

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

On this the 30th day of November, 1982, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in a Special City Council Meeting at the Civic Center Auditorium at 7:30 P.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 and the following proceedings were carried out:

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The Manager's Reports were presented as follows:

As a first item, Mr. Townsend indicated that Item VI(A) be withdrawn as per request of Mr. Oscar Medina representing HAGCO and to be placed on December 7, 1982 agenda. The item requested that consideration be given to an appeal by HAGCO Development Corporation of refusal by the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the Vista Hermosa Modular Home Subdivision. By motion of Councilman Montalvo and second by Councilman Zuniga,

it was unanimously voted that this item be withdrawn from this agenda and placed on the December 7, 1982 agenda.

Next Item II(A) dealt with consideration of an amendment to the Hotel Occupancy Tax Ordinance by deleting the current penalty provision and adopting a new penalty and interest provision consistent with state law. The ordinance now provides a 5% penalty for each 30 days that a payment is late. The proposed change provides a 5% penalty if payment is made within 30 days of due date, an additional 5% if payment is made within 60 days of due date and 10% annual interest to be applied at the end of 60 days. Motion was made by Councilman Ramos for acceptance of Manager's Report. Second was by Councilman Cortez. All voted in the affirmative.

Next Item II(B) considered the City's position regarding the future of the Zacate Creek Sewer Disposal Plant. The Manager explained that he felt a Resolution was needed and which he would like to bring before Council for the next meeting. He needs guidance as to what the context of this Resolution should be. From previous discussions on this subject, hearings held, and a previous Resolution which was not passed, he stated that the City Council had not taken a position since the hearings. He further interprets the consensus to be that if it is financially feasible to move this plant, that it should be done and should so be stated in the proposed Resolution. This Resolution should, however, not bind the City to alone pay for such a move should federal funds not be available in the future. He further stated that a priority statement was needed from Council to be submitted together with the application being submitted by the Water & Sewer Operation for federal funding. He also explained that if federal funding were not made available, that it would not be feasible to move this plant. Councilman Montalvo voiced his opinion as to how this would affect the Azteca Neighborhood and suggested that a Workshop be held. Councilman Ramos was in concurrence and further

stated that he felt that the Consultants had not submitted sufficient documentation then to justify moving of this plant. Councilman Ramirez, at this point, made a motion to schedule this Workshop for the consensus of the City Council as to this issue, together with the one to discuss the street improvement priorities. Second was by Councilman Valdez. Further discussion followed. All voted in favor of having the Workshop on Tuesday. Mr. Townsend requested clarification as to having the Workshop in Rooms 1 & 2 and returning to the Auditorium for the Regular City Council Meeting.

Next Item III was an ordinance introduced by Councilman Valdez and dealt with amending a certain section of the Hotel Occupancy Tax.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 30-21 OF ARTICLE II HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF LAREDO TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL 5% PENALTY IF TAX NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AND PROVIDING FOR A YEARLY INTEREST RATE OF TEN (10) PER CENT BEGINNING SIXTY(60) DAYS FROM THE DATE DUE.

Item IV(A) dealt with final action on the Annexation Ordinance. Councilman Cantu made the motion for its passage and second was by Councilman Benavides. Mr. Paul Young approached Council and asked when this ordinance would become effective. Mr. Townsend answered that December 31, 1982 would be the date. He asked whether services by the City would be available at that time. The answer was in affirmative. All voted unanimously for its passage.

Item IV(B) related to the lease with Texas Department of Human Resources for a building located at 2600 Cedar Avenue. Motion was made by Councilman Montalvo and second was by Councilman Cantu. All voted in its favor.

Item V related to Councilmembers requests as follows:

Item V(A) request of Councilman Jose A. Valdez for Resolution establishing Council rules of procedure and Committees. Motion was made by Councilman Valdez to TABLE. Second was by Councilman Cantu and all were in favor.

Item V(B) resolution by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. expressing the desire of the City Council to recognize El Comite de Planificacion de Los Dos Laredos officially as the Committee from Laredo and Nuevo Laredo to prepare for the opening of the Race Track in our sister city and to coordinate traffic between the two cities to facilitate regaining our Number One position in import and export trade. Councilman Ramos clarified that this was a different Resolution from the one presented at the previous Council Meeting. He further stated that this evening's Resolution is to recognize El Comite de Planificacion de Los Dos Laredos as the official Committee from Laredo and Nuevo Laredo. Mr. Carlos Villarreal stated he has been acting as the Coordinator on the U.S. side. He will furnish copies of progress reports to Councilmembers periodically. Councilman Ramos made a motion for its passage. Second was by Councilman Cantu and all voted in its favor.

Item V(C) resolution by Councilman Andres Ramos, Jr. to instruct the City Manager to direct the City Planner to initiate proposed amendments to the official Flood Plan to take into account completion of drainage projects and to eliminate the need for excessive spending by developers and purchasers of real estate in certain areas of our city. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Ramos made a motion for its passage. Second was by Councilman Cantu. All were in favor.

Under Item VI Presentations and Communications -

Mayor Tatangelo named the appointments to the newly created Legislative Affairs Committee. They are:

Mayor Aldo Tatangelo
Councilman Carlos A. Zuniga (Mayor Pro-tem)
Councilman Jose A. Valdez
Councilman Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.
City Manager Marvin Townsend

Motion for acceptance was by Councilman Cantu and second by Councilman Cortez. All were in favor.


At this time, Councilman Valdez made a motion to approve the Resolution on Water Rights which was TABLED from last evening's meeting to this evening's meeting. He read it in its full text. Second was by Councilman Ramos. All were in favor.

Item VI(B) presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to former Planning and Zoning Commission members. Mayor Tatangelo presented Certificates of Appreciation to retiring members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and expressed gratitude on behalf of the City for their service to the Community. Those given certificates were:

Dan Romo
Glen Jackson
Al Barrera
Rene Gutierrez
Juan Rangel
George Juarez
Frank Saldana
Dan Farias

At this time, Councilman Zuniga made a motion for adjournment. Second was by Councilman Cantu. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.


HORTENCIA C. GONZALEZ
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON 12/7/82
