STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF WEBB

CITY OF LAREDO

On this the 3rd 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

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR. : "

CARLOS A. ZUNIGA :

ANDRES RAMOS, JR. :

JOSE A. VALDEZ :

JOHN PETER MONTALVO : "

HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ : CITY SECRETARY

ABSENT: Aldermen Cantu, Cortez and Attorney Perez

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The Mayor opened the meeting. Mr. Frank Etheredge made a comment as to a keypunch error in the Library's budget-Printing and Reproduction-\$6,100 should not have been there.

Next on review was Public Works Department, Mr. Joe Guerra made his presentation stating that he was well satisfied with his budget. Mayor Tatangelo asked Mr. Guerra if he could be present at Saturday's hearing since Parks and Recreation Department was to be presented that day. Since the Mayor is the acting PARD Director he will present some comments and believes the Council will have some questions to ask Mr. Guerra relating to same. Mr. Guerra states he will be there.

At this point, Councilman Ramos asked Mr. Guerra if the monies derived from Street Sales had been used by him for the original purpose which is paving. Mr. Guerra answered in the negative. Mr. Etheredge stated some of the monies were used for salaries in Engineers office in connection possibly, with Hillside Bridge.

Councilman Ramos stressed that this money be used for the purpose for which it was originally earmarked, which is paving.

Next on review was the City Maintenance Shop. Mr. Baldo
Granados came before Council and stated that he also was satisfied
with his budget. Councilman Ramos asked if there had been any
pay raises given or new positions added. Mr. Granados responded
in the negative. The same questions were posed to Mr. Joe Guerra
and he stated he asked for two new positions for the Sanitary
Landfill. Councilman Zuniga asked Mr. Guerra as to dimensions
of the Sanitary Landfill. He further stated that the proposed
new Sanitary Landfill could last between 12 to 20 Years if used
wisely, and later obtain a grant for research recovery. Present
landfill will probably last approximately another year. Mayor
Tatangelo left at this point as he had another committment (6:15 P.M.).
Councilman Zuniga assumed duties.

Mr. Charles Nelson made a presentation on the Library budget and requested that a line item adjustment be made as to the \$6,000 error so that additional books may be purchased.

Councilman Valdez suggested they obtain additional video facilities.

Mr. Guajardo also stated that he had requested that the Library close for approximately one month for expansion. Councilman Zuniga asked whether the entire structure of the Library was to change. According to the new charter, the Advisory Board would be accountable to the City Council (which ordinance has been submitted to City Attorney). This board would be made up from selections from each Councilmember; and one from the Mayor. The Library Director would be accountable to the Manager.

At this time, Councilman Ramos made mention of the fact that
The Third Party Funding was not included in the proposal budget.

Mr. Etheredge explained that due to condition of the budget it had been left out, but that it will be included next October, Councilman Ramos and Councilman Valdez spoke in favor of it and asked that \$62,000 be included by Saturday, when the budget will be adopted.

Mr. Etheredge asked if this was to come out of fund balance. Councilman Ramos answered in affirmative and that Council vote on it Saturday.

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Next department was the Municipal Court with Ms. Ciria Garza who pointed out that \$16,240 were deleted from her budget and would like to retain \$9,000 of that amount. She was asked if she could live with what she now has for the 90-day period and she said she'd try. Councilman Zuniga asked if revenues were in line with projections. She went on to say that the Court was not to be considered as a Cash Register Court or a rubber stamp operation. She distributed a letter to each Councilmember which was sent by the Judge to this effect. As to collections, they are not coming in as expected (on parking tickets).

The next department was the Legal Department with Mr. Anthony McGettrick requesting additional library books. He needs an additional \$1,400. He requested a salary raise for Attorney Flores. Councilman Zuniga asked whether Mr. Flores could wait the 90-day period.

The next department was the City Secretary's office. Mr. Etheredge made the presentation due to the fact that the preparation of this proposed 3-month budget had been submitted by the previous Secretary. I requested approximatley \$3,000 in office supplies due to the fact that birth registrations have not been recorded for a year and a half (over 5,000 births). Printing of Birth cards, stationary and envelopes plus additional volumes to record these births are needed. Also, there is an expense of \$1,000 in microfilming material which was never requisitioned and is due. Councilmembers were very receptive to needs and authorized Mr. Etheredge to transfer whatever monies are needed plus car allowance from their contingency fund, as per suggestion of Councilman Ramirez. I also requested that an anticipated surplus of \$600 in the elections account be transferred to my office if needed. Councilman Zuniga suggested that this surplus be transferred to City Secretary's office and make the difference out of the City Council contingency fund which is now at \$4,200. Councilman Zuniga further asked Councilmembers if they were in agreement that this arrangement be made and they were.

The next department was Personnel. Ms. Solis was very brief in her presentation. Councilman Valdez thanked her for her helpfulness to the Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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