

CITY OF LAREDO  
LAREDO, TEXAS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM 4  
2400 SAN BERNARDO AVENUE  
12:00 NOON

AGENDA M89-S-56

MINUTES

DECEMBER 30, 1989

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR  
JACINTO P. JUAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT II  
DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI  
HECTOR J. LIENDO, " , " VII  
CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " , " VIII  
GLORIA M. GARZA, DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY  
PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER  
ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENCES:

SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I  
SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., " , " III  
BLAS CASTANEDA, " , " V  
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY

IV. Mayor's veto of City Council action of December 21, 1989 which approved taxation of "Freeport Goods".

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo explained the purpose of his veto and stated "I feel that we, the City Council, and the City of Laredo, should give out signals to all industry that we are a City that wants industry to come here. We should do everything possible to show industry they are welcome to Laredo, and the best way to do that is to save them money."

Mr. Jim Moore, President of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, told City Council that he felt the Chamber and other members of the community may have "dropped the ball" in following up on the November legislation

that allowed entities to exempt goods in transit not held over 175 days.

Councilmember David R. Cortez questioned the urgency of the Council taking action, and suggested that since there is time remaining in which to consider the exemption for the future, the City should scrutinize its overall impact and see how other border towns are reacting to the new legislation.

Mr. Dennis Nixon, bank president and Chamber of Commerce spokesperson, said that the critical aspect of the legislation is that it speaks to in-transit goods and was almost exclusively designed for the benefit of border communities.

Mr. David Guerra, Laredo Development Foundation President, explained that it is very difficult to attract new industry here, "and when such an opportunity comes along to offer an incentive, we have to take it."

City Manager Peter H. Vargas indicated to City Council that staff was conducting a survey of border towns to learn how they were dealing with the new legislation. He also stated that the survey had not been completed by December 21, but have since been tallied to show an almost even split among entities keeping the tax and those granting the exemption. Mr. Vargas said that nine are continuing with the taxation and eight are offering the exemption.

Councilmember Jacinto P. Juarez urged that regardless of what action other border towns are taking, Laredo should take the lead and grant the exemption to improve its image as a progressive city eager for growth.

There was no action taken against the Mayor's veto.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Juarez

Second: Cortez

For: 4                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 1:15 P.M.

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HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
CITY SECRETARY

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

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: