

MINUTES
APRIL 20, 1985
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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WEBB
CITY OF LAREDO

ON THIS THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1985 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS CONVENED IN A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM #4 AT 10:00 A.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS THEROF PRESENT TO WIT:

ANDRES RAMOS, JR	MAYOR PRO-TEM
SANTOS BENAVIDES	COUNCILMEMBER
VIDAL CANTU, JR.	
MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR.	
DAVID R. CORTEZ	
JOSE A. VALDEZ	
EUSTORGIO PEREZ	CITY ATTORNEY
MARVIN TOWNSEND	CITY MANAGER
FLORENCIO PENA	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ	CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: MAYOR ALDO TATANGELO, COUNCILMEN SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR. JOHN PETER MONTALVO.

IN THE ABSENCE OF MAYOR TATANGELO, MAYOR PRO-TEM ANDRES RAMOS, JR. CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AND THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDINGS WERE CARRIED OUT:

FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS CONSIDERATION KOF A CONTRACT WITH A PRVATE LAW FIRM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING DELINQUENT TAXES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 33.07-6.3 OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX CODE.

THE CITY MANAGER PROCEED TO EXPLAIN THE DRAFTED CONTRACT SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN OTHER CITIES. HE FURTHER STATED THAT 1.5 MILLION IS TO BE COLLECTED OF NEW MONIES FOR 1985, OF WHICH \$450,000 WILL GO INTO FEES. IF COLLECTIONS DO NOT REACH \$3,000,000. A CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY MANAGER.

MR. HENRY CUELLAR FROM THE FIRM OF ZAFFARINI, CUELLAR, AND CASTILLO, REFERRED TO PROPOSAL AND FEELS THEIR CONTRACT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS.

AFTER ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION, COUNCILMAN VIDAL CANTU, JR. MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF HEARD,

GOGGIN AND BLAIR. SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN SANTOS BENAVIDES. ALL COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR.

ITEM I- ADDENDA – ESTABLISHING A 15% PENALTY ON TAX ACCOUNTS THAT REMAIN DELINQUENT ON JULY 1, OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY BECAME DELINQUENT (INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE) . CITY MANAGER MARVIN TOWNSEND STATED THAT 1984 LAWSUITS WILL HAVE A 15% PENALTY AND 15% ATTORNEYS FEES. (ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN VIDAL CANTU, JR.)

ITEM II- ADDENDA – APPROPRIATING THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO PAY DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY FEES. AFTER A LENGTHY DISCUSSION COUNCILMAN VIDAL CANTU, JR. MADE A MOTION TO APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS UP TO \$142,000. SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN JOSE A. VALDEZ. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

CITY MANAGER MARVIN TOWNSEND FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTOR AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT, IS THAT AS OF JULY 1ST., AT THE END OF EACH MONTH, THEREAFTER, THE CITY WILL TAKE THE FIGURE OF COLLECTIONS AT THE END OF THE MONTH, DEDUCT ANYTHING THAT CAME FROM THE EMPLOYEES BY PAYROLL DEDUCTION, AND DEDUCT ITEMS THAT CAME FROM THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, MULTIPLY BY 15% AND THAT CHECK WILL GO TO THE CONTRACTOR.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN VIDAL CANTU, JR. THAT A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1985 AT 6:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM #3. SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN JOSE A. VALDEZ. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN VIDAL CANTU JR. SECOND WAS BY COUNCILMAN JOSE A. VALDEZ. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT WAS AT 11:15 A.M.