

CITY OF LAREDO

Laredo, Texas

Special City Council Meeting

2400 San Bernardo Avenue

Civic Center Conference Rooms 1 & 2

6:30 P. M.

AGENDA NO: 87-S-35 Minutes DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 1987

IN ATTENDANCE:

- ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " , " II
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., " , " III
- MARGARTIO BENAVIDES, JR., " , " IV
- ENRIQUE "HENRY" TREVINO, " , " V
- DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI
- JOSE A. VALDEZ, " , " VII
- JOHN PETER MONTALVO, " , " VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

II. COMMUNICATION(S)

III. FINAL READING (ORDINANCES)

- A. ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1987/1988; APPROPRIATING THE ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES REPORTED THEREIN FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1986 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1987, CONSISTENT WITH THE FINANCIAL PLAN DESCRIBED IN SAID BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAID BUDGET.

Item dealt with on September 29, 1987.

- B. APPROVING THE 1987 TAX ROLL AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL AD VALOREM AND OCCUPATION TAXES FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR THE TAX YEAR 1987 AND FISCAL YEAR 1987-88.
Final reading of this ordinance by State Law cannot be earlier than September 25, 1987 nor

later than October 8, 1987.

Regarding a property tax increase of 7.9% over the effective tax rate of \$.3985 to \$.4303. The 1986 tax rate was \$.3851. Revaluations decreased the 1987 tax roll by \$53,116,925. The effective tax rate of \$.3895 represents the rate that when applied to these reduced values will generate tax revenues equal to those generated the previous year.

(1578.2) Mr. Jesus Ponce spoke in favor of increase if
9/28/87 one is justified.

(1744.2) Mr. Trinidad Silva spoke to the issue by stating
9/28/87 that some departments should be eliminated.

Motion to approve the recommended tax increase of
.4303: Valdez

Second: Montalvo

For: 5 Against: S. Benavides Abstain: 0
Juarez & Trevino

(2224.2) Councilman Trevino stated that he will vote in the
9/28/87 affirmative if employees are given some salary increase.

(2310.2) Motion to recess for 3 minutes: Cortez

Second: Valdez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(2340.2) Motion to reconsider item: Cortez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Councilman Trevino reiterated employees need increase.

(2573.2) Councilman S. Benavides stated that he would change
9/28/87 vote to affirmative if more policemen are hired.

9/28/87 Councilman M. Benavides, Jr. also expressed his position in favor of increase and against operating with deficit.

Councilman Cortez stated that cuts be dealt with or discussed until budget is adopted.

(3272.2) Motion to recess meeting to as long as needed - if

9/28/87 need be to 6:00 A.M.: Cortez
Second: Ramirez, Jr.
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(3463.2) Councilman Montaivo further stated that he is 100%
9/28/87 for employee increases and better working conditions,
and does not favor terminations.

(3574.2) City Manager Marvin Townsend stated that \$2,023,293
9/28/87 without Street Reconstruction would be the closing
balance.

(3634.2) Motion to adopt the 7.9% tax rate or .4303: Cortez
9/28/87 Second: Ramirez, Jr.
For: 6 Against: Trevino & Juarez Abstain: 0

(3749.2) Motion to recess for 5 minutes: M. Benavides, Jr.
9/28/87 Second: Cortez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

(674.2) Motion to retire to Executive Session: Trevino
9/28/87 Second: Cortez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

A. Executive session be held under Article 6252-17 Sec.
2(e) to discuss pending litigation, namely, City of
Laredo v. South Texas National Bank, International
Bank of Commerce and Laredo National Bank.

Upon their return, Councilman Ramirez announced
that no action had been taken.

V. REPORTS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. Further consideration of the 1987-88 Budget and tax
rate to be levied.

(2353.1) MARVIN TOWNSEND: "At the present moment, the budget that
is before you, brought down the General Fund as being
\$700,000 as the opening balance. It also says that at
the start of the year \$669,000 will be transferred to
the Street Reconstruction Fund and into the General Fund."

(2420.1) CM. SANTOS BENAVIDES: "If we go with the tax increase, how
much are we talking about in city employees raises?"

(2428.1) MARVIN TOWNSEND: "The budget that I recommended to you,

we discussed this balance draw down, had built-in a 3% salary increase as of the 1st of January."

(2433.1) CM. SANTOS BENAVIDES: "Do you think we can go with it, even if we go with the tax increase?"

CM. JUAREZ: "On the issue of deleting the \$130,000 for the computer; and this is my opinion and only my opinion, that it would be moving us backwards and next time around we won't have information and we we'll be in the same position that we are in right now, where we cannot control our expenditures, where we cannot evaluate our performance. I really believe that if our City Manager had the right tools he would be more efficient and more effective even though he is a brilliant person he is only one individual and if he tries to do everything without the proper tools I think that it is only defeating everything that we are trying to do. And I have one question for Mr. Townsend, "Have you looked into consolidations of departments in your proposal that's coming before us?"

MARVIN TOWNSEND: "Yes Sir?"

CM. JUAREZ: "What departments are we consolidating?"

MARVIN TOWNSEND: "It is not our recommendation that departments be consolidated. The organization of any governmental or private entity has to be built around people. As people gain in their capacity to handle their jobs, some end up with a capacity to take new tasks, other don't.

(398.2) Motion that the monies allocated for the Boys' Club
9/28/87 be eliminated and those monies be allocated towards
City recreation; Valdez
Councilman Valdez withdrew his motion.

(437.2) City Manager Townsend explained that there are 51 positions
either proposed to be eliminated or proposed to be deferred
throughout the year.

(791.2) Motion that all positions freeze for 30 days until
9/28/87 Budget is finalized; Cortez
Second: Valdez

(1445.2) Councilman Cortez withdrew his motion as well as
9/28/87 Councilman Valdez his second.

(0067.3) Motion to accept the 2nd alternative to reduce budget
 9/28/87 by \$1.3 with the stipulation that after this budget
 it may be opened to modifications as far as the areas
 where we'd be allocating: Ramirez, Jr.
 Second: Montaivo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Mr. Daniel Barrera to the Planning
 and Zoning Commission. (Com. David R. Cortez)

(3291.4) Motion to acknowledge the appointment of Mr.
 Daniel Barrera to the Planning & Zoning Com-
 mission: S. Benavides
 Second: Valdez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to recess meeting to September 29, 1987
 at 7:00 P.M.: M. Benavides, Jr.
 Second: Juarez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting recessed at 11:45 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES
 01 TO 05 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER
 28, 1987 AND WHICH WAS RECESSED TO SEPTEMBER 29, 1987.
 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 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1987.

HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
 CITY SECRETARY

PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Deputy

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: