

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

On this the 24th day of September, 1983, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in a (Recessed) Regular City Council Meeting at the Civic Center Room #4 at 9:30 A.M, with the following members thereof present, to wit:

- ALDO TATANGELO : MAYOR
- CARLOS A. ZUNIGA : ALDERMAN
- SANTOS BENAVIDES : "
- SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR. : "
- DAVID R. CORTEZ : "
- JOSE A. VALDEZ : "
- JOHN PETER MONTALVO : "
- EUSTORGIO PEREZ : CITY ATTORNEY
- MARVIN TOWNSEND : CITY MANAGER
- ROSALINDA GARZA : DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: Councilmen Vidal Cantu, Jr., Andres Ramos, Jr.
 Hortencia C. Gonzalez, City Secretary

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

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On the motion of Councilman John Peter Montalvo the City Council resumed the Regular City Council meeting of September 20, 1983 on the budget hearing for 1983-1984, together with an addendum item of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute two pipe-line licenses on behalf of the City of Laredo as Licensee for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an 18" water main. The City of Laredo is the recipient of a Jobs Bill Grant from the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$890,998. The project will include the construction of an 18" water main extending from the Water Treatment Plant on Jefferson Street, north to the elevated reservoir tank located at Mines Road and IH-35, and the paving of sixteen blocks located in the vicinity

of the project. The 18" water main will require crossing of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad right-of-way. A fee of \$1,500 for the two licenses will be paid out of EDA Grant or Water Revenue Bond monies. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,113,747 with the following contributions EDA - \$890,998; Water Revenue Bonds - \$171,836; CDBG - \$50,913. Second was by Councilman Santos Benavides. All voted in favor.

A letter from Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. was distributed to the Council. It stated that the City Manager was not obeying the City Charter. City Manager Marvin Townsend addressed Council and agreed to prepare a report listing all of the City Charter provisions that are not being carried out. He also added he will have the details why they cannot be met at the present time. (At this time, Mayor Aldo Tatangelo asked to be excused, due to a prior commitment).

The City Council agreed to have a task force to increase the delinquent tax collection from 78% to 83% for the next fiscal year. City Manager, Marvin Townsend stated that he wanted all city employees to participate in reaching that goal, since a 4% salary increase is projected. The Council approved the hiring of four new positions in the Tax Collector's Office to get delinquent tax roll computerized, and to expedite an efficient delinquent tax collection procedures. The Task Force is projected to collect \$400,000 for the coming fiscal year, plus \$390,000 of delinquent taxes. Councilman Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. made a motion for its approval. Second was by Councilman Jose A. Valdez. All voted in favor.

Next item that was discussed was the 3% Hotel/Motel Occupancy tax increase. The proposed increase of the Hotel/Motel tax resulted during the discussion of the Civic Center financial position. Motion was made by Councilman Jose A. Valdez to increase the tax by 3% and to place it into a debt service fund. Second was by Councilman John Peter Montalvo. All were in favor, with the exception of Councilmen Cortez and Zuniga. (At this time, Mayor Aldo Tatangelo returned).

At this point, Councilman Saul Ramirez made a motion to set aside 1% of the Hotel/Motel tax increase, and place it into a building reserve for the building of a new Civic Center. Mayor Aldo Tatangelo suggested to amend the motion of Councilman Ramirez, and to set aside the whole 3% to construct a new Civic Center. Councilman Ramirez accepted to amend the motion. "There was no second". Cm. Valdez made a motion to set a public hearing on October 4, 1983 to increase the Hotel/Motel Occupancy tax by 3%. Second was by Councilman Saul N. Ramirez. All voted in favor.

Councilman Jose Valdez stated that Mayor Aldo Tatangelo was doing a good job, and suggested that his budget be increased. Councilman Ramirez asked the Mayor the amount of money he was requesting. Mayor Tatangelo did not have a figure but will come back with an amount at a later date. Council has approved a budget for the Mayor mainly for promoting the City of Laredo.

Following was the discussion of the Municipal Court. Motion was made by Councilman Jose A. Valdez to allow substitute municipal court Judge Javier Montemayor to work mornings at the Municipal Court hearing cases. It was also mentioned that an ordinance needs to be prepared to have the Municipal Clerk report to the City Manager instead to the Council as required in the City Charter. Councilman Valdez also pointed out the difference of \$100,000 on collection tickets. Revenue from the Municipal Court was too low. He recommended an investigation be done on the \$100,000 difference and to report on how many tickets were issued, collected, and how many cases were dismissed or suspended. Second was by Councilman Saul N. Ramirez. All voted in the affirmative.

Motion was made by Councilman Ramirez to enforce contract agreements with organizations using the City Cemetery. It was also brought up that the City Cemetery be combined with the Parks and Recreation Department. Second was by Councilman Jose A. Valdez. All voted in favor.

Councilman John Peter Montalvo commented on the problems of the telephone system. City Manager Marvin Townsend told Council that the City will go back to the old telephone system, due to the high cost of the present facilities.

Councilman Jose A. Valdez made a motion for approval of \$20,000 for the Central Welfare, of which \$10,000 will be used for the hiring of an additional employee, and the other \$10,000 to be use for emergencies. Second was by Councilman Ramirez. All voted in favor.

On the Parks and Recreation Department motion was made by Councilman Saul N. Ramirez to instruct the City Manager Marvin Townsend and Parks and Recreation Director to renegotiate contracts with organization using City Parks to pay for full cost of maintenance. Second was by Councilman Jose A. Valdez. All voted in favor.

Next item dealt with the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute two pipe line licenses on behalf of the City of Laredo as Licensee for the purpose of constructing and maintaining an 18" water main. The City of Laredo is the recipient of a Jobs Bill Grant from the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$890,998. The project will include the construction of an 18" water main extending from the Water Treatment Plant on Jefferson Street, north to the elevated reservoir tank located at Mines Road and IH-35, and the paving of sixteen blocks located in the vicinity of the project. The 18" water main will require crossing of the Missouri-Pacific Railroad right-of-way. A fee of \$1,500 for the two licenses will be paid out of EDA Grant or Water Revenue Bond monies. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,113,747 with the following contributions EDA - \$890,998; Water Revenue Bonds - \$171,836; CDBG - \$50,913. Motion was made by Councilman John Peter Montalvo for its approval. Second was by Councilman Santos Benavides. All voted in favor.


RESOLUTION NO. 83-R-0073

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE TWO PIPE LINE LICENSES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO AS LICENSEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING AN 18-INCH WATER MAIN.

At this time, motion was made by Councilman Saul Ramirez to recess meeting for Thursday, September 29, 1983 at 6:30 P. M. in Room #4 of the Civic Center.

After additional discussion, motion was made by Councilman Saul Ramirez to adjourn meeting. Second was by Councilman Jose A. Valdez. All voted in the affirmative.

Adjournment was at 2:50 P.M.


HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
City Secretary

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APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON 11-1-83
