

CITY OF LAREDO  
Laredo, Texas  
Special City Council Meeting  
Civic Center Conference Rooms 1 & 2  
2400 San Bernardo Avenue  
6:00 P. M.

AGENDA NO: M88-S-30 Minutes DATE: September 12, 1988

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

ATTENDANCE:

- ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
- 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
- CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " " " VIII
- HORTENCIA C. BONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER
- JERRY CAIN, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

III. PRESENTATIONS

Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion with possible action:

- A. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.:
  - 1. Consideration of a Resolution to ratify support of construction of an outer loop around the City, RESOLUTION NO. 88 R 66 (Cm. David R. Cortez) (Tabled from August 15, 1988)

(852.6) City Manager Marvin Townsend explained the locations for the proposed loop.

(1252.6) Mr. Paul Garza, Paul Garza & Associates, and representing Killam Company, stated that Mr. Killam is not willing to provide 480 acres of land for this loop and have his frontage on IH 35 taken off by the railroad. It's one or the other, not both.

(2793.6) Mr. Carlos Zaffirini, Attorney, representing Missouri Pacific, indicated that his client does not have a problem with the concept of an outer loop. He further stated that the main concern is to have both projects. "The railroad has once moved its location as Mr. Townsend has explained to you. They moved this location so as not to interferewith the outer loop as it was proposed at that time. And they moved it from where the Milo interchange is located (green line on the map) moved it several miles North to the yellow site (referring to the map) so as not to conflict with the outer loop. Now that this project has been initiated and I say initiated because the condemnation proceedings were filed in October of 1987. And this outer loop at this new location did not emerge until several months ago. Indeed, it was about 6 months after the condemnation proceedings had been initiated in County Court at Law that this outer loop at this new location was designed. I kind of think the loop was following us. Maybe, I am parancid. We moved from one location and now it still there. My suggestion, and my request to the Council would be to the benefit of

Laredo and South Texas that we would support both projects. I have no problem with the Resolution that has been read, with one exception. The Resolution states that the Council goes on record as supporting the outer loop at the location on the Transportation Plan as it maybe amended. Those are the words I have problems with. I would not want it to be amended, and follow us wherever we may go. I like to know if we may proceed where we have started almost a year ago now. And I say we, I have only been on this matter 2 weeks. But there are some other lawyers who have initiated this matter nearly a year ago. Now, I do have a question of Paul. Paul, who owns the land on that ground broken line that intersects IH 35?

- (2978.6) PAUL GARZA: "Part of that goes through the Rodriguez tract and part of it is Killam."
- (2986.6) CARLOS ZAFFIRINI: "Does Mr. Killam own?"
- (2987.6) PAUL GARZA: "He wants part of that, but that is his, I would like to explain this. Most property owners that want to give land for this project, would like to have enough frontage on both sides in order for it to be equitable for them to make such a donation. In the case of that first loop, Mr. Killam's, the route was on his South boundary line and he was not getting but one side of frontage."
- (3055.6) CARLOS ZAFFIRINI: "It seems that a very possible solution would be to continue along that ground line so that Mr. Killam would have frontage on both sides and City of Laredo could then have both the Loop and the Railyard."
- (3190.6) CM. RAMIREZ: Why don't we go ahead and add to it (Resolution) "as the same may be amended as needed to establish a more viable alignment as approved by the City Council."
- (3207.6) CARLOS ZAFFIRINI: "That will be fine. All we are concerned with is that it does not conflict with the proposed rail site. If that language is inserted in there, you will never see me again representing No Pac before this City Council. Because that is our only concern. We think that the loop is good for Laredo, but I think both projects are better."
- (3344.6) Motion to approve as amended: Ramirez, Jr.  
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.  
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
- Motion to defer pending budgetary discussions on Agenda M88-8-29A to September 19, 1988: Ramirez, Jr.  
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.  
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

- (3354.6) Motion to adjourn: Ramirez, Jr.  
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.  
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 8:35 P.M.

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AGENDA NO:

M88-S-30

Minutes

DATE: September 12, 1988

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 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 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1988.

  
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: OCTOBER 17, 1988

CORRECTIONS: NONE

CITY OF LAREDO  
Laredo, Texas  
Recessed City Council Meeting  
Civic Center Conference Rooms 1 & 2  
2400 San Bernardo Avenue  
6:00 P. M.

AGENDA NO: M88-S-29A Minutes DATE: September 12, 1988

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

A City Council Committee of the Whole met in a Workshop Session at 4:30 P. M.

Mayor Pro-Tem Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., MAYOR PRO-TEM
- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT II
- DAVID R. CORTEZ, " " VI
- CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " " VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- R. MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER
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ABSENCES:

- MAYOR ALDO TOTANGELO
- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR. " " IV
- BLAS CASTANEDA, " " V
- HECTOR J. LIENDO, " " VII

(157.5) Motion to reconvene as a Committee of the Whole to discuss the Civic Center Fund: Cortez  
 Second: Juarez  
 For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez, Jr. relinquished Chair to Councilman Cortez who is the Committee Chairman.

Councilman David R. Cortez stated that the Committee is presently contemplating on either expanding the present facilities or looking at another site for the Civic Center. He further requested that a report of monies available in the building fund accumulated for the past 2 years be brought forth to consider future construction.

City Manager Marvin Townsend stated that a figure of \$375,250 is presently available in the building fund, and sees no change in that reserve this year. It was also mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce contract expires on September 30, 1988 automatically if not renewed. There is a clause which meets obligations or termination payments. Mr. Townsend also indicated that this budget was developed by analyzing income and opening balances and general resources were carried out at prior year level.

Councilman Cortez stated that this Committee recommends to City Council that \$300,000 from the Hotel-Morel Fund be added to fund balance to either acquire land across the Civic Center or expand the present facility.

There was a lengthy discussion of the overall Civic Center operation and the consensus of the Committee was

to present issue for discussion to entire Council.

A trip to San Antonio to observe the Visitors and Conventions Council and Transit operations was discussed.

(1675.5) Mayor Pro-Tem Ramirez made the following recommendation to be presented to the full Council:

1. That \$300,000 be allocated for Civic Center renovation or improvement fund already set up.
2. Possibility of bringing CNB operations into City as part of City's operation.
3. If re-construction is not possible, to look at possibility of roll back of Hotel-Motel Tax to its original 1985 level.


Meeting recessed at 5:30 P.M. by the Committee to be continued at the 6:00 P.M. meeting.

(Continued budgetary discussions were deferred to a Special City Council Meeting scheduled for 9/19/88.)  
(See Agenda MSB-S-30)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 02 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE RECESSED CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 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 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1988.

  
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: OCTOBER 10, 1988

CORRECTIONS: NONE