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CITY OF LAREDO I

On this the 19th day of November, 1984 the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas convened in a Workshop at the Civic Center Room #4 at 6:30 P.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

DAVID R. CORTEZ	:	ALDERMAN
MARGARITO BENAVIDES, JR.	:	"
ANDRES RAMOS, JR.	:	"
JOSE A. VALDEZ	:	"
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ANTHONY McGETTRICK	:	CITY ATTORNEY
MARVIN TOWNSEND	:	CITY MANAGER
FLORENCIO PENA	:	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ	:	CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: Mayor Aldo Tatangelo, Councilmen Santos Benavides, Vidal Cantu, Jr., Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., John Peter Montalvo.

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With a quorum present, Councilman David R. Cortez called the meeting to order and opened the discussion on the Blue Law.

Councilman Jose A. Valdez stated that the State representative would be approached regarding this issue, especially of Cities that are along the border. City Manager Marvin Townsend distributed Blue Law Rules. Mr. Leo Sveen, concerned citizen, asked why the Blue Law was enforced for some and not for others. Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr., who had been slightly delayed, advised that a Resolution opposing the Blue Law, be prepared and presented to Legislature.

Present at the meeting were Wal-Mart representatives stating that "we were a 5-day week society, now we're a seven (7) day, twenty-four (24) hour society." Mr. Trevino, Kroger's representative, says that Mexican shoppers are being turned away due to the law and is hurting economy. Mr. Wayne Thomas, K-Mart, stated that

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Mr. Julio Garcia, District Attorney, told him that other merchants had complained, but there were no representatives from any of the Malls present. Those present were against the Blue Law. It was also brought up that a Resolution with the following points be prepared: (1) Opposing Blue Law (2) Repeal or Amend (3) Opportunity to vote to exempt border area (4) Hampering jobs and Sales Tax (5) Unconstitutional. It was also suggested that Mayor Aldo Tatangelo contact Mr. Julio Garcia, District Attorney, so that something can be worked out.

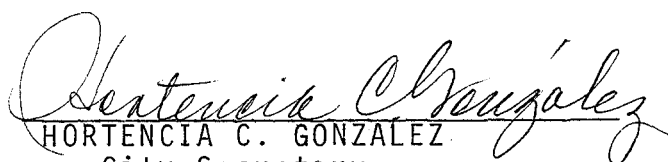
Next item was the discussion and possible Council action on Affordable Housing. Mayor Aldo Tatangelo had requested for this item to be put on the agenda, but was unable to be present tonight. City Manager Marvin Townsend stated that Council may want to wait until recommendations are presented later by the Planning Commission.

A Neighborhood Re-Investment Meeting was also scheduled at this same hour at the Holiday Inn. There is a probability that this topic was included on their agenda. Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. stated that Laredo is ready for affordable housing.

Mr. Leo Ramos stated that the City already has a loan program, which presently no interest is being charged on loans. He also stated that he would like to assess area and talk to private sector, and bring a report back to Council.

After additional discussion, Councilman Jose A. Valdez made a motion that the meeting be Recessed to November 20th. Second was by Councilman David R. Cortez. All voted in favor.

Meeting was Recessed at 8:20 P.M.


HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
City Secretary