

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

On this the 19th day of May, 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
  - EUSTORCIO 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 May 5, 1981 were presented for City Council approval.

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

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Under Communications, Gustavo Guevara, City Secretary, read a letter from the Farias Neighborhood Center. They were requesting a bus route to run on Baltimore St. to Eagle Pass Ave. North and then through Chicago Street.

Councilman Cantu requested that this matter be referred to the Transportation Committee.

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The second item under Communications was a letter from the Mental Health & Mental Retardation and Councilman Henry Trevino.

In summary, the letter stated that the House of Representatives passed House Bill 656, which is the building proposal for the Laredo State Center for Human Development to include two (2) fifteen bed cottages at a total cost of \$942,000. The letter mentions the fact that the Senate in its Senate Bill 159 failed to include the Laredo

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request for the two (2) fifteen bed cottages in its plan. It further stated that the matter would now be sent to the Conference Committee.

The M.H.M.R. and Councilman Trevino encourage everyone to call or write to the House-Senate Conference Committee and request their support on Senate Bill 159 in its entirety and also that they include the part of House Bill 656 that calls for the construction of two (2) fifteen bed cottages for the Laredo State Center for Human Development.

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The last item under Communications was a letter from the Azteca Defense Committee.

The letter stated that they would be willing to meet with the City to discuss the Azteca Urban Renewal Project with the following considerations:

- 1) that they meet in neutral territory, (2) that the meeting be opened to the public, (3) that their attorneys be allowed to be present, (4) that they are allowed to have co-chairmen and (5) that they be given enough time to prepare data and any pertinent material necessary for future negotiations.

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Mr. Frank Etheredge, City Comptroller, presented an appropriation ordinance for City Council approval.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Whereupon said ordinance was read in full; the motion, carrying with it the passage of the ordinance, was seconded by Alderman Flores and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$45,808.00 TO INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION FINAL AUDIT; PAYMENT TO BE MADE OUT OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS.

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

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Next was City Council confirmation on their naming of the Districting Commission members.

Mr. Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, read the names that were submitted for City Council confirmation. They were as follows:

- 1) Alderman Flores: Vidal Trevino, Ricardo Garza
- 2) Alderman Zuniga: Lydia Perez, Bill Boulding
- 3) Alderman Guerra: Abraham Rodriguez, George Gregg
- 4) Alderman Ramos: Sabas Perez, Norma Vargas
- 5) Alderman Benavides: Frank Saldana, Glen Jackson

- 6) Alderman Sanchez: Jose Vela, Jr., Joe Azios
- 7) Alderman Cantu: Richard Morales, Jr., Richard Hensen
- 8) Alderman Trevino: Alfredo Montemayor, Conrado Cruz, Jr.

Alderman Zuniga made a motion to confirm all the names submitted for the Districting Commission. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The Laredo Cold Storage and the Greater Laredo Industrial Development Corporation requested to appear before the City council to present Industrial Revenue Bonds for Laredo Cold Storage and ordinance approving such bonds.

Mr. Blas Martinez appeared before the City Council on behalf of the Laredo Cold Storage.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the ordinance approving such bonds. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE GREATER LAREDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO FINANCE A PROJECT FOR LAREDO COLD STORAGE, INC.

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

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The following was an ordinance adopting addendum to contract between the City of Laredo and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1390 signed on the 27th day of January, 1981 effective to June 30, 1982 and retroactive from July 1, 1980 clarifying section 3 of the Retirement Fund Article.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to go into Executive Session. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After the Executive Session, the Mayor announced that no action would be taken on this matter at the present time.

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Next was an ordinance providing retirement benefits to Manuel Lerma and Trinidad Ayala, retired firemen; benefits to be paid out of the City's General Fund.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to go into Executive Session. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After the Executive Session, the Mayor announced that no action would be taken on this matter at this time.

Item numbers 6 and 7 were discussed together.

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The following was a resolution authorizing publication of the intent of the City of Laredo to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City

of Laredo.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Ramos seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF LAREDO TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAREDO.

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Next was City Council action on the Library Board recommendation concerning Mr. Luciano Guajardo, City Librarian.

The Mayor stated that the City Council could not confirm the termination of Luciano Guajardo because it was not so worded in the agenda, therefore, he recommended that this item be tabled.

THE COUNCIL'S DECISION WAS TO ACT ON THIS MATTER NOW.

Colonel Charles Nelson, Library Board Chairman, spoke before the City Council and elaborated on the recommendation of the Library Board. He stated that the recommendation of the Board was not to terminate this person's employment but rather remove the person from this position. He stated that the Library Board feels that he is of good service to the Library, but that he is not capable of handling the Library management.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to reject the recommendation of the Library Board. Alderman Ramos seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Guerra.

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-ALDERMAN GUERRA LEFT AT THIS TIME.-

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The following was an ordinance amending fiscal year of the Planning Department to increase the membership and subscriptions line item from \$1,500 to \$2,700.

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

YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Zuniga, Cantu, Trevino, Ramos and Sanchez.

NAYS: Alderman Benavides.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981 BUDGET OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE LINE ITEM 01-1573-6400 FOR MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM \$1,500.00 TO \$2,700; THIS TRANSFER INVOLVES NO CHANGE IN THE OVERALL BUDGET OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR 1980-1981.

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

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Next was an ordinance amending fiscal year 1980-1981 budget of the Maintenance Shop to transfer \$7,000 from line item 01-3272-4000 to various line items in said budget.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981 BUDGET OF THE MAINTENANCE SHOP TO TRANSFER \$7,000.00 FROM LINE ITEM #01-3272-4000-0000 TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS IN SAID BUDGET; THIS TRANSFER INVOLVES NO CHANGE IN THE OVERALL BUDGET FOR 1980-1981 OF THE MAINTENANCE SHOP.

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

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The following was an ordinance amending fiscal year 1980-1981 budget of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation to transfer \$10,371 from Personnel Services and \$7,135 from line item 55-1004-0000 to other line items in said budget.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to table this item because this matter was not brought before the Laredo Municipal Housing Corp. Executive Committee. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

-THE ITEM WAS TABLED.-

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Next was an ordinance accepting the right-of-way as portions of the proposed streets referred to as Calle Del Norte and Springfield.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Flores seconded the motion but later withdrew his second.

Alderman Flores then made a motion to table this item. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Zuniga, Benavides, Trevino, Ramos and Sanchez.

NAYS: Alderman Cantu.

-THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.-

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The following was an ordinance prohibiting parking on and designating as a Tow-Away Zone the 2200 block of Guadalupe Street, the 2100 & 2200 blocks of Laredo Street and the 1100 block of Malinche.

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

YEAS: Alderman Flores, Zuniga, Benavides, Cantu, Trevino and Sanchez.

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

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## AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING PARKING ON AND DESIGNATING AS A TOW-AWAY ZONE THE 2200 BLOCK OF GUADALUPE STREET, THE 2100 AND 2200 BLOCKS OF LAREDO STREET, AND THE 1100 BLOCK OF MALINCHE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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Next was an ordinance ratifying the hiring of an Accountant I for the Comptroller's Office at an annual salary of \$14,102.00.

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

## AN ORDINANCE

RATIFYING THE HIRING OF AN ACCOUNTANT I FOR THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$14,102.00; THE HIRING OF THIS ACCOUNTANT INVOLVES NO CHANGE IN THE COMPTROLLER'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981.

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

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The following was the presentation of the fiscal year 1982 Operating Budget for the Laredo Municipal Transit System.

Mr. Richard T. Dunning, LMTS Manager, presented the following figures to the Council:

OPERATING EXPENSES:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
Labor	\$ 870,884.00
Benefits	279,556.00
Services	148,720.00
Materials and Supplies	401,124.00
Other Materials and Supplies	208,196.00
Utilities	25,860.00
Insurance	96,538.00
Taxes	16,950.00
Miscellaneous	23,400.00
	<u>\$2,071,248.00</u>

OPERATING REVENUES

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Budget Amount</u>
Passenger Fares-A	\$1,116,906.00
" " B	1,266,330.00
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Contract Maintenance	9,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	3,600.00
Charter	12,000.00
Advertising	20,000.00

-NO FORMAL ACTION WAS REQUESTED ON THIS MATTER.-

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The Vumore Company requested that the City Council form a committee for the purpose of formulating an ordinance amendment to establish a Tier Package rate; to establish installation fees for connectors with converters and to establish a monthly fee for the converter.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to grant their request. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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-ALDERMAN SANCHEZ LEFT AT THIS TIME.-

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Next was an ordinance establishing the schedule of fares to be charged passengers by the Laredo Municipal Transit System and repealing an ordinance dated August 27, 1979, on the same subject.

During the Public Hearing period the following persons spoke before the City Council:

- (a) Jesus Rocha mentioned the redundancy of bus routes especially on Guadalupe Street.
- (b) Mr. Bermudes stated that he was concerned about the breakdown of the buses and the waiting period for another bus.
- (c) Mr. William Walls stated that in San Antonio you could ride the bus for 35¢ for 22 miles.
- (d) Simon Villarreal stated that the system was not allowing people, who did not have the correct change, to ride the bus.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendment of lowering the elderly and handicapped fare to ten cents (10¢). Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

#### AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING THE SCHEDULE OF FARES TO BE CHARGED  
PASSENGERS BY THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM  
OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS REPEALING ORDINANCE  
DATED AUGUST 27, 1979, ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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The following was an ordinance establishing new rates for Laredo Municipal Transit System Charter Service and repealing ordinance dated June 3, 1980 on the same subject.

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

YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Zuniga, Benavides and Cantu.

NAYS: Aldermen Trevino and Ramos.

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## AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING NEW RATES FOR LAREDO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM CHARTER SERVICE; REPEALING ORDINANCE DATED JUNE 3, 1980, ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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Next was an ordinance awarding the bid for the purchase of office furniture and equipment for the Municipal Transit System.

\*\*\*ANDY RAMOS STEPPED OUT AND DID NOT VOTE ON THIS MATTER.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding the bid to Litton Office Products for the bid price of \$13,495.15. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACTS OR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT; AND PAYMENT TO BE MADE OUT OF ACCOUNT TX-05-0021-01.

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

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The following was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application with the Department of Transportation, U.S.A. on behalf of the City of Laredo for a planning grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

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

## A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AND APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR A PLANNING GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the resolution had been adopted.

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Next was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement of Assignment of Lease by Wood Flying Service to Aero Center.

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

## AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF A CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 19, 1977 BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO AND ROBERT L. WOOD dba WOOD FLYING SERVICE.

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



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The following was an ordinance awarding bid to lowest bidder and authorizing the Mayor to purchase a 15-foot Rotary Mower out of Airport Capital Outlay Funds.

Alderman Flores made a motion to reject all bids because the proper bidding procedure was not followed. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Zuniga.

\*\*\*This item was tabled by the Mayor because the proper bidding procedure was not followed.

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Next was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an Easement and Right-of-Way to Central Power and Light Company for the H.E.B. Grocery Store in the Tamkin Development.

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

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO TO CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY.

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

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The following were ordinances authorizing the Mayor to sign three (3) new lease agreements; (a) Laredo-Webb County Community Action Agency, (b) Jessee R. Reyes and (c) Metro Airlines.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the ordinance for a new lease agreement with the Laredo-Webb County Community Action Agency. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR CERTAIN BUILDING SPACE SITUATED AT THE LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND BELONGING TO THE CITY OF LAREDO.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the ordinances for new leases with Jessee Reyes and Metro Airlines. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR CERTAIN BUILDING SPACE SITUATED AT THE LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND BELONGING TO THE CITY OF LAREDO. (JESSEE REYES)

## AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO WITH METRO AIR-LINES FOR THE USE OF THE AIRPORT.

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

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Next was an ordinance authorizing the acquisition of a parcel of land for the proposed widening of Marcella Avenue.

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

## AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PARCEL OF LAND FOR THE PROPOSED WIDENING OF MARCELLA AVENUE; PAYMENT OF FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE SAME TO BE MADE OUT OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,630.00.

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

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The following was a presentation by Travis-Braun & Associates and discussion of two (2) alternative designs for the further modification to International Bridge No. 1.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, introduced Mr. Peacock of Travis-Braun & Associates.

Mr. Peacock presented two (2) alternative designs for the further modification to International Bridge No. 1. They were as follows:

- a) an 800 foot long pedestrian walkway, or;
- b) a 150 foot tunnel for southbound pedestrians.

There was some discussion on this matter but no formal action was needed.

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Next was an ordinance awarding the bid for the purchase of Microfilm equipment for the Office of the City Secretary and authorizing the Mayor to enter into the necessary contract or purchase order for the acquisition of said equipment out of revenue sharing.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding the bid to 3-M Business Products for the bid price of \$29,928.92. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF MICROFILM EQUIPMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO, CITY SECRETARY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EQUIPMENT OUT OF REVENUE SHARING.

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

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The following was an ordinance establishing and naming the Board of Equalization. The people named to the Board of Equalization were: Manuel Davila, Hector X. Gutierrez, Dolores Sepulveda, Col. Charles Nelson and Norma Vargas.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

APPOINTING AND CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR THE YEAR 1981.

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

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Councilman Ramos requested discussion and possible Council action authorizing the negotiations of a joint agreement between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb to hire an individual specializing in Water Rights to look into the feasibility of attaining additional municipal water rights to meet the growing needs of our area.

Alderman Ramos explained that he requested this item because the City of Laredo is in dire need of additional water rights.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the County Judge on the hiring of an individual specializing in Water Rights to look into the feasibility of attaining additional municipal water rights to meet the growing needs of our area and then that the Mayor report to the City Council so that a formal agreement could be drafted. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The last item was the presentation of the fiscal year 1981-1982 budget and City Council recess of meeting.

Alderman Benavides made a motion to have budget hearings in two (2) weeks and to advertise. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Cantu made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON MAY 07 1981

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

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