

State of Texas X
County of Webb X
City of Laredo X

On this the 3rd day of March, 1981, the City Council of Laredo, Texas convened in regular meeting at the Laredo Civic Center Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.; with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

- ALDO TATANGELO : MAYOR
- ROBERTO FLORES : ALDERMEN
- CARLOS A. ZUNIGA :
- VIDAL CANTU, JR. :
- GUILLERMO BENAVIDES :
- ANDRES RAMOS, JR. :
- ENRIQUE TREVINO :
- JOE A. GUERRA :
- FELIPE SANCHEZ, JR. :
- GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR. : CITY SECRETARY
- EUSTORGIO PEREZ : CITY ATTORNEY
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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 minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 17, 1981 were presented for City Council approval.

Alderman Zuniga made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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At this time, Alderman Cantu made a motion to move item #10 to #3 and item #6 to #4. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The item was an ordinance for the protection of Public Health and General Welfare, prohibiting the owning, maintaining, using, keeping, or having in possession any rabbits, hares, guinea pigs, horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, goats, sheep, swine, chickens, turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks, javelina, pigeons, within the city limits of the City of Laredo; prescribing a penalty; and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the following amendment: that section 2 become section 3 and that section 2 be inserted to read as follows "that

the exception to section 1 shall be in those cases for educational purposes under the supervision of Future Farmers of America (FFA) and the 4H Club and entities holding a breeding permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission provided that it does not create a health hazard; and that the control will be by the Health Department Director. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion.

The Mayor, at this time, proceeded with discussion on the item.

Alderman Ramos asked Alderman Cantu if he would include pets such as rabbits, hares and pigeons in his amendment. Alderman Cantu did not respond to this question.

Alderman Sanchez asked whether Alderman Cantu would agree to accept pets such as rabbits, hares or chickens with a limit as to the number you would be allowed to have. Alderman Cantu stated that the amendment would be in such wording as previously directed to the FFA and 4 H Club directors, and with the responsibility being placed on the Health Department.

Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, stated that he preferred that the matter be tabled at this time so that the proper ordinance could be drafted as per the wishes of the City Council.

Alderman Cantu recalled his motion and requested that the ordinance be brought for City Council approval at the next City Council Meeting.

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Next was a public hearing and council action on ordinance calling the election on the question whether the City Council should adopt a resolution approving Urban Renewal for the proposed Zacate Creek Parkway-Riverfront Project.

Carlos Villarreal, CDA Director, made the presentation before the City Council.

Mr. Tom Rocha spoke before the City Council in defense of the Azteca Neighborhood representatives who were against the UDAG Project. He stated that the item placed on the agenda for this meeting was not in proper form and that the item should be tabled.

Mr. Perez, City Attorney, stated that sufficient notices had been given and that the proper steps had been taken by CDA to apply for Urban Renewal Funds and it was in proper order.

Mr. Rosenberg, San Antonio Attorney, stated that legislation did not intend for Urban Renewal Projects to apply to mass relocation. He stated that Congress would find it hard to approve the project even if the citizens were to approve the referendum.

Mr. Villarreal stated that HUD had approved the relocation program as outlined by CDA and that every procedure had been carried out and that City Council should vote on the calling of the election because this was the deadline for approving the ordinance and giving the citizens the opportunity to vote on the project.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt the ordinance calling the election. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote: **00048**

YEAS: Aldermen Cantu, Benavides, Ramos, Trevino, Guerra and Sanchez.

NAYS: Alderman Zuniga.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Flores

AN ORDINANCE

SUBMITTING TO THE DULY QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, THE QUESTION "ARE YOU (FOR) OR (AGAINST) THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING URBAN RENEWAL FOR THE PROPOSED ZACATE PARKWAY-RIVERFRONT PROJECT?"; CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THAT PURPOSE; PRESCRIBING THE MODE AND MANNER OF HOLDING AND CONDUCTING SAID ELECTION; NAMING THE PLACES AT WHICH SAME SHALL BE HELD; HOURS DURING WHICH THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had passed.

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The following was a request by Mr. Milton Halpren of Rauscher Pierce Refsnes Securities Corporation to appear before the City Council to make a presentation regarding refunding of Laredo Water and Sewer System Bonds.

Mr. Halpren explained to the City Council that if the City of Laredo would retire the existing bonds in order to acquire control of the LWWS, it would roughly cost the city \$1,229,794.00 in addition for the life of the bonds. He did state that the retirement of the bonds could be done so that the City of Laredo could take control of the LWWS.

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The Juvenile Unity Corp requested to appear before the City Council for discussion of a proposed curfew and the appointment of a committee for same.

Mr. Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, read a letter from the Chief of Police of Corpus Christi, Texas. The letter stated that he would send an officer to speak on the pros and cons of a curfew ordinance.

Mr. Tom Donnell appeared before the City Council to request that a committee be formed to work on a curfew ordinance.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to create a committee to work on a curfew ordinance. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was a report from the Laredo Waterworks System on the study of sewer line costs to the 1500 block of Ryan, the 4300 and 4400 block of Meadow and the 4300 and 4400 block of Seymour.

Mr. Tony Perez, LWWS Manager, stated that the total estimated cost for the project, to relieve the citizens of the areas in question, would be \$56,500.00 for twelve (12) connections or approximately \$4,700 per resident. This area is very low and it would require lift stations. The alternative solution would cost \$68,500 or \$5,700 per

connection. This project would consist of the building of about eleven blocks of eight (8) inch lines.

Mr. Perez stated that the LWWS Board's policy, at this time, was to expend only \$150.00 per customer and he pointed out that this obviously was not enough to help these residents.

-NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME.-

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Ricardo Pena requested to appear before the City Council to request reconsideration of the selected homes for the CDA Housing Rehabilitation Program as recommended by the Citizens Participation Component Committee.

Mr. Pena, representative of the Santo Nino Neighborhood, stated that the elimination of applications from this neighborhood was unfair and that this was done because they had submitted the most number of applications. He pointed out that more applications, percentage wise, were turned down from this neighborhood than any other neighborhood.

Ana Maria Lozano, CPC Director, stated that letters had already been sent to those persons that had qualified and that rescinding this action would require telling these people that their approved applications would have to be reviewed again.

*** NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN AND THE DECISION WAS LEFT UPTO THE CPC COMMITTEE.

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Mr. Tony Flores dba CHENTE, INC. requested to appear before the City Council to request extension of lease of a parcel of land located at 417 Foster Avenue and including buildings 1171, 1174, 1175 and 1177.

Mr. Manuel Flores, a local attorney, representing Mr. Tony Flores, stated that the lease term which called for a renewal term was turned down by Mr. Tony Flores because Mr. Carlos Gonzalez, Airport Manager, called for a termination date. Mr. Flores was requesting a 10 year lease under the same terms not necessarily the same rent because there is an escalation clause in the contract that Mr. Flores will abide by if Mr. Gonzalez agrees.

Mr. Tony Flores stated that he had invested \$60,000 in the building and that what he wanted was to recoup his investment.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that he had offered Mr. Flores an extension of 5 years, after the remaining 2 years and 8 months, at 14¢ per square foot.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to table the item until the Airport Committee gave them a definite answer at their next meeting. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Zuniga, Cantu, Benavides and Trevino.

NAYS: Aldermen Guerra, Sanchez and Ramos.

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-THE ITEM WAS TABLED.-

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The following was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to hire an additional City employee for the legal department; and authorizing an increase in the budget for fiscal year 1980-81 of legal department for salaries from \$97,524.80 to \$101,524.80; and providing that this increase be made from the General Fund (Contingencies).

Mr. Anthony McGettrick stated that the annual salary for a clerk typist would be \$8,370.00 but that he had requested only \$4,000 for the remainder of the year.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra, Sanchez, Cantu, Benavides, Zuniga and Flores.

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos and Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO HIRE AND ADDITIONAL CITY EMPLOYEE FOR THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT; AND AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR SALARIES FROM \$97,524.80 TO \$101,524.80; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS INCREASE BE MADE FROM THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINGENCIES).

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had passed.

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Next was an ordinance amending Fiscal Year 1980-81 budget of the legal department to increase line item 01-1502-0100-0000 for office supplies from \$534.00 to \$1,000; to increase line item 01-1503-5500-0001 for professional fees from zero to \$3,575; to increase line item 01-1503-5500-0000 for professional fees from \$534 to \$4,968.10; to set up a new line item 01-1503-5500-0002 for litigation costs and to allocate thereto the amount of \$5,000; these changes to increase the overall budget of the legal department for Fiscal Year 1980-81 by \$13,466.10; such amount to be transferred from the General Fund (Contingencies).

Alderman Zuniga made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra, Sanchez, Cantu, Benavides, Zuniga and Flores.

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos and Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 BUDGET OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 01-1502-0100-0000 FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES FROM \$534.00 TO \$1,000.00; TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 01-1503-5500-0001 FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES FROM ZERO TO \$3,575.00; TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 01-1503-5500-0000 FOR PROFESSIONAL FEES FROM \$534.00 TO \$5,468.10; TO SET UP A NEW LINE ITEM 01-1503-5500-0100 FOR LITIGATION COSTS AND TO ALLOCATE THERETO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00; THESE CHANGES TO INCREASE THE OVERALL BUDGET OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 BY \$13,966.10; SUCH AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE GENERAL FUND (CONTINGENCES).

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had passed.

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-ALDERMAN CANTU LEFT AT THIS TIME.-

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Councilman Ramos requested City Council discussion on sidewalk parking violations.

Alderman Ramos stated that he had placed this item on the agenda because he had been receiving complaints about violations on imaginary sidewalks.

Mr. Perez, City Attorney, stated that there were no imaginary sidewalks; the sidewalks are those from the property line to the street curb line.

Alderman Ramos wanted that the meter enforcement personnel be given the authority to give waivers on dirt streets and for them to use some kind of discretion in enforcing the sidewalk ordinance.

The Mayor stated that an ordinance can not be passed and then be making exceptions.

Mr. Robinson, Traffic Coordinator, will look into the matter and try to work something out.

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The following was a resolution confirming the appointment of Les Norton as member of the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission.

Alderman Flores made a motion to confirm the appointment of Les Norton. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LES NORTON AS MEMBER OF THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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Next was an ordinance amending section 5 of the Garbage Ordinance dated the 15th day of July, 1980 to provide for revised rates for vehicles delivering trash to the City's Sanitary Landfill; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication.

Alderman Trevino stated that the problem with this ordinance was in section 4, whereby the commercial establishments should be paying a monthly fixed for instead of the present sticker requirements.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra, Sanchez, Benavides, Zuniga and Flores.

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos and Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 5 OF THE GARBAGE ORDINANCE DATED THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 1980 TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED RATES FOR VEHICLES DELIVERING TRASH TO THE CITY'S SANITARY LANDFILLS; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS AMENDMENT.

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The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had passed.

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The following was an ordinance increasing the salaries of the purchasing director and data processing manager from \$20,821.00 to \$21,860.00 per annum, retroactive to July 1, 1980; these increases involve no change in the comptroller's budget for Fiscal Year 1980-1981.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra and Sanchez.

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos, Trevino, Benavides, Zuniga and Flores.

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Next was Mayor's veto of ordinance dated February 24, 1981, increasing car allowance for City Council and certain elected officials.

The Mayor stated that his reason for vetoing the motion was because he felt that adjustments should be made at least three (3) months prior to the regular city election of officers.

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The following was an ordinance amending Fiscal Year 1980-81 budget adjusting car allowance for the Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and City Secretary.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt the ordinance adjusting the car allowance upto \$175.00 per month. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra, Sanchez, Trevino, Benavides, Zungia and Flores.

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981 BUDGET FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had passed.

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The last item was a resolution requesting that the Texas State Legislature authorize the City of Laredo to apply for and accept a grant to establish, operate and maintain a Foreign Trade Zone and other subzones at the Laredo Port of entry, subject to the requirements of Federal Law and Regulations.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A RESOLUTION

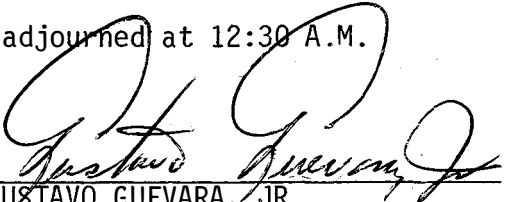
REQUESTING THAT THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF LAREDO TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT TO ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE

RESOLUTION (CONTINUED)

AND OTHER SUBZONES AT THE LAREDO PORT OF ENTRY, SUBJECT
TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 A.M.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON
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