

CITY OF LAREDO

Laredo, Texas

Workshop City Council Meeting  
Civic Center Conference Room #4

2400 San Bernardo Avenue

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: 87-W-29

Minutes

DATE: August 10, 1987

IN ATTENDANCE:

- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT III (Arrived at 7:15pm)
- MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR., " , " IV (Arrived at 7:10pm)
- ENRIQUE "HENRY" TREVINO, " , " V
- JOSE A. VALDEZ, " , " VII
- GLORIA M. GARZA, DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY
- ANTHONY McGETTRICK, CITY ATTORNEY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER

ABSENCES:

- ALDO TATANGELO, MAYOR
- SANTOS BENAVIDES, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
- JACINTO P. JUAREZ, " , " II
- DAVID R. CORTEZ, " , " VI
- JOHN PETER MONTALVO, " , " VIII
- HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ, CITY SECRETARY

I. MAYOR TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER.

Chmn. Enrique "Henry" Trevino called meeting to order.

Motion to meet as Committee of the Whole: Valdez

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 3                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

II. REGARDING 70TH LEGISLATURE AND SPECIAL SESSION UPDATE.

Chairman Trevino expressed the desire to see that the public is made aware of all such laws, particularly those dealing with the Open Meetings Law and the Election Law.

City Council worked from a summary report sent out at the end of the 70th Legislature by the Texas Municipal League, an organization which monitors legislative activity and represents cities before the state body.

The following summary indicates the Senate Bills, House Bills, and Constitutional Amendments that were discussed.

S.B. 1210 ELECTIONS: Amends the Election Code to change the May Uniform Election Date from the third Saturday in May to the first Saturday in May; provides that a runoff election, which is required as a result of an election held on the first Saturday in May, must be held on the last Saturday in May; and eliminates the third Saturday in January from the list of uniform election dates.

S.B. 168 OPEN MEETING LAW REVISIONS: Amends the Texas Open Meeting Law to expand the definition of "meeting" to include any deliberation between a quorum of members of a governmental body or between that body and any other person. While this particular revision does not alter council's present procedures, other portions are less clear and City Manager Townsend stated that he expects considerable debate over that dealing with executive sessions of governing bodies and a definition of "certified agenda".

Revisions seem to identify minutes of a meeting as the certified agenda. An agenda is what is being proposed for discussion, not that which has already been discussed, but the wording here (S.B.168) is ambiguous and can lead to much confusion in record keeping.

S.B. 408 CONTROL OF SUBSTANDARD DEVELOPMENT IN ETJ AREAS: For the purpose of restricting the proliferation of "colonias" and other forms of substandard development in extraterritorial areas, strengthening municipalities' control powers. The bill also prohibits the extension of water, sewer and other utilities to tracts that are developed in a manner that is not in compliance with the requirement of the act. In addition, it prohibits the application of municipal zoning requirements in ETJ areas.

S.B. 336 MUNICIPAL IMPACT FEES: New law, prescribing requirements applicable to capital recovery fees (CRF) imposed by cities. Authorizes the use of CRFs to finance the construction of roads, water, wastewater and drainage facilities. In addition: (1) permits the use of CRFs to pay for new or expanded capital facilities necessary to support new development, but precludes their use to finance facilities to support existing development or to correct existing infrastructure defects; (2) establishes maximum fees that may be charged, and requires that fee revenues be spent within 10 years; (3) requires cities to make growth and CIP studies as

a precedent for imposing CRFs; (4) mandates notice and hearing procedures that must be followed by the city as part of the local CRF decision making process; (5) requires the formation of an advisory committee to provide input to the city in the course of formulating recovery fee policies; and (6) requires that existing CRF policies be brought into conformity with the requirements of S.B 336 within a prescribed time, depending on the type and scope of the particular policy. Effective May 25, 1987.

S.B. 243 CERTAIN MUNICIPAL COURT FEES: Amends Article 45.06, Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize the municipal court to assess a service fee of up to \$10 against any person convicted of a traffic offense, and whose conviction is subsequently dismissed under a requirement of state law.

Committee members requested that Mr. Hank Domeracki, Finance Director, look into the possibility of assessing such fees.

III. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn: Ramirez, Jr.

Second: M. Benavides, Jr.

For: 4                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Adjournment was at 8:30 P. M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 03 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 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 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1987.

HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Gloria M. Garza, Deputy  
PASSED AND APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:  
CORRECTIONS: