

(1578.1) Motion that all the budget be brought forth for discussion at this time: Juarez
Second: Cortez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1587.1) Cm. Cortez stated that the best vehicle to handle the contract for tourism and convention is the Chamber of Commerce, and feels that the continued relationship between the City of Laredo and the Chamber of Commerce is of extreme importance for betterment of the City.

(1669.1) Cm. Ramirez, Jr. gave a report on the September 23rd trip to San Antonio, and stated that there are 3 types of promotional funding alternatives available to the City:
1. The Convention & Visitors Bureau as a City department.
2. The Convention & Visitors Bureau under a private operation which is a profit operation.
3. The Convention & Visitors Bureau run by the Chamber of Commerce.

Cm. Ramirez, Jr.'s options 1 & 2 are not recommended, as additional study is needed in order to implement an effective arrangement under either one of those situations. A funding source distribution and performance measures recommended to the City Council are as follows:

- 1. That the City discontinue funding on dollar amounts and base request on tax levy and not dollars generated.
- 2. That performance measures that are detailed by Mr. Florencio Pena's memo of September 26, 1988, be established as minimum to gain promotional activity assumed by the contracted party, in this case the Chamber.

Another issue that was recommended to the City Council is that a 2 year agreement be executed with the Chamber.

(1961.1) Cm. Juarez indicated that now that the City Council is talking about a 2 year appropriation, it would be nice to work with figures that are being generated this particular year for the subsequent contract, that those percentages be use for the subsequent year.

(2208.1) Motion to use cents formula basis, based on cents collected rather than dollars: Cortez
Second: Ramirez, Jr.
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2330.1) Motion that approximately 1.5¢ be allocated for the future debt service to the Civic Center and that alternative #2 be for this year. To amend the .70% of future debt service to reflect 1.5¢ and that the difference to increase it to 1.5¢ brought from the 3 categories that the City controls (the 2.20, .38¢ and the .18¢) and to work off the \$1.2 million: Ramirez, Jr.
Second: Cortez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2395.1) Mr. Luis Guerra, Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber of Commerce has worked closely with the Hotel/Motel Association and further requested 4¢ of 7¢ collected.

(3341.1) Cm. Ramirez, Jr. explained that the City has a distribution based on the formula that has been adopted with 3 alternatives that can be adjusted any which way within any of the alternatives that are before Council to deal with the distribution. One million has been adopted. Cm. Ramirez, Jr. further recommends that \$200,000 be set aside for use of debt service or 1.5¢.

(127.2) Cm. Castaneda requests that the item be reconsidered.

such: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
 For: 5* Against: S. Benavides, Juarez
 Castaneda & Lierdo

Abstain: 0

* (Mayor Tatangelo voted in favor).

(1253.2) Motion that the Chamber be funded at \$537,608 (based on 74 generating \$1.2 million); Ramirez, Jr.

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
 For: 5* Against: 4

Abstain: 0

* (Mayor Tatangelo voted in favor).

(1395.2) City Manager Townsend's recommendation is a Reserve Appropriation of \$898,000 including 2 items, 4% salary increase and the General Reserve of \$100,000. That leaves \$28,623 in staff's recommendation.

(1671.2) Motion that it is City Council's intention that it be the Reconstruction Fund vs. the General Fund; M. Benavides, Jr.
 Second: Juarez

For: 7 Against: Cortez Abstain: 0

(1941.2) Councilman Cortez requested clarification regarding transfer to the General Fund.

City Manager Marvin Townsend explained that transfers to the General Fund is a Capital Outlay transfer.

Councilman Cortez stated that he has a concern with the \$490 plus the \$337 expenditures, because the intent was to reconstruct existing streets, not new ones as presented.

(2641.2) Motion to transfer back to the Street Reconstruction Fund \$490,000 and transfer back to the Reconstruction Fund \$337,962; Cortez
 Second: Montalvo
 For: 3

Against: 5 Abstain: 0

(2856.2) Motion that \$7,000 be subtracted from the \$140,000 and be allocated for the Animal Shelter; Ramirez, Jr.

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2945.2) Mr. Mark Pritchard, General Manager for El Metro, presented and discussed the revenues and services of the transit system.

After a lengthy discussion, City Manager Townsend will return with recommendation at \$500,000 levels with built in losses.

(488.3) Motion to increase the Health Department budget for drugs from \$8,000 to \$48,000; Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Without Cm. Juarez who was out momentarily).

(493.3) Motion to instruct the City Manager to forward correspondence to our County counterparts that City has taken this action, and should provide funding for 90 days. And suggests that the City/County Health Committee members plus the City Council and Finance Director set a joint meeting with the Health Department to review the budget during this 90 day and return with a recommendation; Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: M. Benavides, Jr.
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Without Cm. Juarez who was out momentarily).

(517.3) Next item for discussion was the Master Plan update.

Motion that the City not fund the Master Plan for this current year until a formal recommendation is submitted to City Council: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 4 Against: Cm. Liendo & C. Cortez Abstain: 0

(Without Councilmen Juarez and Castaneda who stepped out momentarily).

(673.3) Motion to reconsider item: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Without Councilmen Juarez and Castaneda who were out momentarily).

(686.3) Motion to amend the previous motion by informing the Planning & Zoning that no funds have been authorized in this budget, however, within the time span on this coming year, the City is willing to accept proposals from them as well as cost analysis of what it would take to update the Master Plan and to consider possible funding at that time: Cortez (Amendment accepted by Councilman Ramirez, Jr.)

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Without Councilmen Juarez and Castaneda who were out momentarily).

(998.3) Next item for discussion was the Landfill charges. Councilman Cortez also requested demonstration on the wood chipper.

Motion to invite several companies to demonstrate the wood chipper: M. Benavides, Jr.

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1019.3) Motion that any City's allocation to Lifeline be set aside pending Webb County's match: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Cortez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(1273.3) Mayor Tatangelo addressed the Fire and Police Departments, by requesting a 4% salary increase across the board except for those getting over \$25,000 salary.

Mr. Sandy Gibson, President of the Firefighter's Association, requested an 8% salary increase for the 1st 6 months, 4% next 6 months, 4% the following 6 months, and 2% the following 6 months, making it a total of 18% within the 2 year contract. He further indicated tht all avenues of negotiation with the City Manager had been exhausted and would pursue mediation unless City Council would react to their request.

Motion to allocate 4% salary increase across the board: Cortez

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Carlos Villarreal and Mr. Ricardo Garcia, spoke in favor of those employees not being unionized as well as employees morale and required City Council consideration of an across the board salary increase.

III. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FROM \$4.303 TO \$.415 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE.

(133.4) City Manager Marvin Townsend explained that on the second

paragraph of Ordinance 88-0-125 where it reads \$.465 it should be \$.415. The tax rate is composed of two components; 41-1/2¢ operations and .05¢ debt service, totalling 46-1/2¢.

In the tax levy ordinance is the exemption for senior citizens over 65, up to \$20,000 on their homestead, and also the 1/2 of a percent levy or 1/2% of the State's levy on the Alcohol & Beverage Tax.

Councilman Ramirez, Jr.: "All assumptions up to this point and the different activities that we allocated for the General Fund have included the additional amount of taxes that would be generated by an increase, is that correct?"

City Manager Townsend: "That's right, \$628,000 more or less."

Councilman Ramirez, Jr.: "\$628,000 which would be able to fund major capital improvements, such as police cars, the Parks and Recreation activity, the Boys' Club program, and additional items. Also it would be able to absorb the 4% increase that was allowed across the board for all employees".

Motion to concur with the recommendation of staff and proceed with the recommended tax increase: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. FINAL READING ORDINANCES:

(133.4) Motion to waive reading of Ordinances Nos. 88-0-125 & 88-0-126:
(303.4) Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(351.4) A. APPROVING THE 1988 TAX ROLL AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL AD VALOREM AND OCCUPATION TAXES FOR THE TAX YEAR 1988 AND THE FISCAL YEAR 1988-89.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION 9/19/88: All Councilmembers
ORDINANCE NO. 88 0 125

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 88-0-125: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(365.4) B. ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988-89; APPROPRIATING THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES REPORTED THEREIN FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1988 CONSISTENT WITH THE FINANCIAL PLAN DESCRIBED IN SAID BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAID BUDGET.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION 9/19/88: All Councilmembers
ORDINANCE NO. 88 0 126

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 88-0-126: S. Benavides

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 7 Against: Cortez Abstain: 0

V. PRESENTATION(S)

(425.4) Discussion and possible City Council action regarding closure of Fire Station #3 at 2420 San Bernardo.
(Cm. Santos Benavides)

Motion to table item to the next regular meeting: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. REPORTS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

(212.1) A. The annexation schedules for the Tejas 1, 2, and 3 area (approximately 286 acres) and the 15.61 acre area east of Mines Road at the old airport be revised so that

Public hearings will be scheduled on October 10, 1988 and October 17, 1988 with ordinance introduction possible on November 7, 1988 and final reading possible on November 21, 1988. The effective date, if approved, would be upon publication which would be approximately 3 days later or such date that the City Council might determine, such as 12:01 a.m. on December 1, 1988.

Motion that City Council acknowledge the dates and to re-schedule the annexation hearings that was necessary due to the change in schedule! Juarez

Second: Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(1040.3)B.

The City's health insurance contract with the Texas Municipal League's Health Insurance Program be renewed for 1988-89 but with the following changes:

1. Revise accident benefits so that the deductible will still be waived but all benefits will be on an 80% basis rather than 100% for the first \$500, then 80%.
2. Eliminate coverage for pre-existing conditions for 6 months without any treatments during the 6 months, or 12 months if under doctor's care.
3. Change pre-utilization review from 20% penalty to \$400 penalty and no room and board charges for days not certified.
4. Limit dependent student coverage to those under 23.
5. Delete coverage for non-medical use of drugs.
6. Limit manipulation of the spine in any 12 months to 20 visits.
7. Limit private duty nursing to 50% of \$1,000 in a calendar year.
8. For out patient surgery reduce from 100% to 80% but waive deductible.
9. For psychiatric in-patient treatment for mental or nervous disorders or substance abuse require a psychiatric management review.
10. Increase the deductible per covered person from \$150 to \$200.
11. Add annual mammography for women 35 or older.

Without these changes the City's cost will go up 9.5% or \$139,560 per year. These changes have been discussed with Fire and Police Association representatives who have indicated that they prefer the changes rather than the increase in dependent coverage which would cost employees \$61,620 per year.

Motion to approve modification: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(298.1) C.

Central Power and Light Company's offer to pay its 4% gross receipts fee monthly, rather than semi-annually, be accepted. The City will receive approximately \$20,000 per year of additional interest income by having approximately \$570,000 available in 1988-89, which would otherwise not be paid until October 1989.

Motion to proceed: Juarez

Second: Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

(436.4)

Motion to adjourn: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: S. Benavides

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 10:30 P.M.

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WITNESS MY HAND AND CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS ON THIS THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1988.

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HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Secretary

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: