# 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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. ROLL CALL

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 IR CITY SECRETARY

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 #92-0-183, #92-0-184, #92-0-186, #92-0-190, #92-0-191 and #92-0-199.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

4. 92-0-183 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:

5. 92-0-184 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. 92-0-186 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. 92-0-190 Second reading 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. (City Council)

No motion needed on second reading.

8. 92-0-191 Second reading 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 effective date. (City Council)

No motion needed on second reading.

9. 92-0-199 Adopting the Annual Budget as amended 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. (City Council)

Motion to increase the Professional Services budget for travel for the Municipal Court from \$400 to \$2,000.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to keep the fund balance to \$7,000,000 and draw down from the reserve fund balance.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve adopting the Annual Budget as amended.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### VI. MOTIONS

10. Award of a contract in the amount of \$8,164.25 to the <u>Low Bidder</u>, Record Systems Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of eight filing system cabinets for the Health Department.

Motion to award of a contract in the amount of \$8,164.25 to the low bidder, Record Systems Inc. for the purchase of eight filing system cabinets for the Health Department.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. Authorization for a change order for the installation of an additional 3,675 blocks for the Northwest Fire Station, at a cost of \$8,820.00.

Motion to authorize for a change order for the installation of an additional 3,675 blocks for the Northwest Fire Station, at cost of \$8,820.00.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. Authorization to reject all bids received for the purchase of traffic signal lamps, and authorize the purchase of traffic signal lamps from Three G Electric, Laredo, Texas (\$4,999.05) and Duro-Test Corporation, Fairfield, New Jersey (\$5,000.00).

Motion to authorize to reject all bids received for the purchase of traffic signal lamps, and authorize the purchase of traffic signal lamps from Three G Electric, Laredo, Texas (\$4,999.05) and Duro-Test Corporation, Fairfield, New Jersey (\$5,000.00).

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

No items were presented under communications.

#### VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. Public hearing regarding amending Ordinance No. 91-0-251 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. 91-0-251 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 Against: 5 Abstain: 0

(Motion fails)

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.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an 80 acre tract from AG (Agricultural District) to AG SUP (Agricultural District Special Use Permit); providing for publication and 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 withdraw this item.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for rezoning Block 90, Del Mar "C" Section, Area 5, from RSM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family 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 Block 90, Del Mar "C" Section, from RSM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential 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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Castaneda

19. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for rezoning Block 1099, Lots 1, 2, and 3, Western Division, from

R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District), located at the intersection of San Agustin and Farias; and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1099, Lots 1,2,3, Western Division, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. G. 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

20. Public hearing regarding consideration of an application for the rezoning of 11.13 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 11.13 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. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

(Cm. Gerardo Perez and Cm. Castaneda were not present)

28. 92-RMH-111 Adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year 1992 1993 of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation;
appropriating the estimated revenues and balances
reported therein for the year beginning October 1,
1992 and ending September 30, 1993; and for the
LMHC Director to implement said annual budget.

Motion to approve adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 (Cm. Gerardo Perez and Cm. Castaneda not present)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time as at 8:00 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 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JŔ.

CLTY SECRETARY

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

**CORRECTIONS:**