

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

On this the 2nd day of June, 1982, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in Special City Council Meeting at the Civic Center Rooms 1 and 2 at 5:30 P.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

ALDO TATANGELO	:	MAYOR
SANTOS BENAVIDES	:	ALDERMEN
VIDAL CANTU, JR.	:	"
SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.	:	"
CARLOS A. ZUNIGA	:	"
DAVID R. CORTEZ	:	"
JOSE A. VALDEZ	:	"
JOHN PETER MONTALVO	:	"
HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ	:	CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: Alderman Ramos and Attorney Perez

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First item to be considered was an interview of Mr. Kevin Kaufman from Mission, Texas for the position of City Manager during an Executive Session. Mayor Tatangelo and Councilmembers returned from the interview at approximately 6:50 P.M.

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Next item was a presentation for review of departmental budget hearings with Mr. Frank Etheredge, Comptroller, making initial presentations. Councilman Cortez asked the Comptroller what monies we have for operation. Do we have more or less than the previous year? Mr. Etheredge stated it would be less due to City Sales Tax decrease because of impact due to peso devaluation. Councilman Ramirez asked whether there had been any Salary increases. Mr. Etheredge said no. He further stated that there had been a deletion in the PARD on instructions of Mayor Tatangelo. Upon being questioned by Councilmembers, Mayor defended his stand on the issue based on his being the acting

director of this department. Councilman Valdez cautioned of possible legal entanglements. This item is to be brought up next Saturday.

First departmental budget was that of Police Department and Civilians. Mayor Tatangelo advised that departments should economize. Chief Garcia wants the record to reflect, as was also explained by the Comptroller, that the figures proposed are the figures that are to be added on to the surplus of the current budget. Chief Garcia further stated that he seems well satisfied with his present budget. Councilman Cortez questioned the travel done and Chief Garcia stated that it is mostly used by his detectives to follow-up investigation or training seminars.

The next department was Fire Department and Civilians and Chief Perez briefly stated that he can operate fairly well with present budget. There was a discussion on brush control as questioned by Councilman Cortez. Chief Perez stated that he needs more vehicles.

Next item was City Council and Mr. Etheredge explained that the question raised here was pertaining to car allowance. Councilman Cantu addressed the Mayor and explained that an ordinance had been passed previously stating that no car allowance be allowed to incoming City Council which is this one. Mr. Etheredge stated there was \$4,200 allocated in budget and Councilmembers told Mr. Etheredge to transfer this amount into contingencies.

Next budget was Mayor's budget. Discussion was regarding secretary's position in Mayor's office-salary was decreased. If present secretary is to be kept, her salary was decreased. This is to be adjusted accordingly from \$10,000 to \$14,102[?] as per motion made by Councilman Cantu and seconded by Councilman Ramirez. All were in favor. Councilman Cantu also moved that the amount of \$35,000 also be changed to reflect \$24,139 (to correct to existing salary of present mayorial assistant), with the Manager deciding at its proper time whether he wants an assistant or not. Councilman Valdez seconded the motion. All were in favor except Councilman Cortez. Mayor Tatangelo plans to vacate the office

by June 30, 1982. As to Public Buildings everthing remains the same-Keep the janitor.

As to City Manager (salary \$60,000) Councilman Cortez inquired whether Mr. Buckley was presently the Assistant City Manager and the Mayor and some Councilmembers answered in the negative. This is to be up to the City Manager.

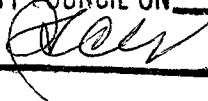
Regarding the Civil Service Commission, Mayor Tatangelo will talk to Les Norton tomorrow; also matter of secretary, who is presently under Contractural Services.

Next was the City Tax Collector who requested to be on tonite due to a conflict in his original schedule. He requests that a transfer be made from travel to materials and supplies. Councilman Valdez pointed out that this department should be consolidated. Mayor suggests that this be done by Ordinance. Mr. Esparza wants to remain until audit is over. Mayor Tatangelo says it could run through December. Then Mr. Esparza would like to remain until the Manager comes in so that he may "turn the books over to him".

Next was Comptroller who asked for 3 positions. Only one was authorized to handle fixed assets. Councilman Valdez asked how much would this affect our bond rating. Comptroller said that it would improve it. Councilman Cortez inquired as to travel and Mayor stated "no one is doing any traveling at this time". Meeting was recessed at 8:05 P.M.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON

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