

ORIGINAL

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF WEBB §
CITY OF LAREDO §

On this the 3rd day of May, 1983, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in a Regular City Council Meeting at the Civic Center Conference Rooms 1 & 2 at 7:30 P.M., with the following members thereof present, to wit:

ALDO TATANGELO	:	MAYOR
SANTOS BENAVIDES	:	ALDERMAN
SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.	:	"
CARLOS A. ZUNIGA	:	"
ANDRES RAMOS, JR.	:	"
DAVID R. CORTEZ	:	"
JOSE A. VALDEZ	:	"
JOHN PETER MONTALVO	:	"
EUSTORGIO PEREZ	:	CITY ATTORNEY
MARVIN TOWNSEND	:	CITY MANAGER
FLORENCIO PENA	:	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ	:	CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: Alderman Vidal Cantu, Jr.

*

With a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were carried out:

*

The Minutes of April 19, 1983 were approved on motion of Councilman Valdez with the following additions noted by him:

During the discussion of Item VIII on the April 19, 1983 Agenda which was a public hearing on consideration of a Recovery Action Program for the City's Urban Park and Recreation System, Councilmen Valdez, Zuniga and Montalvo requested that West Martin Field be included in the project and that bleachers also be considered for this Field.

With above addition noted, second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor.

Item III(A) Open Bids and Award the sale of \$3,750,000 of Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, New Series 1983, for water treatment plant expansion and improvements (\$1,100,000), a 16 inch main to the north side tower (\$775,000), minor supply mains, local storage and pumping, water line adjustments for street construction, water right purchases and other water system improvements. Mr. Milton Halpern assisted with opening of the bids. Those bids received were as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>NET INTEREST COST</u>	<u>NET EFFECTIVE RATE</u>
(1) Rauscher, Pierce Refsnes, Inc. & Others	\$ 5,927,371.50	9.548726
(2) Underwood, Newhouse & Others	5,967,750.00	9.613774
(3) Schneider, Burnett, Hickman & Other	6,063,475.00	9.76798

Detailed Reports are on file.

It was decided that Rauscher Pierce was the most advantageous bidder and the sale of \$3,750,000 of Laredo Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, Series 1983 was awarded to Rauscher Pierce on motion of Councilman Ramirez and the second by Councilman Zuniga. All voted in favor. City Manager requested that Items VIII(A) and Item VIII(B) which were related be addressed at this time. Councilman Ramirez made a motion for their passage. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted unanimously in favor. The City Secretary noted there had been some typographical and clarification to the ordinance between the time the ordinance was introduced and the time it was presented for final passage. Those changes were:

On Page 16, Section 24 - FURTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL BONDS. Item (d)ii "sings" should read "signs".

On Page 22, Section 29 - SALE OF BONDS, "par value thereof" should read "price of".

City Manager Marvin Townsend in turn advised Council of these minor changes and Councilman Cortez made a motion that these changes in the ordinance be approved. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted unanimously for its passage.

Item III(B) Demolition of two (2) warehouses for the Santa Isabel truck route. One warehouse is on the east side of Santa Isabel between Iturbide and Lincoln. The other is on the west side between Lincoln and Hidalgo. This community development project has an estimated completion date of 45 days after bid award. The following bids were received:

	<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID SUBMITTED</u>
(1)	M & M Contracting	\$ 19,014
(2)	Gateway, Inc.	70,050
(3)	Atlas Construction Co.	69,000
(4)	Pedro Gonzalez d/b/a Demolition Unlimited	9,500

The City Engineer is to take these bids under advisement and will report back to Council at the next Council Meeting. Manager Townsend indicated that the variation in the bids was that this being a salvage job, the technique used by the bidders and what is market to the salvage materials were both quite critical.

Councilman Montalvo made a motion that Item IV(L) be addressed next. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted unanimously in favor. This item was a request of Mr. Roland Herrera, President, Central Labor Council, to urge City Council to adopt means to attract industry to our City to help the unemployed, such as tax breaks, moderate rents, etc. Unless the City Council take a more aggressive means of attracting industry the citizens will not have the opportunity of finding suitable employment. Mr. Herrera indicated he was representing Central Labor Council, as well as Lulac 624 and told Council of the need to bring industry to Laredo and that efforts be coordinated with federal legislators for the purpose of alleviating the present crisis. Both Ms. Yolanda Cortez and Ms. Socorro Navarro addressed Council indicating that they were a part of seventy employees, many of whom were present this evening, who were suspended indefinitely from their employment with Laredo Mfg. Company. They further indicated that they were aware that work generally performed locally had been transferred to Mexico.

Mr. Leopoldo Botello of Laredo Development Foundation who was present, was asked to address this issue. He stated he would contact the party in New York, and would inquire as to this situation. He further indicated that he had become aware that the factory was closing because of lack of demand of their product nationwide. Councilman Montalvo asked as to twin plant concept. Mayor Tatangelo indicated that once one of the plants closed it ceased being a twin plant. Mr. Botello further explained that under Customs law a bolt of cloth could not legally be transferred into Mexico to be cut and then returned to the United States as American goods returned with a value added concept. Furthermore, the cutting operation and the preparation of the components would have to be done in the United States while the assembly operation could be performed in a foreign country. He further indicated that the twin plant operation directly runs about 10 foreign jobs to 1 in the United States in the direct operation. In indirect operation it involves an approximate 60 United States to 100 foreign workers in assembly work. He further indicated that these statistics showed that the United States expenditures exceed the foreign expenditures by 4 to 1 in dollars in payroll expenses. Furthermore, reports indicate that for the textile industry to become competitive with foreign industry, it is anticipated that 400,000 United States textile jobs will be lost to automation in the United States this year. Frank Leach, of Laredo Development Foundation, also addressed the issue stating that four areas are being addressed in their marketing strategy -- those being:

(1) They are looking for American companies willing to locate in Laredo and who are looking to sell their products in Mexico; and cannot legally become "Maquilas" operation.

(2) There are a lot of manufacturers in Mexico seeking to leave that Country and establish operations in the United States because of many reasons such as exchange controls, etc.

(3) About one-tenth of operation, or 10%, is directed to "Maquilas" — actually twin plant operations based on United States Customs laws 807 and 806. Laredo has 14 "Maquilas" operation of which 8 have operations on the United States side, including Meridian Industries.

(4) The twin plants being sought are those who will do manufacturing of components here and assembly across the river. He further stated that Laredo was in direct competition with other border cities, Councilman Valdez referred to his previous request to establish an Industrial Information section in the Library for the use of people seeking this service, Councilman Zuniga also asked Mr. Herrera to also write to the area congressmen in support of Councilman Ramos proposal to amend the airport indenture, to be discussed later in this agenda. After additional discussion followed, Councilman Montalvo made a motion to instruct the City Manager to investigate the closure or moving into Mexico, of Laredo Manufacturing Company, and to report to Council in two weeks. Second was by Councilman Valdez, All voted unanimously in favor.

Item IV(A) Request by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. to resolve that the City Council call a Public Town Hall Meeting at the Civic Center Rooms 1 & 2, on May 9th at 7:30 P.M. for an open discussion of Laredo's economic conditions. Councilman Ramos made a motion that this meeting be held. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted in favor.

Item IV(B) A resolution by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. to schedule a joint meeting between the Laredo City Council, the Webb County Commissioners Court, the Laredo Development Foundation Executive Committee and the Executive Committees of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce and Mexican Chamber of Commerce to discuss Laredo's Industrial Development needs and coordination of efforts by all involved agencies to insure maximum effectiveness in locating new industry in Laredo. Mr. Leopoldo Botello expressed that the Foundation endorsed Councilman Ramos' efforts. He also made reference to documents distributed to Council listing functions and responsibilities of the Foundation. He alluded to HB 1125 enabling Texas border cities to participate in enterprise zone designation, which will also be addressed on agenda later on this evening. He urged endorsement of HB1125 - and a comparison bill at the State level, which could afford relief in attracting industry. Councilman Ramos made a motion for passage of this resolution and that the Mayor be directed to coordinate a meeting within 30 days with all parties involved. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. Council-

man Montalvo requested an amendment to include the Labor Councils representative, and Councilmen Ramirez and Ramos accepted the amendment. All voted unanimously in favor.

Item IV(C) A resolution by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. directing the City Manager to seek amendment of the Laredo International Airport indenture with the Federal Aviation Administration to permit rentals in the Airport Industrial Park at rates lower than fair market value to service as an inducement for industries to locate in the Industrial Park. Councilman Ramos made a motion for its passage second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor.

Item IV(D) Resolution by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. to instruct the City manager to explore the possibilities of a Joint Agreement between the City and local courts for the establishment of a DWI work force. Councilman Ramos indicated that Judge Manuel Flores had quoted him some statistics of DWI cases. He then made the motion for its passage second was by Councilman Cortez. Councilman Valdez stressed the need of a Holding Tank. Judge Danny Valdez requested a meeting with Mr. Townsend and Chief of Police Victor Garcia. Mr. Townsend indicated he would try to schedule a meeting this week. He also stated there were many factors to be considered in setting up such a facility. All voted in favor.

Item IV(E) A resolution by Councilman Jose A. Valdez opposing the importation of foreign workers for agriculture work. Councilman Valdez elaborated on the U. S. agricultural workers not been given the opportunity to work and that preference was given to foreign workers. He further felt that Council could take action by directing efforts to the Department of Labor as well as to Congressman Rodino regarding the H2 Program as well as SB 529 and HR 1410 (Simpson Mazzoli Immigration Bill). Mr. Ramon Ramos spoke to this issue indicating that there were presently 300 & 400 jobs for farm workers available throughout South Texas at Texas Employment Commission. Mr. Rafael Torres also alluded to above mentioned bills and urged Council to voice their protest to federal legislators against these bills. Mr. Jesus Hernandez also spoke to this issue differing with Mr. Torres by expressing himself in favor of this bill. Councilman Valdez then

made the motion opposing the importation of foreign workers for agricultural work when Laredo has over 28.7% unemployment and a large percentage of those persons are farm workers willing and able to work right now. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. All were in favor.

At this point, Mayor Tatangelo read a memorandum to the Mayor and Councilmembers from Councilman Cantu requesting that his absence be excused from today's meeting due to pressing matters out of the City. Councilman Cortez made the motion to excuse his absence, and Councilman Ramirez seconded. All were in favor.

Item IV(F) A resolution by Councilman Jose A. Valdez supporting a teachers' payraise by the State of Texas, to be payed out of funds secured from any source deemed feasible by legislature. Councilman Valdez made a motion for approval of this resolution. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All were in favor.

Item IV(G) Request of Councilman Valdez for a study of street light at the corner of San Bernardo & Chicago. Councilman Valdez spoke of work being done in area as well as a concern regarding sewer lines not being connected at the corner of Santa Maria and Chicago and one block east, from Convent on Chicago which is Salinas Street. Mr. Casimiro Guajardo the interested party in this issue requested Mr. Carlos Mejia to speak for him on this matter. He indicated that this area would in an approximate ten years become commercial and that it behooves the City to face the solution at this point. Mr. Townsend indicated that the particular block already has a sewer line the full length of two sides of the block. He further felt that there were other areas in the City having no sewer connections which had priority and with the limited resources available, he would be hesitant to recommend a third sewer line in the area in question to accomodate one property owner in actuality. Councilman Valdez made a motion to instruct City Manager to conduct a study of street light at the corner of San Bernardo & Chicago. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All were in favor.

Item IV(H) Request of Councilman Valdez for a study on the feasibility of flanking sidewalk curbs to prevent damage by heavy trucks as they turn. Manager Townsend indicated that the curb's purpose was to protect abutting property and people in immediate vicinity and that it was against the law to run over a curb. He indicated that better enforcement should be initiated. Councilman Valdez is to advise the City Manager as to where this condition is most prevalent.

Item IV(I) Request by Mayor Aldo Tatangelo for status report on paving in the area of Kawas and Cigarroa Schools. Mr. Tony Gutierrez of Laredo Independent School District indicated that the mentioned schools would be dedicated on August 18th and are most anxious to have paving of the 23 blocks involved terminated by that time. Mr. Townsend indicated that according to his timetable the paving should be terminated by Christmas at best. The Engineer is presently designing the curb and gutter section. There have been no commitments from property owners on certain streets. There was a discussion regarding funding. The school system is to pay for a third of this project.

Item IV(J) Communications by Mayor Aldo Tatangelo. Mayor Tatangelo indicated that most of the issues he wanted to discuss under this item had already been discussed and, therefore, proceeded to the next item.

Item IV(K) Request of Councilman Jose A. Valdez for discussion of ordinance regarding the disposal of trash leaves and any other debris on Storm Drainage System. Councilman Valdez indicated that he was aware that storm drains in many areas were being used to dispose of trash and other substances such as oils, specifically at Santa Maria and Jefferson and Flores and Scott. There is an ordinance, that he wants citizens to be aware of and, that it will be enforced.

Item IV(M) Request of Councilman John Peter Montalvo that a Committee composed of three Councilmembers be named to serve as liason between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District. Councilman Montalvo requested that this item be TABLED for next meeting.

Councilman Cortez requested that Item VIII(C) - Amending that certain ordinance passed on June 21, 1981, accepting the rights-of-way to proposed streets referred to as Calle Del Norte and Springfield be moved forward to be addressed next. Councilman Montalvo made the motion and second was by Councilman Ramirez. All voted in favor. Mr. Carlos Mejia asked for clarification as to how ordinance reads. That is, whether authorization is being given to separate 8 acres from rest of 40 acres, and guaranteeing the improvements only on the frontage of the 8 acres or is the extension being given throughout the 40 acres. City Manager explained that this matter is being again recommended to Council for sole purpose of placing it before the Planning Commission "without any strings" in relation to prior ordinance. Councilman Ramos urged Planning and Zoning Commission to expedite this matter as soon as possible. City Manager Townsend indicated that the developers had not presented any plan as to how they intend to develop it with water, sewer and streets to meet requirements of ordinance. Mr. Mejia reiterated that his purpose for being before Council was for clarification as to whether it was to guarantee the improvements of the street fronting only the eight acres or was reference being made to prior years, when Calle Del Norte was passed and litigated thru an ordinance. Armando Trevino of the Planning and Zoning Commission also addressed Council indicating that at no time had the Planning and Zoning instructed Council on how they should act if Council's action this evening favors Mr. Mejia's recommendation, he felt Council would be telling Planning and Zoning what to do. He further indicated that there were problems with this issue. City Manager indicated that the ordinance meant what it indicated.

Councilman Montalvo requested to re-address Item IV(M) requesting that a Committee composed of three Councilmembers be named to serve as liason between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District, and made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Valdez. All voted unanimously for its re-address. He further indicated that the membership representing Laredo Independent School District be passed through their resolution and the membership representing the City to be named at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Townsend requested whether both school districts were to be included. Councilman Zuniga asked whether two Committees would be incorporated for proper representation of both districts. Councilman Montalvo made a motion for incorporation of 2 committees which was seconded by Councilman Valdez. Motion carried by the unanimous vote of Councilmembers present.

Manager Townsend recommended that the following be addressed next. Item X(B) A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Foreign Trade Zones Board for a Foreign Trade Zone.

The proposed zone will have 3 sites. The first is at Saunders Avenue and Meadow Street in the Airport Industrial Park. The second site is at the east property line of the Airport. The third is in the Tex-Mex Industrial Park with rail access. The application includes letters of interest from a number of local business. Approval will provide an additional incentive for industrial and commercial growth. Councilman Montalvo made a motion that it be moved forward, and that it be passed. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted in favor.

Next Items V(A), V(B), and V(C), City Manager's Reports,

Item V(A) Contracts for swimming program chemicals be awarded to the low bidder for each item except on Item 1, where the local bidder is only \$39 higher and will provide shelf storage so that drums can be picked up as needed. The bid of Van Waters and Rogers of Corpus Christi is not recommended because of failure to submit a bid bond.

Item 1	- 2000 lbs. of Granular Chlorine Cantu-Johnston Pools-Laredo	\$ 2,299.00
Item 2	- 2000 lbs. of Soda Ash Accron Chemicals Dist.-San Antonio	230.00
Item 3	- 2000 lbs. of Diatomite Filter Powder A. E. Stein Co.-New Braunfels	320.00
Item 4	- 160 Cylinders of Liquid Chlorine Dixie Chemical Co.-Corpus Christi	6,000.00
Item 5	- One Drum of Weed Killer Laredo Sanitary Supply-Laredo	495.00
Item 6	- 9000 lbs. of Marble Dust Cantu- Jonston Pool-Laredo	423.12
		<u>423.12</u>
		\$ 9,767.12

Item V(B) A new one year lease be approved to March 31, 1984, plus three-one year extensions thereafter with POST TIME TOURS, A PARTNERSHIP, for 120 square feet of counter and floor space in the Terminal Building at 608 Flightline at \$.60 per square foot with annual consumer price index increases. The rent is \$72.00 per month, plus 10-percent of gross revenues over \$500.00 each month. The leased area is and will be used as a tour service for tourist information center, peso exchange and ticket sales. The Airport Advisory Committee so recommends.

Item V(C) Authorizing a revised Grant Agreement for the Downtown Storefront Revitalization UDAG Project. The original grant did not provide a staged draw down so that public property improvements can begin before all the private sector investment has been expended. Some private sector commitments have been cancelled or revised, including deferral of the additional level of parking at the Bank's garage. The total grant is \$1,500,000. The revised agreement will enable the City to use up to \$1.2 million dollars based on actual private commitments and expenditures to date (Businesses - \$647,543; Bank - \$8,559,200). The original commitment of the businesses and bank was \$1,483,530 and \$9,486,240. If additional private commitments and expenditures are made HUD will allow additional public improvements. For the balance of the grants (\$300,000) to be received, and additional \$1,763,027 of private investment is needed. Other changes in the revised agreement include:

(a) Adding brick paving on the eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ block of Farragut Street, between San Bernardo and Santa Ursula Avenues, the eastern $\frac{1}{2}$ block of Hidalgo Street, between San Bernardo and Santa Ursula Avenues, and Flores Avenue, between Lincoln and Hidalgo Streets.

(b) Allowing City Hall ground improvements not exceed \$111,000, but only after all other local activities have been completed.

(c) Reductions in certain improvements, but revised project will still include 100 trees, 10 benches, 100 street signs, 60 trash containers and 37 street lights.

(d) Extending the completion date to February 27, 1984.

Motion for passage was by Councilman Ramos and second by Councilman Cortez. All voted unanimously for passage of Items V(A), V(B), and V(C).

Item V(D) Consideration of the Governor's designation of the Service Delivery Area and the agency to provide training and other CETA type activities beginning in October. Apparently, the 4 county area will receive about \$3,000,000 next year. The South Texas Development Council and Webb County are now providing the administration for existing programs. Mr. Townsend indicated that no official public statement had been made by either County or South Texas Development Council as to whether either should be the Service Delivery Area. He further indicated that an active position from Council was necessitated promptly so that the Governor would make his designation. Councilman Zauniga made the motion that no changes be made and that the present arrangement be maintained. Second was by Councilman Cortez. There was a lengthy discussion on the subject. It was also mentioned that there was now a vacancy needing to be filled on South Texas Development Council. City Manager Townsend is to bring back an analysis as to South Texas Development Council membership. The affirmative vote of six Councilmembers present executed passage of this item, with Councilman Ramos abstaining. Mr. Townsend requested clarification of the motion and Councilman Ramirez explained that the intent was that Webb County be designated the Service Delivery Area for Webb County. Councilman Valdez made the motion for reconsideration of above amendment to original motion. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor with Councilman Ramos abstaining.

Item V(E) Discussion of pedestrian crossing of Zacate Creek. A report was distributed on April 19th, indicating the children involved if a crossing were to be built near J. C. Martin Elementary School and estimating a bridge at \$80,000 and a low water crossing at \$40,000. A crossing between Boston and San Carlos Streets was last discussed a few months ago. It would benefit about 9 blocks of residents between Zacate Creek and Interstate 35 and between Saunders and Chicago. This year's Community Development budget includes \$60,000 for a pedestrian crossing. Mr. Townsend indicated that there

appeared to be monies available for both projects. Councilman Valdez made a motion to instruct the City Manager to prepare the appropriate and necessary paperwork needed to legally proceed with construction of two bridges immediately. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. Manager Townsend recommended the low water crossing near the J. C. Martin Elementary School but Councilman Ramirez indicated his preference for the bridge. All voted in the affirmative.

Item V(F) Tentative approval is recommended for a 200 acre land fill site between Highway 359 and the Tex-Mex Railway approximately 3 miles east of the Highway 359-Loop 20 intersection. The City would lease 50 acres for \$500 per acre and retain options on 3 adjacent 50 acre tracts by payment of an option fee of \$2,000 per year per 50 acre tract. Thus, the annual rent would be \$31,000, subject to increases based on the consumer price index after 5 years. The City would be required to fence the site being used, provide an all weather road, supervise the site, and seed it with grass when finished. The owner would be able to swap other nearby land for the option land or cancel the option with 12 months notice by refunding the option money paid for the tract. If tentative approval is received, soil tests and the formal application to the State will be completed. Final contract approval will be conditioned upon issuance of a state permit. Councilman Montalvo made the motion for approval of this item. Second was by Councilman Ramos. All voted in affirmative.

Item V(G) The contract with Victory Outreach, Inc. for operating a drug rehabilitation and drug detoxification center be continued for 1982-83. The Revenue Sharing 1982-83 Budget includes \$2,000 for this purpose. Councilman Ramos made the motion for its approval and second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted unanimously in favor.

Item V(H) Permits be approved with the Hillside Little League, Laredo West Baseball Association and American Little League for use of city owned property as baseball fields. The permits document the informal arrangement the City has regarding use of the fields. All permits provide for the City to maintain the fields, pay utilities and prepare the field for play. The league has been informed that the next season a standard lease will be developed which will include the recommendation that the City discontinue paying utilities and

and preparing the fields for games. The organizations and locations are:

- (a) Hillside Little League - Two fields between Sandman and North Gust Streets and between Bartlett and Maher Avenues.
- (b) American Little League - Colbert field (Garcia-Vela) at Arkansas and Green
- (c) Laredo West Baseball Association - Al King Little League field (National Little League at 2500 San Dario Ave.)
- (d) Laredo West Baseball Association - West Martin field Senior League between Park St., Santa Maria Ave., Garden St. and San Bernardo Ave.

Councilman Montalvo made a motion for approval. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted in the affirmative.

Item V(I) Consideration of a change order for \$69,500 to the Chicago-Taylor Street contract with Victor M. Solis Underground Utility and Paving Co, Inc. to excavate 11,710 cubic yards of garbage and replace it with 9365 cubic yards of compacted street sub-grade. Since this section of street is on an old landfill which was not detected when plans were prepared, this work was not included in the plans. Now the alternatives are this change order, deletion of all work from San Francisco to Park Drive and reduction of the project cost, or deletion of concrete and storm sewer work and construction of temporary asphalt roads until the garbage becomes stable. Councilman Ramos made a motion for passage of this change order. Second was by Councilman Cortez. All voted in the affirmative except Councilman Zuniga and Councilman Ramirez, who opposed.

Item V(J) Discussion of proposed improvements on Loop 20 from Highway 83 East. City Manager Townsend requested Council direction on his recommendation that Highway Department be urged to place curb, gutter, drainage and sidewalk on at least a portion of Ejido to Highway 83 as a major street. Councilman Montalvo made a motion authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the letter to the Highway Department pursuant to his recommendations. Second was by Councilman Benavides. Mr. Townsend pointed out that this would need to be paid and would recommend it be appropriated out of next year's Community Development Department program. All voted in the affirmative.

Item V(K) Recommend approval of a memorandum of understanding with the Laredo Optimist Club concerning use of Dryden Memorial Park. The City currently maintains one little league field and one senior league field at Dryden Park which abuts Chacon Creek east of Highway 83. The same services provided to their leagues will be provided to the Optimist Club Little League. The Optimist Club will pay all utility cost related to a private residence and the concession stand on the property. Motion was made by Councilman Montalvo for its passage. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. All voted in favor.

Item V(L) Determination of hearing schedule for the further review of the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding adoption of a zoning ordinance. The matter of the public hearings to further discuss Zoning was addressed first. It appeared as all Councilmembers wanted additional meetings in each of their districts. The City Manager will prepare a draft schedule of proposed meetings for approval by each Councilmember.

Item V(M) Discussion of pending litigation was postponed for discussion for the end of the agenda as an executive closed session.

Item VI(A) Was the ordinance (2nd Reading) extending Cable Television Franchise with Vumore Company of Laredo, Inc., to December 20, 1983, providing for publication within five (5) days following each of three (3) readings at three (3) regular meetings of the City Council; providing for effective date (60) days after final passage. (Introduced on April 19, 1983 by Councilman David R. Cortez). Councilman Cortez made a motion to accept its second reading. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted unanimously in favor of its acceptance, except Councilman Ramos who was momentarily out and his vote was not documented.

Item VII(A) Emergency Ordinance extending the ordinance dated November 2, 1982, designating primary industrial areas within the City and establishing a temporary moratorium on the use of land for warehouses and industrial type buildings in all other areas of the City and amending that ordinance to place a temporary moratorium on the establishment of new bars within the City. Councilman Valdez made a

motion for its passage, with the second by Councilman Cortez. All Councilmembers present voted in favor, except Councilmen Zuniga and Ramirez who opposed.

Item IX INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES:

Item IX(A) Authorizing and appropriating from the street an additional amount not to exceed \$25,000 to the Arkansas Highway MH219 Right-of-Way Project. City Council has previously allocated \$28,000 but additional amount is required due to amounts awarded by Special Commissioners in condemnation proceedings on two of the five parcel involved. The other 3 parcels have been acquired by negotiation at the appraised value. Introduced by Councilmen Benavides and Cantu.

Item IX(B) Accepting the rental and catering agreements forms attached and authorizing the City Manager or Director of the Civic Center to execute rental and/or catering agreements as the need for execution arises at the Laredo Civic Center (The rental agreement form is generally the same as the one presently used. The catering agreement is a new form and will be required of anyone who contracts with a lessee to provide food at a Civic Center function. The Caterer will be required to pay the City 10% of the amount charged to the tenant. The catering agreement will assist in clarifying responsibilities and will provide some additional revenue), Introduced by Councilmen Valdez and Montalvo.

Item IX(C) Parking be prohibited on San Bernardo Avenue within $\frac{1}{2}$ block of the intersections of Scott and Jefferson Streets so that left turn lanes can operate. The new signals have been installed but trial operation indicate that the left turn movement cannot be protected without a center left turn lane which, because of the street width, requires that parking be prohibited. Introduced by Councilmen Valdez and Montalvo.

Item X RESOLUTIONS:

Item X(A) Setting rate schedule for the use of Civic Center and superceding any prior rate schedule. The Civic Center Rent Schedule includes two proposed changes. It is recommended that rates for the use of the Banquet Hall and Auditorium be increased 11% and that commercial tenants pay a 10% gross admissions when 10% exceeds basic

rent. These adjustments are needed to offset utility and other cost increases. It was also noted that reservations would be based on availability of seating capacity. Also, the City Manager recommended that the City should participate in a percentage of gross receipts rather than a flat rate. Motion was made by Councilman Valdez. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. All voted unanimously for its passage.

Next Items to be discussed were the matters pertaining to the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation. Councilman Ramirez made a motion to recess the City Council meeting and to go into session as the Board of Directors of Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted in favor.

Item XI(1) Consideration of adoption of the 1982-83 Budget providing for estimated income of \$463,500 and anticipated expenditures of \$455,172, including \$135,736 for interest and note payments. Councilman Ramirez made a motion for its adoption. Second was by Councilman Cortez. Mayor Tatangelo stressed the need for additional housing. The detailed reports on assets and liabilities as well as the overall operation is summarized on a report on file. City Manager Townsend was to submit recommendations to Council at a later date as to procedures employed to collect rent. All Councilmembers present voted unanimously in favor.

Item XI(2) Acknowledge receipt of the 1982-83 Audit and authorize payment of \$4,125. The auditors, Botello, Gonzalez and Whitworth, were awarded a 3 year contract on September 1980 at a cost of \$3,300 plus out-of-pocket expenses. The firm is now Botello, Gonzalez and Farias. Since the year was extended by three months, the Executive Director authorized an additional 25% fee or \$825.00 Councilman Valdez motioned for its approval. Second was by Councilman Cortez. All voted in favor.

Item XI(3) Consider proposed letter to the Trustee regarding payment- in-lieu-of taxes. Councilman Montalvo made a motion for its passage. Second was by Councilman Valdez. All voted in favor.

Item XI(4) Discussion of audit process for 1982-83. Manager Townsend recommended that all audits of City Departments should be combined into one and not fragmented as was the present case. This would be in the City's best interest cost-wise, as well as coordination of fiscal years of departments. Councilman Valdez made a motion to instruct the Executive Director of Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation to bring back recommendations along these lines discussed on audit. Councilman Montalvo seconded and all voted in favor.

At this time, Councilman Valdez made a motion to adjourn meeting as Board of Directors of Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor.

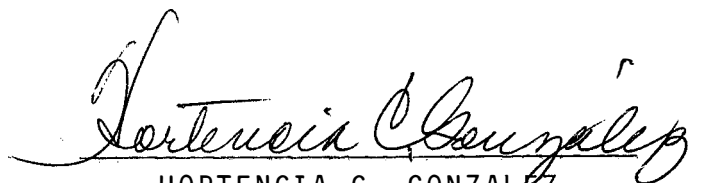
Councilman Valdez made a motion to resume the recessed City Council Meeting. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor.

Next Item to be discussed was that of pending litigation (Item V(M)). Councilman Zuniga made a motion to go into Executive Session. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. All voted in favor.

After governing body returned from Executive Session it was announced that discussion of three pending cases had taken place with no official action taken at this time.

Motion for adjournment was made by Councilman Ramirez with the second by Councilman Benavides. All voted in favor.

Adjournment was at 12:45 A.M.


HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
City Secretary

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON 
MAY 17 1983