

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
RECESSED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
LA POSADA HOTEL - ZARAGOZA ROOM
1100 ZARAGOZA STREET
8:30 A. M.

AGENDA M89-S-37A

MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 1989

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro-Tem Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order and Chaired until Mayor Tatangelo arrived.

II. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR (Arrived at 10:30 a.m.)

SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I

(Arrived at 1:30 p.m.)

- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " , " II
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., " , " III
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR., " , " IV
- BLAS CASTANEDA, " , " V
- DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI
- HECTOR J. LIENDO, " , " VII
- CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " , " VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER
- ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY
- HANK DOMERACKI, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

III. CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF THE 1989-90 BUDGET

Mr. Hank Domeracki, Assistant City Manager, explained the budget in general.

City Manager Peter H. Vargas stated that in 1988-89 the City started with a fund balance of \$2.2 million and is estimated that by the end of this year the ending balance would be \$276,000.

Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Tax Assessor Collector,

projected that the City will have \$6.5 in delinquent taxes. He further stated that he is of the opinion that the City should seek legislative/judicial relief for possible write-off of the \$2.5 in delinquencies, which consist mostly of personal properties.

Councilman Cortez stated that he does not favor a tax increase at this time.

Motion to instruct the City Manager to prepare information that would increase the sales tax revenue from the projected 4% to 6% and that it be included in the budget: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Mayor Aldo Tatangelo arrived at this time)

Councilman Ramirez, Jr. spoke to insurance after pre-tax benefits and presented a proposed self insurance package.

Motion to continue with all insurance except health insurance which is to be bid: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

That ^{proposed on} Section 125 be accepted as presented by Colonial Ins. so that it be replaced by Oct 1; M. Benavides 2nd copy 8-0-0

The following discussion was regarding the General Obligation Bond (election).

Mr. Amador Escudero, City Engineer, explained the various projects and of 1,195 blocks that need to be paved.

Motion to change policy regarding the mandatory paving assessment: M. Benavides, Jr.

Second: Liendo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. De Anda spoke to delinquent collections and further stated that his firm will arrive at projections shy of \$100,000. The actual collection is 92.5% but was projected at 98%.

Motion to instruct staff together with Mr. De Anda that within 2 weeks 100 law suits be filed, and that an additional 100 suits be filed monthly

until a law suit is filed on every delinquent account: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Travis Johnson, Police Chief, expressed his concerns regarding manpower. To add 1 to 6 civilians is the ultimate goal, which would relieve policemen from processing the paperwork. Police Chief Travis Johnson further stated that he is looking into the possibility of a police sub-station.

Councilman David R. Cortez also stated that it would be beneficial to the City if Municipal Court would be within walking distance from the Police Dept.

Fire Chief Mike Perez explained that the matter of the EMS certification is a major concern in the department.

Motion to include a Clerk-Typist for the Fire Department: Juarez

Second: Cortez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. MOTION TO RECESS TO AUGUST 5, 1989

Motion to recess to August 5, 1989: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting recessed at 7:00 P.M..

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CITY SECRETARY

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

PASSED AND APPROVED BY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: