Jorge Casiano, Sr. spoke against the ambulance rate increase due to the burden on fixed income citizens.

Diana Arredondo, Finance Director, stated that indigents are covered by available limited welfare funds for persons who have no Medicare/Medicaid or insurance at all.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. requested a report from Finance on the percentage of claims by Medicare/Medicaid and other claims.

Motion to close the public hearing and bring back for introduction at the next City Council Meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 15. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for rezoning of Block 309, Lot 8, Western Division, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District), located at 1019 Callaghan; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 309, Lot 8, Western Division, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Rick Vasquez, Planner III, made the presentation.

Mr. Sam Brewster turned in a list of signatures to the City Secretary who were opposing this zone change.

Mrs. Cristina Veliz, of 1016 Callaghan, spoke in opposition due to the traffic increase that will be created.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Leo Sveen, spoke in favor of allowing the zone change request to Mr. Sveen.

Motion to close the public hearing and send the request back to P&Z for specific use consideration.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 16. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for rezoning of Block 924, Lots 10, 11, and 12, Eastern Division, from R-O (Residential Office District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District), located at 1701 Chihuahua; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 924, Lots 10, 11, and 12, Eastern Division, from R-O (Residential Office District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Rick Vasquez, Planner III, made the presentation.

Mr. Sergio Benavides, property owner, spoke in favor of the zone change for an apartment building.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Aldridge

- 17. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for a Special Use Permit on an 80 acre tract located on Highway 83, for mineral extraction; and that an ordinance be introduced.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 21. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 6.03 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 6.03 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

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. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 22. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 11.44 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 11.44 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 23. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 6.82 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 6.8 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Richard Haynes spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing the landowner, spoke in favor of allowing his client the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 24. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 23.66 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 23.66 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

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. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 25. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 12.8 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 12.8 acre tract 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. 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. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

- 26. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 15.3 acres out of a 93 acre tract located south of F.M. 1472, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 15.3 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

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

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

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. 92-RT-110 Adopting the annual budget of the Laredo Municipal Transit System (City Transit Department) 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; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said annual budget.

Motion to adopt the annual budget of the Laredo Municipal Transit System (City Transit Department) for Fiscal Year 1992 -1993.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor voted in favor - Cm. Gerardo Perez and Cm. Castaneda were not present).

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

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

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

