

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M95-W-22

JULY 10, 1997

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
LOUIS H. BRUNI,	"	, DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
ELISEO VALDEZ,	"	, DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA,	"	, DISTRICT VI
MARIO G. ALVARADO,	"	, DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
FLORENCIO PENA,	CITY MANAGER	
JAIME FLORES,	CITY MANAGER	

IV. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER AND INTERIM POLICE CHIEF

Presentation of workshop concerning the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) plan for the City of Laredo with discussion and possible action.

Agustin Dovalina, Interim Chief of Police, made the presentation before the Council. He presented the following proposals:

Proposal I is to incorporate the COPS philosophy city-wide, the necessary expenses would be the following:

I. Personnel:

- a. 25 new officers (\$37,000 each) total expense: \$925,000
- b. 8 civilian employees (911 operators, dispatchers \$24,000) total expense: \$192,000
- c. 1 custodian - total expense \$16,250.60

- II. a. 15 police vehicles - \$369,700
b. 12 portable radios - \$24,000
c. 12 portable unit chargers - \$9,600
d. 1 console (911) - \$200,000
e. gasoline expense - \$80,000
f. vehicle maintenance - \$204,000
Total yearly expenses: \$2,020,550.60 (approximately)

Miscellaneous expenses include electricity, water, phone, copy machines, fax machines, computer systems, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, cellular phones, and office supplies.

Proposal II utilizes most of the resources of the police department with only minimal expenditures. In this proposal it is recommended that four more community policing districts be opened to service the community. Due to the limited number of personnel and equipment, four is the maximum number of districts that can be operated at this time. The only expenditures the city would have to make under this proposal is the purchase of 4 portable unit chargers at a value of \$3,600 and certain office equipment.

The four existing police districts are: El Azteca, Business District, El Cuatro, and La Ladrillera. The proposal new four district sites are: District 3 -Ghost Town, Villa Del Sol, Lamar Middle; District 4 - Memorial Middle, Russel Terrace; District 9 - Mid-Laredo; and District 15 - South Laredo Cigarroa, Los Obispos, Los Angeles.

Cm. Casso wants the budgets figures for each substation in terms of officers, equipment, manpower, etc. so they base themselves and can see how much it will cost in terms of manpower.

Cm. Bruni stated in the Alta Vista District there was a program initiated where there was a PD mobile van, it was there for about four or five nights and by the presence of the police officer and that van there, there was a marked decrease in the problems they were having with the burglaries, theft of vehicles and the gangs. He thinks that is an essential part of the puzzle that if this

mobile van is roaming the city and going unannounced to places and staying for two or three nights, it is an excellent additive to this particular project. He wants to see a confidential schedule on where and how many times this van is going to be in each district because it proved to be very effective with the security of the neighborhood.

Motion to move ahead with the proposal that is before council, which authorizes to proceed with the four (4) stations at no additional cost, that staff prepare a cost estimates per area districts that are only getting auxiliary service from the COPS Program, and what each one would cost, get demographics on crime statistics so that they can continue to move into the areas that have the higher rates and the radius to better serve the surrounding neighborhoods, and that staff pursue in trying to get the other law enforcement agencies involved, that the Interim Chief of Police send a letter to the Sheriff, Constables, and the State Troopers to see if they are interested in going into this program with the City.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Bruni

Mayor Ramirez clarified that the motion gives full authority to put into motion the necessary steps to move into these four areas to include sites, equipment and personnel to carry out our COPS Program and to come back with additional cost for the other areas that currently don't have work stations within those districts and what that would be, so that during the budget consider what additional areas they want to move into and what kind of long term commitment they would be looking into as far as funding the entire program.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 6:35 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 04 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1995. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON:
CORRECTIONS: