

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

On this the 18th day of August, 1981, the City Council of Laredo, Texas convened in Regular City Council Meeting at the Laredo Civic Center conference rooms 1 and 2 at 7:30 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

ABSENT: 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 June 16, 1981 were presented for City Council approval. Alderman Flores made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The first item under Communications was a petition signed by forty-six (46) residents of Carmona's Trailer Park. They were requesting help from the City of Laredo on the unreasonable fees that they are being charged by the landowners.

The Mayor told the representative, Mr. Enrique Guerra, to go see him tomorrow in his office.

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Next, under Communications, was a letter from Ana Maria Lozano, President of the Buenos Aires Neighborhood, petitioning for the paving of the streets surrounding the Mercy Hospital.

The Mayor referred this item to Joe Guerra, Public Works Director.

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Mr. John Gregory appeared before the City Council and stated that his program, regard-

ing to the City's purchase of Police Motorcycles, is better than that of the San Antonio vendor, even though he was just a bit over. He stated that he had better local service and mechanics to service these vehicles.

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Mr. Frank Etheredge, City Comptroller, explained to the City Council the procedure that would be followed on the audit and investigation of telephone calls, travel and City revenues, that was requested by City Council.

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Mr. Frank Etheredge, City Comptroller, presented two (2) appropriation ordinances for City Council approval.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to approve payment of \$134,084.13 to M. G. Bravo, Inc. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$134,084.13 TO M. G. BRAVO, INC., FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, WORK AND/OR SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF LAREDO TOLL PLAZA; SAID PAYMENT TO BE MADE OUT OF THE BRIDGE SYSTEM ACCOUNT NO. 53-0000-1650-0005.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to approve the payment of \$14,347.00 to Leyendecker Highway Contractors, Inc. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$14,347.00 TO LEYENDECKER HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, WORK AND/OR SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIRFIELD PAVEMENT; SAID PAYMENT TO BE MADE OUT OF THE FAA-ADAP ACCOUNT NO. 33-3003-5503-0000.

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

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Mr. J. D. Kidwell, representative of Environmental Sales & Service Inc., requested to appear before the City Council to make a presentation on a Model 810 Vactor Jet Rodder Machine, which is used to clean out storm drainage, manholes, sewer lines and all kinds of sump filled catch basins.

Mr. Kidwell stated that the estimated cost of this machine, which was designed for storm drainage problems, was about \$100,000.00

Alderman Zuniga recommended that the Mayor budget some monies, for this type of machine, from the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Alderman Ramos stated that Federal Revenue Sharing Funds need to be budgeted in accordance with priority projects and upon recommendation by the Mayor to the City Council.

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Next was an ordinance granting Abel Reyes and Rose F. Reyes d/b/a A.R.K., a franchise

to distribute and maintain trash cans with commercial advertisement thereon in the City of Laredo, Texas and prescribing the terms, conditions, obligations and limitations upon and under which such franchise shall be exercised.

Joe Guerra, Public Works Director, stated that he saw no problem in collecting the garbage from these trash cans.

Alderman Trevino requested that a "maintaining of the trash cans by the grantee" provision be included in the ordinance.

Alderman Ramos requested that under Section X that the matter on whether to allow the continuation of the franchise, should be the City Council's decision and not included as an option in the franchise.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt the ordinance granting the franchise and to include a provision that specifies that the "maintaining of the trash cans will be by the grantee". Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Zuniga, Benavides, Cantu, Trevino, Sanchez And Guerra

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

*(THIS WAS THE FIRST READING THEREFORE, THE ORDINANCE TITLE WILL NOT BE PLACED IN THESE MINUTES BUT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST READING).

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The following was an ordinance regulating and prescribing water rates to be charged for public and private purposes to the City and its inhabitants and for customers outside of the City limits; and authorizing the board of trustees of Laredo Water Works System to place said rates and charges in effect on September 1, 1981; and repealing all ordinances in conflict herein.

Alderman Benavides stated that he was against the rate hike because the City was being systematically subjected to increases which are done in a periodic but unpredictable manner. He added that 21.8% of pumped and processed water is being lost and he objected to the unaccountability of these losses.

Mr. Andres Cavazos, appeared before the City Council to ask why he had been charged \$376.00 and \$210.00 for the connection of water and sewer lines. Mr. Antonio A. Perez, LWWS Manager, explained that he would have to see the case to be able to answer for those charges. He stated that a water tap costs \$175.00; \$25.00 for City permit and \$50.00 if the street is paved.

Mr. Simon Villarreal appeared before the City Council to protest an approval of a rate hike.

Mr. A. A. Perez, in response to Councilman Benavides' objections, stated that the water loss is an acceptable percentage in comparison with other cities.

-NO MOTION WAS MADE.-

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Next was an ordinance establishing an impound lot and providing for a City wrecking service; providing a definition of terms; authorizing the Chief of Police to operate an Impound Lot; providing for disposition of unclaimed vehicles; authorizing the Mayor and City Council to take bids for an exclusive contract to provide wrecker services; establishing requirements for the chosen wrecker service; listing causes for revocation of exclusive contract; providing a choice of services in accident cases; providing a repealing clause; providing a savings clause; providing a superceding clause.

This item was tabled by a motion made by Alderman Ramos and seconded by Alderman Sanchez, until a committee brings a recommendation to the City Council.

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The following was a request by Amador Escudero, Assistant City Engineer, to discuss procedures for City Council recommendations on the Department of Public Works Paving Program where property owners participate in the cost of materials only.

Mr. Escudero explained the procedures that would be followed on the paving program where property owners participate in the cost of materials only.

Mr. Escudero stated that the first step would be for the interested abutting property owners to submit a petition to the Engineering Department. They would study the feasibility of paving such street and then make a recommendation to the Paving Committee who in turn would present it to the City Council for approval. If the City Council approves it, the Public Works Department would be notified. If the City Council does not approve it, the property owners would be notified as to why the street could not be paved.

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Assistant City Attorney, Randy Bullis, requested an Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17 Section 2(e) to seek approval of proposed settlement of the case of Laredo Rent-A-Car, Inc. d/b/a Budget Rent-A-Car; Cause #32799 in the 49th District Court.

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

After the Executive Session, Alderman Zuniga made a motion to authorize the Attorney to make a settlement. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next were ordinances authorizing the Mayor to sign one new lease, four renewed leases and two renegotiated lease agreements: (a) M.A. Reyes d/b/a Mar Electronics; (b) William M. Boubel d/b/a B & B Logging--B & B Tackle Shop; (c) Food City, Inc. d/b/a Warehouse Grocery; (d) Aircraft Parts and Development Corp.; (e) Leopoldo Ruiz, Jr. d/b/a Custom Meats by Ruiz; (f) Moore Business Forms, Inc.; and (g) Tracor-Radcon, Inc.

Alderman Zuniga made a motion to adopt these ordinances. Alderman Sanchez seconded

the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE
(SAME TITLE WORDING FOR SIX (6) ORDINANCES)

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.

AN ORDINANCE

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

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

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The following was an ordinance amending Article V, Section 5 of the City's Plumbing ordinance adopted February 16, 1960.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY'S PLUMBING ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1960 TO PROVIDE FOR NEW INSPECTION AND PERMIT FEES AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF FEES; 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 amending Article XVI of the City's Electrical Ordinance adopted on June 8, 1963.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING ARTICLE XVI OF THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON JUNE 8, 1963 TO PROVIDE FOR NEW PERMIT FEES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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The following was an ordinance ratifying participation by the City of Laredo with Appraisal Services, Inc.; ratifying payment that was made by the City of Laredo to Webb County for share of participation in property evaluation with Appraisal Services, Inc.

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

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AN ORDINANCE

RATIFYING PARTICIPATION BY THE CITY OF LAREDO WITH APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC.; RATIFYING PAYMENT THAT WAS MADE BY THE CITY OF LAREDO TO WEBB COUNTY FOR SHARE OF PARTICIPATION IN PROPERTY EVALUATION WITH APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC.

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

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Next was an ordinance closing, vacating and abandoning as a public easement the alley in Block No. nine-hundred-twenty-two (922) abutting lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos

AN ORDINANCE

CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING AS A PUBLIC EASEMENT THE ALLEY IN BLOCK NO. NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO (922) ABUTTING LOTS NO. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12 IN THE EASTERN DIVISION OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO CERTAIN ABUTTING LANDOWNERS OF SAID ALLEY.

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

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The following was an ordinance creating one new position of security guard for the Laredo-Webb County Health Department.

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

AN ORDINANCE

CREATING ONE NEW POSITION OF SECURITY GUARD FOR THE LAREDO-WEBB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE EMPLOYEE TO FILL THIS NEW POSITION AMENDING THE 1981-1982 BUDGET TO TRANSFER \$5,367.90 FROM GENERAL FUND (CONTINGENCIES) TO THE LAREDO-WEBB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES; THIS CHANGE TO INCREASE THE TOTAL 1981-1982 PERSONNEL SERVICES BUDGET OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY \$5,367.90

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

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Next was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Supplemental Lease Agreement No. 11 of that certain lease agreement dated November 15, 1957, for building and parking area situated at the Laredo International Bridge No. 1.

Mrs. Botello stated that the monthly fee was \$1,000.00 as per the contract.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAREDO TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT NO. 11, OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT, DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1957, FOR BUILDING AND PARKING AREA SITUATED AT THE LAREDO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE NO. I.

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

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The following was an ordinance amending an ordinance dated January 23, 1979 as amended on November 18, 1980 to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Travis-Braun and Associates, Inc. for the administrative services required to complete the modifications of the "North Bound Ramp" to the International Bridge.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE DATED JANUARY 23, 1979 AS AMENDED ON NOVEMBER 18, 1980, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TRAVIS-BRAUN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE MODIFICATIONS "NORTH BOUND RAMP" TO THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE NO. 1; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY \$42,114.74 TO TRAVIS-BRAUN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., OUT OF ACCOUNT NO. 53-0000-1740-0001; PAYABLE IN PERCENT OF CONTRACT COMPLETION.

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

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Next was an ordinance awarding the contract for the toll and control equipment, for the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge Toll Plaza and the Laredo International Bridge 1 Toll Plaza, to Automatic Toll Systems, Inc.

The two (2) bids received were as follows:

- a) Revenue Markets, Inc. for \$554,716.00 and
- b) Automatic Toll Systems, Inc. for \$738,113.00

Mr. Paul Garza, Consulting Engineer, stated that he was recommending that the contract be awarded to Automatic Toll Systems, Inc., even though they were \$183,397.00 higher in their bid than Revenue Markets, because he felt that ATS equipment had more experience in the market. He further stated that he believed that Laredo was not prepared for the type of equipment Revenue Markets had proposed. He stated that he did not want to experiment on this particular type of solid state computerized machines simply because this was not what he had in mind when he wrote the specifications. He also informed the City Council that if they went this route they might go over the budget because of the extra equipment

that may be required for this new system.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding the contract for the toll and control equipment to Automatic Toll Systems, Inc. for the bid price of \$738,113.00.

Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos and Trevino

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE TOLL AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR THE JUAREZ-LINCOLN INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE TOLL PLAZA AND THE LAREDO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE 1 TOLL PLAZA TO AUTOMATIC TOLL SYSTEMS, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY CONTRACT AND TO PAY OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 53-0000-1650-0005.

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

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The following was an ordinance awarding the bid for a three-month lease of one machine, a "crawler dozer with ripper", for the City of Laredo Public Works Department.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding the bid to Girard Machinery and Supply Company for the bid price of \$13,500.00 (\$4,500/mo. X 3 mo.) Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Benavides, Trevino and Ramos.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR A THREE-MONTH LEASE OF ONE MACHINE, A "CRAWLER DOZER WITH RIPPER" FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE LEASE OF SAID EQUIPMENT OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT #01-3103-1000-0000.

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

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Next was an ordinance allocating \$247,000.00 of the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 13th Entitlement period to begin October 1, 1981 for the construction of the Hillside Road Bridge across the Zacate Creek, its street approaches and drainage improvements.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos

AN ORDINANCE

ALLOCATING \$247,000.00 OUT OF THE FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE 13TH ENTITLEMENT PERIOD TO BEGIN OCTOBER 1, 1981 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE

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AN ORDINANCE
(CONTINUATION)

HILLSIDE ROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE ZACATE CREEK, ITS
STREET APPROACHES AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

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

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The following was an ordinance establishing the policy that all outsize cargo and outsize vehicle movements within the City shall be escorted.

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

AN ORDINANCE

ESTABLISHING THE POLICY THAT ALL OUTSIZE CARGO AND OUTSIZE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY SHALL BE ESCORTED; ASSIGNING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESCORT OF OUTSIZE CARGO AND OUTSIZE VEHICLES; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ESCORTING OUTSIZE CARGO AND OUTSIZE VEHICLE MOVEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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The last item was City Council approval of Street Closing Form which sets out procedural for departments and utility companies approval.

Mr. Carlos Villarreal, member of the Street Closing Committee, made the presentation. He stated that street closing requests would be handled with the following Street Closing Procedure, that will be established, if approved by the City Council.

The following is the proposed Street Closing Procedure to be followed for street closing:

*** When request(s) for street closing(s) are initiated by the City's Street Closing Committee, an Informational Statement and a letter of intent to sell, are sent to the abutting land owner(s).

When request(s) for street closing(s) are initiated by the abutting land owner(s), requests are submitted to the City Attorney's Office for processing.

Standard Street Closing Procedures are as follows:

1. City Attorney requests releases from the abutting land owners and these are submitted to the Street Closing Committee.
2. Memorandum is routed to affected city departments and corresponding utility companies for sign-off and/or comments.
3. City Engineering Department provides metes and bounds description of property.
4. Presentation of findings to Street Closing Committee for appropriate recommendations to the City Council.
5. City Council action.
6. If request is approved, the appraisal process begins (i.e., notice of intent, informational letter, etc).
7. Fair Market Value is established and approved by City Council action.
8. Formal negotiations begin (i.e., title commitment requested, offer signed, etc.).

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9. Closing at appropriate abstract company.

In the event the abutting land owner(s) decline(s) to purchase city street property, the Committee will then instruct the City Secretary to let out bids on said property. However, it should be noted that in accordance with State Law, no bids can be accepted for less than the Fair Market Value of the property. The City reserves the right to re-dedicate the street in the event Fair Market Value cannot be obtained.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to approve the Street Closing Form. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

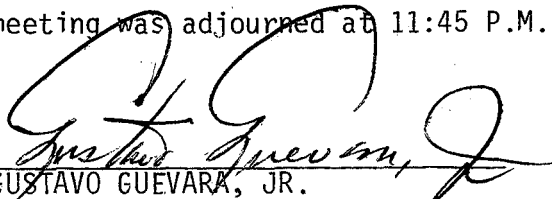
YEAS: Aldermen Flores, Benavides, Trevino, Ramos, Sanchez and Guerra.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Aldermen Cantu and Zuniga

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Zuniga made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 P.M.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON
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