

CITY OF LAREDO  
 LAREDO, TEXAS  
 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
 WITH THE ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
 AND THE TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC SAFETY  
 ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 2400 SAN BERNARDO AVENUE  
 CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM # 4  
 8:15 A. M.

AGENDA NO: M88-S-03                      Minutes                      DATE: JANUARY 23, 1988

IN ATTENDANCE:

- DR. JACINTO P. JUAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT II
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,                      "                      ,                      "                      III
- ENRIQUE "HENRY" TREVINO,                      "                      ,                      "                      V
- DAVID R. CORTEZ,                      "                      ,                      "                      VI
- JOSE A. VALDEZ,                      "                      ,                      "                      VII
- J. P. MONTALVO,                      "                      ,                      "                      VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER
- FLORENCIO PENA, ASST. CITY MANAGER
- DEBORAH HIBBARD, ASST. CITY ATTORNEY
- MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
- MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC ADVISORY BOARD
- BANKERS, MERCHANTS, AND NEWS MEDIA

ABSENCES:

- MAYOR ALDO TATANGELO
- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR.,                      "                      ,                      "                      IV

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem David Cortez called the meeting to order.

II. A TOUR OF POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE.

Motion to proceed with tour: Trevino  
 Second: Valdez  
 For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

A bus tour to the following proposed sites followed:

1. Palafox, approximately 1 mile south of Mines Rd. across from the Old Municipal Airport
2. Lafayette, extension connecting to U. S. Hwy. 59 and IH 35
3. Jefferson, extension connecting to Lyon Street to IH 35
4. Railroad, east side of existing railroad bridge connecting to Santa Isabel Truck Route and Avenida Lopez de Lara on Mexican side
5. Rio Vista Farm, off of Hwy. 83 near Southgate Subdivision intersecting boulevard
6. South Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, off of Hwy. 83 between Santa Rita Subdivision and sewer treatment plant
7. Link Ranch/1st Road Park Hwy 83, off of Hwy. 83 approximately 2 1/2 miles south of Sacred Heart Children's Home.

The group returned to resume meeting at Civic Center at approximately 12:45 P.M.

Cm. Valdez indicated that Planning & Zoning should meet and report to City Council. Also, that pros & cons of a temporary bridge should not be discarded.

Cm. Juarez stated that material needed to be digested before taking action.

Cm. Ramirez recommended that review be made by both Planning & Zoning Commission and the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, and that a temporary solution be pursued.

Cm. Trevino requested that consideration be given to truck traffic during preparation of such recommendation.

At this point, the proposed resolution was questioned. Mr. Townsend indicated that a statement possibly in a Resolution form had been requested by the State of Tamaulipas.

Cm. Montalvo urged the need for immediate solution to include the financial aspect for a temporary bridge.

Mr. Paul Garza, one of the site proponents, stated that required process would be equally lengthy as that for a permanent solution.

Mayor Pro-tem Cortez indicated that a permanent facility should be given top priority, and that a temporary solution should be just that.

Mr. Townsend stated that 30 to 40 percent of truck traffic activity goes to Bridge I. GSA plans to reconstruct a ramp from Bridge II to Import Lot, with completion anticipated by next December.

Mr. Bob Levy, Transportation Committeemember, stated that the Committee would need guidelines before a recommendation could be prepared.

Mr. Javier Garza, banker, indicated that a temporary solution would be to activate Bridge II to full capacity. He further stated that based on his information, the City had not requested U.S. Customs for additional hours.

Mr. Townsend explained that at present hours are from 10 AM to 3 PM for trucking. From his information, having additional hours would tie much of Customs staff thus impacting other normal operation at both bridges.

Mr. Jose "Pepe" Trevino, Transportation Committee-member addressed trucking traffic concerns which need investigation.

Mr. Armando Trevino, P & Z Commissioner, pointed out that impact on future land use should be looked into.

Ms. Helen Gallego, Transportation Committeemember, urged that the present ceiling on federal staffing for both bridges should be raised.

Mr. Jaime Stewart, Transportation Committeemember, noted that the people to be affected on the Mexican side should be considered.

Mayor Pro-tem Cortez requested that both P & Z Commission & Transportation/Traffic Advisory Committee meet to address this issue this coming week.

After discussion ceased, the following action was taken. Motion that a Resolution be prepared regarding the seven sites and that it be sent to Mexican representatives:

Ramirez

Second: Montalvo

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion instructing staff to compile all information on temporary bridge constructed in mid1950's for City Council's review to pursue an interim bridge solution:  
Ramirez

Second: Valdez

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion that staff correspond with State Department so that a meeting be coordinated with Mexican officials as soon as possible: Trevino

Second: Ramirez

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

III. RESOLUTION NO. 88 R 05

SELECTING THE GENERAL AREA NORTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE LAREDO JUNIOR COLLEGE CAMPUS AND SOUTH OF THE CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FACILITIES AT MANADAS CREEK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEXT INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS AND NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO.

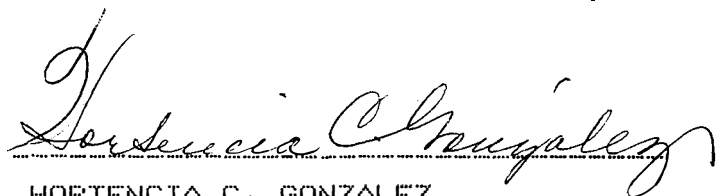
No action was taken on above resolution.

IV. ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P. M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 04 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1988. 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 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1988.



HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
CITY SECRETARY

PREPARED BY: HCG

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: