

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
1100 HOUSTON
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA M90-R-49

M I N U T E S

NOVEMBER 19, 1990

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

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., MAYOR
JOSE R. PEREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE, " , " III
CECILIA MAY MORENO, " , " IV
BLAS CASTANEDA, " , " V
EDUARDO "EDDIE" PERALES, " , " VI
HECTOR J. LIENDO, " , " VII
CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " , " VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY
PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER
ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY

Motion to excuse Cm. Jacinto Juarez who is out on City business: Castaneda

Second: Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE(S)

2. Amending ordinance 90-0-149 which increase ambulance rates and charges to provide that charges for Medicare or Medicaid patients will be limited to amounts approved by Medicare or Medicaid.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

3. SECOND READING OF A FRANCHISE ORDINANCE of the City of Laredo, Texas granting to Entex, a Division of ARKLA, Inc., and its successors, the right, privilege and franchise to construct, lay, maintain and operate pipelines and gas mains in, under, over, across and along, and to use present and future streets alleys, public thoroughfares and grounds of the City of Laredo, for the purpose of transporting, distributing and selling gas

(natural, artificial or mixed) for all purposes for which gas is or may be used to the municipality and inhabitants of said City of Laredo, Texas and to any other person or persons, providing for the manner of acceptance of this franchise by Entex; providing for payment by United Gas Corporation to City for the rights and privileges granted by this franchise; and making miscellaneous provisions in connection therewith.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers
except Cm. Liendo who abstained

- 4. Amending Section 1 of Ordinance 90-0-93, dated June 4, 1990, by amending the policy for Street Paving Assessments to provide for assessments of curb and gutter improvements only, where appropriate.

Motion that the cost of curb and gutter not be charged more than \$5.00 per lineal foot for currently paved streets and that 1/2 of what the current actual cost rate would be (\$10.00 = \$5.00 and \$15.00 = \$7.50): Castaneda
Second: Liendo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- 5. Extending lease of building west of Convent and International Bridge #1 to the General Services Administration (G.S.A.) under lease GS-07B-13120, from January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- 6. Amending Section 28.51 of the Code of Ordinance(s) pertaining to permit fees and repair costs for street cuts, in order to delete the permit fee for concrete sidewalks; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

- 7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Unicorn Restaurant, for 3,248 square feet of building space known as the west side of the Mercado, for term of five years commencing on October 1, 1990 with option to renew for two additional terms of five years; monthly rent will be \$974.40.

Ordinance Introduction: All Councilmembers

VI. FINAL READING(S)

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinance(s) #90-0-177, #90-0-178, #90-0-179, #90-0-180, #90-0-222, #90-0-223, #90-0-224, #90-0-225, #90-0-226, #90-0-227, and #90-0-228:
Montalvo

Second: Perales

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 8. 90-0-177 Establishing a fee of \$8.00 per sample for the

bacteriological analysis of water at the Health Department; and providing for waiver of the fee to the Health and Water Utility departments of the City of Laredo, to the Texas Department of Health, and any other state agencies.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 90-0-178 Amending Chapter 13 (Food and Food Products) of the Code of Ordinances, to increase the fee provided for in Section 13-58 for issuance of a Foodhandler's Certificate from \$7.50 to \$8.50.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 90-0-179 Establishing a fee schedule for Clinical Health Services for the Primary Health Care Service Program and the Adult Health Chronic Disease Program of the City of Laredo Health Department.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 90-0-180 Establishing a fee schedule for chest x-rays for the Tuberculosis Control Program of the City of Laredo Health Department; and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 90-0-222 Declaring the necessity and setting a public hearing for Assessment Project 32; this project consists of 41 blocks.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 90-0-223 Approving a Foreign-Trade Zone User Agreement for a five year period with Benito Garcia d/b/a/ Eagle Distributors at the Laredo International Airport, located at 3920 Foster.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 90-0-224 Approving a one year lease agreement with A. C. Nielsen Company, a Delaware Corporation; the lease may be extended for four (4) terms of one year each, for building #55 at the Laredo

International Airport, located at 718 North Sandman; the monthly rent will be \$2,148.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 90-0-225 Approving a Foreign-Trade Zone User Agreement, to use a portion of Site No. 1 of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94, for a five year period with Electronics Trade Center, Inc., a Florida Corporation, at the Laredo International Airport, located at 3920 Foster.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 90-0-226 Authorizing City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to a 70 acre tract near the Laredo/Solidarity Bridge to the United States of America subject to a 20-foot utility easement to be retained by the City of Laredo, providing for effective date.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 90-0-227 Authorizing City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to the State of Texas on five tracts of 1.019 acres, 48.914 acres, 0.013 acres, 11.105 acres and 28.018 acres in the vicinity of the Laredo/Solidarity Bridge and providing for effective date.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 90-0-228 Authorizing City Manager to execute a lease with St. Patrick's Church for a 3,455 square foot section of Del Mar Blvd., at Fenwick Drive, in Porcion 25, adjacent and to the north of Lot 721, Block 44, Section 2-A, area "C" Del Mar Hills Subdivision; the monthly rent will be \$50/month.

Motion to approve: Castaneda
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTION(S)

19. 90-R-108 Recommending that the Attorney General of Texas open a consumer fraud office in the City of Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve: Perales

Second: Castaneda
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 90-R-109 Recommending to the United and Laredo Independent School Districts that they consider a year-round scholastic year.

Motion to reword (amend) this resolution and that it be tabled to the next meeting: Perales

Second: Castaneda
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. 90-R-110 Authorizing the City Council to officially name the Affordable Housing Development, the "Poncho de la Garza Affordable Housing Development".

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Perales
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 90-R-111 Appointment of nominees by councilmembers to a Board or Commission of the City of Laredo:

MAYOR SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.:
 Planning and Zoning Elmer Buckley
 Library Board Maria Luisa Mendiola
 Transportation Board Vidal Cantu, Jr.

MAYOR PRO-TEM JACINTO P. JUAREZ:
 Districting Humberto Herrera
 Districting Carlos V. Cruz

CM. JOSE R. PEREZ, JR.:
 Districting Alfonso H. Ornelas

~~CW.~~ CECILIA MAY MORENO:
 Recycling Jose E. Coronado

CM. BLAS CASTANEDA:
 Recycling Sharon Cruz
 Districting Jose Diaz De Leon

CM. EDUARDO PERALES:
 Districting Rafael Ramos
 Districting Jorge Trevino

Motion to approve: Perales
 Second: Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. 90-R-112 Expressing concern by the City of Laredo for the continuous increases of bridge fares by the government of Mexico.

Dr. Diane Freeman, Executive Director, of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the City Council to read a letter from the Chambers in protest to the Mexican

government for the rate increase in bridge fares.

Mr. Glen Jackson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as Mr. Jerry Schwebel, Border Alliance, also spoke against the bridge fare increase.

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: Liendo

VIII. MOTION(S)

24. Approval of Construction Contract change order no. 2, a decrease of \$17,148.13 and final acceptance of the 1986 bond construction sidewalk on Santa Maria Ave project. (Iturbide to Markley Lane, tabled 11/05/90)

Motion to approve: Liendo

Second: Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Approval of Professional Service Contract to Victor Gonzalez Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$17,000; this is to replace and upgrade existing water lines on approximately twenty-five (25) existing paved streets.

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of Professional Services Contract to G.G. Salinas Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$23,000 to replace the water line on Guadalupe Street, from Martin to Zacate Creek (23 blocks), and the water main at Chihuahua street, from Sanders to Zacate Creek (2 blocks).

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of contract to I.B.M. Corporation in the amount of \$71,727.30 for the purchase of computer equipment to different departments of the city.

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Approval of the Hotel/Motel contract with the Laredo Little Theatre for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991, in the amount of \$12,250.

Motion to approve: Castaneda

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Approval of the General Fund and Airport Contract with the Laredo Development Foundation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1991, in the

amount of \$60,000.

Motion to approve: Montalvo

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Approval to refund \$86,482.56 to Riverdrive Mall Associates, as per judgment in Cause No. 38,459.

Motion to approve: Perales

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to instruct staff to send the Appraisal District a letter requesting that anytime properties do go under protest by taxpayers that the City be advised within 10 days of their filing of that protest so that we can properly assess: Montalvo

Second: Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Approval of partial release of retainage in the amount of \$148,911.25 of the new City Hall construction contract with Leyendecker Construction, Inc. and retaining a net amount of \$5,000.

Motion to approve: Castaneda

Second: Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Approval of award to lowest bidder and designating funds from Public Access reserves to purchase broadcasting equipment for the City Council Chambers.

Motion to award contract to the lowest bidder Guarantee Radio Supply in the amount of \$58,950.00 and to consider putting the money back if possible at the next budget year: Perales

Second: Castaneda

For: 5

Against: Moreno & Aldridge

Abstain: 0

33. Authorizing payment of \$13,630.47 in settlement of case of City of Laredo vs. Texas Department of Human Services and executive session to discuss the same pursuant to Article 6252-17, section 2 (e).

Motion to go into Executive Session: Montalvo

Second: Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Upon their return, Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. announced that no action was taken.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation and approve the payment of \$13,630.47: Perales

Second: Liendo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT(S)

- 34. Accepting the donation of certain tracts of land from Hilltop Farms, Ltd., for a water improvement project in south Laredo.

Motion to approve: Perez
 Second: Castaneda
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 35. Request of Eduardo Davila to be granted sidewalk waiver from the Subdivision Ordinance on 0.59964 acre tract of land located at the intersection of Tesoro Lane and Los Isauros.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Eduardo Davila, spoke in favor of the sidewalk waiver.

Mr. Dave Pasley, City Planner, stated that the staff's position is to recommend denial of the waiver on sidewalk requirements.

Mr. John Ardnt, BEST Organization, spoke in reference to handicap parking.

Motion to waive ordinance and allow parking for the handicap: Perales
 Second: Castaneda
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 36. Possible action to change Special City Council meeting of December 24, 1990 to December 19 or 27, 1990, due to holiday.

Motion to approve Wednesday, December 19, 1990 as the date for the next Special Meeting: Liendo
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION(S) AND PRESENTATION(S)

- 37. Request from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and possible action:

A. Request from councilmember Eduardo Perales:

- 1. Discussion on Mines Road traffic, lighting and police protection.

Mr. Ruben Contreras, Mines Road resident, spoke regarding police protection and street and traffic lights. He also requested that 4-way stop signs be installed along Bristol Road.

Motion to instruct staff to send a letter to the State Department requesting traffic lights along Mines Road at the entrance of Dellwood, River Oaks and Rancho Viego: Perales
 Second: Liendo
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

B. Request from councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge:

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Aldridge

Second: Perez

For: 7

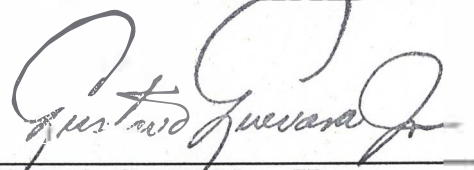
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 8:45 P.M.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO ARE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1990. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

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

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: