

CITY OF LAREDO
Laredo, Texas
Special City Council Meeting
1105 Lincoln Street
City Hall Conference Room
7:00 P. M.

AGENDA NO: M88-S-20 Minutes DATE: JULY 11, 1988

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo	
Cm. Jacinto P. Juarez,	District II
Cm. Margarito Benavides, Jr.,	District IV
Cm. Blas Castaneda,	District V
Cm. David R. Cortez,	District VI
Cm. Hector J. Liendo,	District VII
Cw. Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo	District VIII
Hortencia C. Gonzalez	City Secretary
R. Marvin Townsend,	City Manager
Florencio Pena,	Asst. City Manager
Deborah Hibbard,	Asst. City Attorney

ABSENCES:

Cm. Santos Benavides	District I
Cm. Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.	District III

To excuse both Councilmembers Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. and Santos Benavides' absence from this meeting: Cortez
Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

III. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT LIST.

City Manager Townsend distributed a report which provided a listing and general description of the capital improvement needs of the City. Its purpose is to assist the orderly planning & development and insure maximum use of financial resources. Those projects included were as follows:

STREETS

The paving program is financed principally by the 1986 General Obligation Bonds, Community Development Funds, as well as assessments levied against property owners. The level of the 1986 GOB expenses indicates funding is available only for engineering of 52 blocks, which were approved by City Council during January 1988. If paving of 200 blocks yearly is projected, for 5 years, a \$5.0 million dollar bond election is required.

WATER

A 24" main on Tilden, Guatemozine/Meadow and San Luis is needed from the existing 30" Line on Galveston to the Milmo pump station at an estimated cost exceeding \$1.3. The other major concern is construction of a ground storage facility and high service pump in North Laredo which also exceeds \$1.3.

SEWER

Two bond sales are needed to finance sewer construction needs. A \$2.0 sale in mid 1988 would expand the North Waste Water Treatment Plant (formerly Del Mar Plant) and con-

struct effluent line. Debt requirement would be addressed by available revenues.

OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Public Library expansion project is to begin shortly, and is part of the 1986 GOBs.

The Lyon/Park/Zacate Creek Park should begin in 1989 and is funded by Community Development funds.

City Hall Building, through a bond sale in 1988, is to be constructed in 1988.

Signalization, in great part, is financed by State Dept. of Highways. Three major projects to be addressed in 1988 include U.S.Hwy. 83, at its intersections with Loop 20, Napoleon, and Chestnut Streets.

The Lyon/Frost Drainage Project should begin in 1988 with Tapeyste Drainage Project in 1989. Both projects are part of the 1986 GOB's and total \$3,050,000.

In resume, the last 4 years of capital improvements have been financed by \$16.0 of GOBs, \$13.0 Certificates of Obligation supported by sewer revenues and paving assessments, and \$10.0 of federal assistance. The remaining balances are sufficient to address projects through 1989 and 1990. However, projections for the next five years will require an increase in taxes, water and sewer rates with impact of the latter to be presented at a later date.

Councilmembers made the following recommendations.

(355.2)

Motion that San Francisco/Calton Rd. and Del Mar/McPherson be included in signalization: Cortez
Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1301.2)

Motion to include \$200,000 for Mann Rd/San Dario Drainage Project and \$90,000 to the McClelland/Tilden Drainage Project: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

City Manager Townsend explained Bond Sales, Capital Improvement Projects, and authorized projects with the following alternatives. If a rapid schedule is pursued to complete projects, a .02¢ tax increment, with all bonds sold at this time, would be definitely required. However, if projects were extended over a period of time, the tax increment would not be needed. With a rapid schedule pursued, projects would be terminated promptly. However, this would strain staff capacity and, in essence, the very expenditure pattern of the City would be part of the cause of economic slowdown as well as there would be a "gap", that is, there would be no projects or capital improvements to pursue. The possibility of a "middle" alternative would be another bond sale in early 1989. If this occurs, debt service reserves will be drawn the following year, that is, more debt service payments would be incurred with less revenues received. Consequently, if tax income level not raised and expenses level increases the City would not be in an advantageous position to sell bonds or have another election. However, it remains a viable option.

A list of projections was distributed to Councilmembers with Mr. Townsend pointing out several projects for which financing was not available.

The Mayor and Councilmembers' major concern centered on a probable tax increment, timeliness of projects, as well as water system needs and drainage issues with further dis-

discussion of the latter to occur at the next regular City Council Meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: M. Benavides, Jr.

Second: Juarez

For: 6

Against: 0

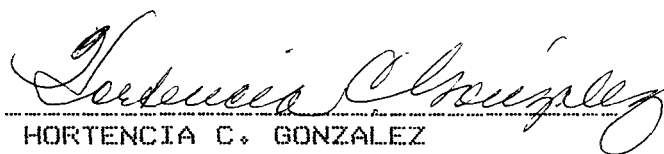
Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 9:30 P.M.

NOTICE OF ABOVE MEETING WAS POSTED AT 10:00 A.M., JULY 8, 1988 AT THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CORNER OF FLORES AND LINCOLN STREETS, LAREDO, TEXAS, AT A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES.

I CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 1988. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS ON THIS THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, 1988.



HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Hortencia C. Gonzalez, City Secy.

PASSED & APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: