

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
2400 SAN BERNARDO AVENUE
6:00 P.M.

AGENDA M89-S-24

Minutes

MAY 8, 1989

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order pending the arrival of Mayor Aldo Tatangelo.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR (ARRIVED AT 6:15 P.M.)
- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " , " II
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., " , " III
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR., " , " IV
- BLAS CASTANEDA, " , " V
- DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI
- HECTOR J. LIENDO, " , " VII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER
- ANTHONY C. 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: Cortez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(113.1)II. TO ADDRESS THE CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Carlos Villayreal, Assistant City Manager, introduced Ms. Cindy Gonzalez, Acting Director, Community Development Dept., who with Ms. Cindy Gonzalez made a video presentation of littering and other nuisances throughout the City. In an attempt to address and effectively enforce the

diverse problems, staff is presently faced with questions such as:

I. Clarification of the City's responsibility, if any, with regard to maintenance of easements.

A. DRAINAGE

1. Dedicated easements:
 - a. McPherson Rd.
 - b. Del Mar Subdivision
 - c. Village Blvd.
 - d. Hidden Meadows
2. Private ownership easements:
 - a. Westgate Subdivision/Calton Rd.
 - b. 2400 Arkansas

Staff recommendation: The City maintain responsibility to accepted easements and consider other future drainage systems before acceptance of open ditch drainage easements.

3. Creeks
 - a. Chacon Creek at Benavides Park

Staff recommendation: Clean creek area and fence-off access streets to the dumping sites.

B. RIGHTS-OF-WAY

1. Platted but unopened city streets
 - a. 2500 Travis
 - b. 1500 San Carlos
 - c. 2200 Pierce
 - d. 4000 San Ignacio
 - e. 2700 Gonzalez

Staff recommendation: That all unopened streets be maintained by the City. If street opening is unacceptable, then the City should maintain the premise by mowing the vegetation on the street right-of-way.

2. Dedicated street rights-of-way in uncompleted subdivisions
 - a. Paso del Norte in West Laredo

Staff recommendation: That the underdeveloped status of the subdivision should not relieve the City of its responsibilities as to the

maintenance of this dedicated right-of-way.

3. Sidewalk areas, improved and/or unimproved including unused street properties
 - a. 4400 Santa Rita
 - b. Santa Rita Avenue
 - c. 900 Clark Blvd.

Staff recommendation: That the street right-of-way be maintained by the City and sidewalk area by the property owner.

- II. Maintenance policy of City-owned properties other than streets.
 - A. Riverfront properties
 1. Dye Properties/City Properties
 - B. All other properties which are City owned.

Staff recommendation: That the City remove debris and maintain property through periodic mowing as recommended for Chacon Creek.

- III. Maintenance responsibility with regards to other entities.
 - A. City-related
 1. Manadas Lift Station (Trautman Property Area) and Water Tank at Del Mar.
 - B. Non-city Related
 1. City's policy with regards to maintenance or improvement of LJC property.
 - a. 1300-1500 Pinder & 2400-2500 Garcia
 - C. Private Ownership
 1. Reclamation of pit area which is currently being used as an illegal dumping site (1800 Vidaurri).

Staff recommendation: That the City make efforts to have owners abate the nuisance or deed property to the City. In cases where easements are shared with utility companies, maintenance of easements should be proportionately shared.

- IV. Municipal Court

- A. Non-appearance, time extension, fines, alternatives.

Staff recommendation: Amending the Code of Ordinances to increase fines from \$200 to \$2,000 and eliminate lengthy weed and brush ordinance procedures by assigning an administrative office to arrange Liens for failure to act within 10 days.

Councilmember Liendo requested that staff look into the proposed fine and that reward incentives be given to persons who report illegal and indiscriminate dumping.

The Mayor as well as City Councilmembers spoke in support of the proposed project citing the need for citizen responsibility plus additional manpower and equipment as well as satellite stations for interim dumping to make the project effective.

Motion to increase the fine from \$200 to \$2,000 to include a reward program; set up satellite stations; establish a program to purchase equipment so that a routine program is set into motion: Juarez

Second: Cortez

For: 6* Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*(CHAIR voted in the affirmative due to Councilmember Cortez' momentary absence).

Motion to instruct staff to have properties cleaned and evaluated for possible sale: Juarez

Second: Castaneda

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

III. TO DISCUSS CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO
(3593.1) REVISED ORDER OF BUSINESS UNDER COUNCIL AGENDAS.

City Manager Peter H. Vargas made presentation of the proposed City Council agenda which proposes that meetings commence at 5:30 P.M. to address general business, consent items, etc. This is to be followed by a half hour recess from 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Staff will submit rules of procedure in a new ordinance.

Motion to streamline agenda with recommendations on rules of procedure: S. Benavides

Second: Juarez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6252-17, SECTION 2(F) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Motion to go into Executive Session: Cortez
Second: S. Benavides
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Upon their return, Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez, Jr. announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

V. ADJOURNMENT.

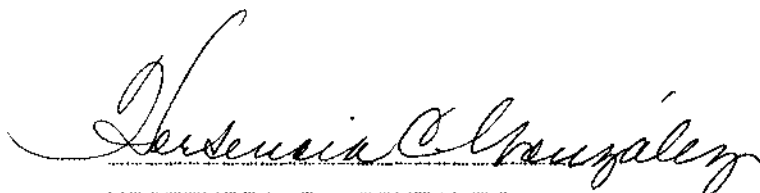
Motion to adjourn: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 7:45 P.M.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 05 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 8, 1989. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WITNESS MY HAND AND CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 31ST DAY OF MAY, 1989.



HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: