

CITY OF LAREDO  
LAREDO, TEXAS  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
2400 SAN BERNARDO AVENUE  
CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2  
7:00 P. M.

AGENDA NO: M87-S-45                      Minutes                      DATE: DECEMBER 28, 1987

IN ATTENDANCE:

- ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT II
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,                      "                      ,                      "                      III
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR.,                      "                      ,                      "                      IV
- ENRIQUE "HENRY" TREVINO,                      "                      ,                      "                      V
- JOSE A. VALDEZ,                      "                      ,                      "                      VII
- JOHN PETER MONTALVO,                      "                      ,                      "                      VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER
- DEBORAH HIBBARD, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENCES:

- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- DAVID R. CORTEZ,                      "                      ,                      "                      VI

I.    MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

II.   TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR A PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE.

Mr. Florencio Pena, Assistant City Manager and Mr. Carlos Villarreal, Community Development Department Director, presented a resume of process.

Motion to allow 15 minute presentations from interested parties: M. Benavides, Jr.

Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Mr. Carlos Villarreal explained that process starts with consultation from Mexico City to Washington or vise versa. Procedures are initiated by ensuring that the 2 nations agree which eventually lead to 2 covenants. The first covenant addresses construction and leads to a Presidential permit. The second

covenant is signed by the Chief Executive Officer. On the U. S. side it would be the City Manager and on the Mexican side (Federal Level) the Secretary of Communications and Transportation.

City Manager Marvin Townsend noted that of importance is consideration of cost environmental assessments as well as the political structure of the area.

(293.1) Mr. Paul Garza, Paul Garza & Asso., made a presentation urging that the City of Laredo make the first move. He further stated that if this process would have been started earlier, construction would now be underway. The handling of 1150 trucks per hour is what is needed to address the cargo issue and land must also be considered. Mr. Garza also explained of the mechanics involved in the crossing process and recommended a South Laredo location explaining advantages.

(2015.1) Mr. Carlos Mejia, Foster Engineering, presented his recommendations and indicated that he represented a group of businessmen which has met with the Nuevo Leon Governor and have also traveled to different points in pursuit of this issue.

(3036.1) Mr. Ruben Garcia stated that if an Industrial Park is built, the State must give the approval and not the City. The State will not approve any plat, unless that plat has a Sewer Treatment Plant.

(3518.1) Ms. Mary Helen Gallego addressed the commercial aspect.

Mr. Mario Jasso, representing another interested group of businessmen, recommended that Avenida Mexico in Nuevo Laredo be the connecting street near the truck route for the third bridge. He further indicated that his proposal is for cargo purposes only.

Councilman Juarez suggested that City Council consider and study the 3 sites presented.

City Manager Townsend explained that cost estimates must be developed between both cities. The two communities must develop more information relevant to bridge. He further explained that the more issues resolved before the application is submitted, should garner the application a prompt approval. The debt service cost will increase from \$2 to \$3 million a

year. The bridge produces about \$5 million of income yearly. Of that amount, \$1 million goes to debt service, \$1 million to operations, \$3 million to streets and general city services. He also stated that approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 will be spent before the application is finalized.

Councilman Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. also expressed concern with having an under-utilized facility (Bridge #2). He requested some communication with Mexican authorities to maximize use of Bridge #2 on Mexico side.

City Manager Townsend stated that Mexico has that concern on a priority list.

Motion to instruct staff to react to the 3 proposals that were presented, to provide maps and present recommendations to include all statistics since 1982 relevant to crossings and bridge activity (vehicular traffic): Juarez

Second: Montalvo

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

### III. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn: Juarez

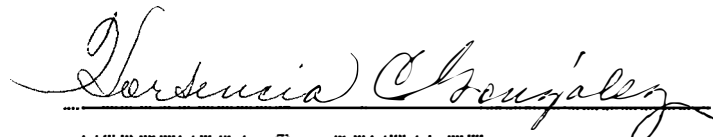
Second: Ramirez, Jr.

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 9:30 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1988.



HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ

CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Deputy

PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: