

STATE OF TEXAS  
 COUNTY OF WEBB  
 CITY OF LAREDO

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On this the 14th day of December, 1983, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in an Emergency City Council Meeting at the Civic Center Rooms 1 & 2 at 8:00 A.M., with the following members thereof present, to wit:

ALDO TATANGELO	:	MAYOR
SANTOS BENAVIDES	:	ALDERMAN
VIDAL CANTU, JR.	:	"
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

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With a quorum present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:10 A.M., and the following proceedings were carried out:

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City Manager Marvin Townsend proceeded to explain that the necessity for an emergency meeting had been due to the fact that contract award needed to be made on this date as per requirements of the Economic Development Administration, since an extension had not yet been approved as had been set out in the timetable.

Low bidders, South Texas Utility Contractor & Jimmy Closner & Sons, and Solis Underground Utility & Paving Company, were notified and were present.

Mr. Bill Ueckert, Project Engineer, indicated that a pre-bid conference had been held during which the ductile iron pipe as well as the pre-tension concrete pipe had been discussed at length.

Presentation was also made by Mr. Jim Bailey, Vice-President of Sales for Gilford Company. He spoke of his expertise as a corrosion engineer and cited several localities where the pre-tension concrete cylinder pipe with built-in safety factors had been effective for as many as 100 years.

Mr. Andres Sandoval, citizen, expressed his opposition to this meeting and asked whether the City Charter had been complied with. The City Secretary indicated the Mayor's written request for this meeting was on file. (Secretary's Note: Mr. Sandoval accompanied me to my office where a copy of such request as well as that portion of the Open Meetings Law relating to public necessity emergency meetings were secured).

Mr. Victor Solis also voiced his opinion in favor of the ductile pipe and distributed literature on faults found with the pre-tension concrete pipe. He further stated there had been concerns with his competitor's bid bond similar to his own previous experience.


Others speaking in favor of Mr. Solis were Mr. Tom Donnell as well as Ms. Gloria Joiner.

After additional discussion, Councilman Cortez made a motion that a contract be awarded to South Texas Utility Contractors and Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction Co., Inc., a Joint Venture for the 18 inch water main and street improvement project for the low bid of \$893,839.53, subject to Economic Development Administration concurrence. Second was by Councilman Montalvo. All Council members present voted in the affirmative.

Adjournment was at 9:15 A.M. on motion of Councilman Valdez and the second by Councilman Montalvo. All voted in favor.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON

12/20/83

  
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ  
City Secretary