

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
2400 SAN BERNARDO AVENUE
5:30 P. M.

AGENDA M90-R-01

M I N U T E S

JANUARY 8, 1990

I. CALL TO ORDER

(08.1) With a quorum present, Mayor Aldo Tatangelo called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(012.1) Mayor Aldo Tatangelo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

(023.1) ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., MAYOR PRO TEM, DISTRICT III
SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " " II
BLAS CASTANEDA, " " V
DAVID R. CORTEZ, " " VI
HECTOR J. LIENDO, " " VII
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER
ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENCES:

CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, COUNCILMEMBER,
DISTRICT, VIII

Motion to excuse Councilmember Consuelo "Chelo"
Montalvo from the meeting due to illness:

S. Benavides

Second: Juarez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(019.1) 2. Regular City Council Meeting: December 21, 1989
Special City Council Meeting: December 30, 1989

Motion to approve Minutes with correction of
action on Item #48 of December 21, 1989 to read:
"Motion to close the Public Hearing and proceed
with the second Public Hearing": S. Benavides
Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE(S)

- (049.1) 3. Amending Ordinance 87-0-163 - To add to definition of "Industrial Uses".

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- (078.1) 4. Requiring Motor Carriers domiciled in the City whose motor vehicles are used only in the City or in the Cities of Laredo and Nuevo Laredo to have identification markings on their vehicles.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- (101.1) 5. Authorizing City Manager to execute a lease with Pinkerton Inc., for 129.27 sq. ft. of building space at International Bridge No. 2 In-Bond Booth.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- (130.1) 6. Authorizing the sale of 2 Lots to G. S. A. at International Bridge No. 11.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

VI. FINAL READING ORDINANCE(S)

- (182.1) Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinance(s) #90-0-01, #90-0-02, #90-0-03, #90-0-04, #90-0-05, #90-0-06, #90-0-07, #90-0-08, #90-0-09 and #89-0-10: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Juarez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (206.2) 7. 90 0 01 Declaring the necessity and setting a public hearing date for the Tapeyste/Mier to Chacon Drainage and Paving Project. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ord. 90 0 01: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Castaneda

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 90 0 02 Declaring the necessity and setting a public hearing for Paving Assessment Project 28. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ord. 90-0-02: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Castaneda

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 90 0 03 Amending the Fair Housing Ordinance of

the City of Laredo to include familial status. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ord. 90-0-03: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 10. 90 0 04 Authorizing the sale of a section of San Eduardo Avenue between Chicago and Pace Streets. (Street Closing Committee)

Motion to approve Ord. 90-0-04: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 11. 90 0 05 Authorizing Lease Agreement w/Yolanda Salinas of Armstrong & McCall of Laredo for Mercado space. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ord. 90-0-05: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 12. 90 0 06 Closing as a public street the mid 84 feet of a section of Anna Street, for the Affordable Housing Program. (Street Closing Committee)

Motion to approve Ord. 90-0-06: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (253.1) 13. 90 0 07 Authorizing a 2% salary increase for City employees earning \$15,000 or less. (Cm. Blas Castaneda for Cm. Hector J. Liendo).

Motion to approve Ord. 90 0 07: Cortez
Second: Liendo
For: 7* Against: 0 Abstain: 0
* Mayor Aldo Tatangelo voted in the affirmative.

Motion that January 8, 1990 be the effective date: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Cortez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 14. 90 0 08 Turning the 900 Blk. of Iturbide St. into a two-way east/west traffic system and eliminating the existing one-way west bound traffic system. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ord. 90 0 08: Ramirez, Jr.

ment of Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2713A involving transfer of 145 acre feet of Class B Water Rights from James Robert Muller to the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve: Juarez
Second: Cortez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (534.1) 20. 90 R 02 Recognition of City employees for their dedication to work under recent adverse weather conditions.

Councilmembers Juarez and Ramirez, Jr. requested a color coded map with the streets that were affected.

Motion to approve Resolution 90 R 02 and that it be published in its entirety: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Cortez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (724.1) 21. 90 R 03 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Laredo and State of Texas whereby the latter will construct traffic safety improvements at the intersections of Bartlett and Lyon, Clark Blvd. and Springfield, Bartlett at Locust, for an estimated cost of \$190,000 of which the City will contribute \$19,000.

Motion to approve and to fund from the Street Reconstruction Fund: Juarez
Second: Cortez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (903.1) 22. 90 R 04 Authorizing execution of an agreement between State of Texas and City of Laredo for Joint Inspections of the two International Bridges, and for payment of the City's share of cost of same in amount of \$1,000.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
Second: Juarez
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (937.1) 23. 90 R 05 Authorizing contract with the State of Texas for funding of Laredo Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Project.

Motion to approve: Juarez
 Second: Liendo
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (954.1) 24. 90 R 06 Directing the creation of the Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation for the purpose of acquiring property and for the construction of housing to be sold.

Motion to approve: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: Cortez
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

- (1095.1) 25. Approval of Border Olympics contract from 3rd Party Hotel-Motel Fund.

Motion to approve the contract award to Border Olympics in the amount of \$10,000: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 26. Approval of Laredo Art Association contract from 3rd Party Hotel-Motel Fund.

Motion to approve the contract award to Laredo Art Association in the amount of \$2,400: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 27. Approval of Lulac #12 contract from 3rd Party Hotel-Motel Fund.

Motion to approve the contract award to Lulac #12 in the amount of \$5,000: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 28. Approval of construction contract to Amistad Construction for La Frontera Halfway House Phase II from the 1989 Emergency Shelter Grant/U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development.

Motion to approve the contract award to Amistad Construction in the amount of \$46,000: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 29. Approval of Final Change Order #2, Final Acceptance of Empresas El Rancho Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

Motion to approve the contract award to Ray Faris, Inc., in the amount of (DECREASE) of (\$924.00): Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 30. Approval of Final Estimate #1, and Final Acceptance of In-Bond Booth at Laredo International Bridge No. II.

Motion to approve the contract award to Powell Construction Company in the amount \$44,200.00: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 31. Approval of Contract for the Inspection and Repair of Raw Water Pump No. 2.

Motion to approve the contract award to Delta Machinery Company in the amount of \$ 13,199.90: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 32. Approval of Annual Service Contract, Air Condition repairs at the Laredo Municipal Housing.

Motion to approve the contract award to Gateway Refrigeration (Normal Service \$27.50/hr. - Emergency Service \$27.50/hr. and Weekend Service \$27.50/hr.): Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 33. Approval of contract for Dredging of the Water Treatment Plant's Lagoons.

Motion to approve contract the award to Armando Jalomo, Jr. in the amount of \$16,500.00: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 34. Approval of Contract to purchase Steam Cleaning Machine.

Motion to approve the contract award to Texas Industrial Cleaning Systems in the amount of \$7,995.00: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: S. Benavides
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (1111.1) 35. Approval of A/E Contract with S.A. Garza

Engineers for the Reseal and Resurfacing of the Central Business District Area.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding resurfacing of the downtown area, without fading the Anna Truck Route, with recommendations to staff.

Motion that the resealing and resurfacing of the Central Business District area be divided into 3 phases and that S. A. Garza be negotiated with a simultaneous demonstration to Council that \$200,000 be awarded for one (1) phase and that \$400,000 be set for the necessary additional improvements for the Anna Truck Route:

Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Cortez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 36. Approval of Change Order #2 for construction of Zacate Creek Park, INCREASE construction time by 30 days.

Motion to INCREASE construction time by 30 days:

Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

- (1904.1) 37. Authorize the refund of taxes that were overpaid to the City of Laredo by Dual H. Enterprises. (Tabled from 12/21/89)

Motion to approve the tax refund in the amount of \$524.34 to Dual H. Enterprises: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Cortez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (1914.1) 38. Consideration of waiving of penalty & interest for Olga Prevost under Sec. 33.011 of the Property Tax Code due to an error in the Appraisal District records. (Tabled from 12/4/89)

Motion to approve the waiving of penalty & interest for Olga Prevost: Castaneda

Second: Cortez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (1920.1) 39. Council approval retaining the law firm of Lloyd, Gosselink, Fowler, Blevins and Mathews, of Austin, as legal counsel for the City for water rights matters, and environmental issues.

Motion to approve: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2144.1) 40. A Proposed plan to develop an Emergency Medical Service program (E.M.S.), and hire a Consultant/Director.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding in-house coordinator vs. an out of town person.

Motion that the position of District Chief not be eliminated; that the number of firefighters not be decreased; and that \$27,000 be taken from the State budget for the 16 positions available for training: Castaneda

Second: Liendo

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: S. Benavides

(1428.2) 41. Request for the City Council to initiate and schedule Public Hearing for Voluntary Annexation of a 1.07 acre tract next to Town East Sub-division.

Mr. Forrest Wahl, Senior Planner, made presentation of the proposed annexation.

Motion to proceed with the 2nd Public Hearing on the Special Meeting of February 12, 1990:

Juarez

Second: Castaneda

For: 5* Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(*Mayor voted in the affirmative, except Councilmembers S. Benavides and Ramirez, Jr. who stepped out momentarily).

(1534.2) 42. Presentation to Council of the 1990 City of Laredo Work Plan.

Motion to table and place item on January 29, 1990 meeting: Juarez

Second: Liendo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1799.2) 42a. Discussion of amendments to zoning ordinance pertaining to Political Signs as requested by City Council.

City Manager Peter H. Vargas recommended that the amendment to the zoning ordinance be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission and return to City Council for consideration.

(1829.3) 43. Request by City Attorney pursuant to Article 6252-17, Section 2(e) for executive session to

discuss pending litigation, namely the case of Christ church Episcopal v. City of Laredo, Cause No. 36,788 in the 111th District Court.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Upon their return, Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez, Jr. announced that no action was taken by City Council on this matter.

X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

44. Requests from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and possible Council action:

A. Request from Mayor Aldo Tatangelo:

1. Regarding allocation balance for Boxing Gym.

Mr. Angelo Santiago, Coordinator, spoke of a scheduled tournament and requested space for this event. Because seemingly they have been unable to find space, they were recommended to approach LJC for gym space.

City Council requested that Mr. Sergio Reyes proceed and sign contract.

(114.3)

Motion to excuse Cm. David R. Cortez from the meeting due to illness:
Castaneda
Second: S. Benavides
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cm. Cortez left at 9:30 P.M.)

B. Request from Cm. Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem:

(124.3)

1. Consideration of final action on "Freeport Goods" Tax.

Motion that a public hearing be scheduled for the Special Meeting of January 29, 1990: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Castaneda
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

C. Request from Cm. Santos Benavides:

(164.3)

1. Regarding the drive thru pay station at the Laredo Waterworks Department.

Motion to look for a central location

and to consider request on the next budget hearing: S. Benavides
 Second: Ramirez, Jr.
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(393.3)

2. Request traffic lights at the intersections of Green Street and South Meadow.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that the traffic count does qualify for a traffic signal.

Councilmember S. Benavides also spoke of petition from area residents.

Motion to install a traffic flashing signal: S. Benavides
 Second: Ramirez, Jr.
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(766.3)

- D. Request from Cm. Hector J. Liendo:
 1. Status report on Anna Truck Route.

Item was addressed jointly with #35.

(792.3)

2. Initiate the preparation of the format for the City Manager's annual evaluation. (Cmbrs. Blas Castaneda & Consuelo Montalvo)

Cm. Blas Castaneda requested that evaluation forms be reviewed for changes.

(874.3)

3. Discussion on insurance committee recommendations.

Councilmember Liendo stated that Mr. Hank Domeracki will submit a report.

(884.3)

- E. Requests from Cm. Jacinto P. Juarez:
 1. Status report on employing a traffic engineer.

City Manager Peter H. Vargas informed City Council that staff is now recruiting within the State.

Motion to proceed with the recruitment: Juarez
 Second: Castaneda
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1031.3)

- 2. Regarding initiation of a traffic control plan within the International Airport area.

Cm. Juarez spoke of a particular area at the entrance to the airport.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that the area in question does qualify for a traffic signal.

Motion that an update study of the area be made: Juarez

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1265.3)

- 3. Procedure to provide free parking for persons conducting business at City Offices.

Motion that 1/2 hour free parking be given to individuals doing business at City Hall: Juarez

Second: S. Benavides

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

F. Request from Cm. David R. Cortez:

(1870.2)

- 1. Report on the truck parking situation at the Santa Maria Truck Stop.

Mr. Ruben Salinas, Building Director, stated that he had inspected the premises and found it to be health hazardous due to the numerous tires and debris on the parking lot. He further explained that the City does not have any instrument to enforce any vacant lot to be paved, unless the ordinance is amended, since the present lot was 'grandfathered'.

Motion to proceed with amending the ordinance, and also with the enforcement on the health and safety side of it: Cortez

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2400.2)

- 2. Update on Civic Center Expansion Committee. (Cm. Blas Castaneda & Cm. Hector Liendo)

Motion that the Civic Center Expansion Committee return in 2 weeks with an

update report: Cortez
 Second: Ramirez, Jr.
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (2419.2) 3. Update on Calle Del Norte Extension
 (Cm. Jacinto P. Juarez, Cm. Blas Castaneda, Cm. Hector Liendo)

City Manager Peter H. Vargas reported of speaking to area residents. Mall Del Norte was to plat all Mall and corridor to property line. A letter was received by staff indicating that they are ready to construct extension.

- (2900.2) 4. Request that City Staff meet with Mr. Dan Farias to study the possible closure of the Del Mar exit from I.H. 35 to southbound trucks and report at next Council meeting.

Motion to return with a report: Cortez
 Second: Ramirez, Jr.
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (1337.3) G. Request from Cm. Blas Castaneda:
 1. Status on Garbage Container Pilot Program. (Cm. David R. Cortez, Cm. Hector J. Liendo).

Ms. Cindy Collazo, Community Development Department Director, reported that said program was successful, and proceed to report on in-house operation.

Motion that the contract be extended on an emergency basis for 120 days:
 Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: Castaneda
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (3544.1) 2. Appointment of Hilario Cavazos, III to Cable Commission.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Juarez
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- (1765.3) 3. Report on right-of-way between Sanders and Taylor.

Ms. Cindy Collazo sent a letter to

the railroad company requesting information regarding the railroad tracks at this intersection.

7:00 P.M.

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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

45. Presentation of plaque to Mr. Margarito Benavides, Jr., Former Councilmember, District IV.

Presentation was deferred to the next meeting due to Mr. Benavides' inability to attend.

- (3644.1) 46. Presentation(s)
Mr. Vicente Garza - Civil Service Commission
Mr. Rolando Guerra - Cable Commission
Mr. Larry McGrath - Cable Commission
Mr. Rick Reyes - Cable Commission

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo thanked Mr. Vicente Garza, Mr. Rolando Guerra, Mr. Larry McGrath and Mr. Rick Reyes for their dedication and hard work.

Ms. Diana Arredondo, Finance Director, was recognized for accomplishments and presented with a Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting for 1988.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- (133.2) 47. Second Public Hearing on proposed annexation of Northview Business Park.

Motion to open the Public Hearing: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Forrest Wahl, Senior Planner, made presentation on the proposed annexation of the Northview Business Park.

Ms. Patricia Palacios and Ms. Cynthia Perales area residents, spoke in favor of annexation and asked for the preservation of the area as residential.

City Manager Peter H. Vargas stated that area will automatically be zoned residential and City Council may rezone within 90 days or else it remains residential permanently. Mr. Vargas further explained that under State

Law, the City has up to 2 years to finalize Capital Improvements.

Motion to close the Public Hearing and return with a Service Plan (to include cost to City) and to introduce ordinance on the Special City Council meeting of 1/29/90: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Cortez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: S. Benavides

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 10:30 P.M.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 15 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1990. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Deputy City Secretary

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: