

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

On this the 5th day of February, 1980, the City Council of Laredo, Texas, convened in regular meeting at Conference Rooms 1 and 2 of the Laredo Civic Center at 7:30 o'clock P.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

- ALDO TATANGELO : MAYOR
- ENRIQUE TREVINO :
- FELIPE SANCHEZ :
- CARLOS A. ZUNIGA :
- ANDRES RAMOS, JR. : ALDERMEN
- JOE A. GUERRA :
- GUILLERMO BENAVIDES :
- VIDAL CANTU, JR. :
- GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR. : CITY SECRETARY
- EUSTORGIO PEREZ : CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENT: Councilman Roberto J. Flores.

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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 for the City Council meetings of January 15th, 17th, and 21st, were approved as per a motion made by Councilman Guerra and seconded by Councilman Sanchez. All were in favor.

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At this time, the Mayor made an announcement that with the Ernst & Whinney audit completion, he was now discharging or deleting the Audit Committee. Councilman Ramos asked if the Mayor could take this action.

The Mayor stated that the requirements were met and they are not needed any longer.

Since the City Attorney could not remember any specific Ordinance on the length of the Committee, Councilman Ramos asked that the City Attorney bring a written opinion stating that the Mayor can do what he has done today.

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The following Appropriation Ordinance was presented for approval by George Salazar, the City Comptroller.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Appropriation Ordinance and Alderman Guerra made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Zuniga and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEBTS OWED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO TO CERTAIN PAYEES, OUT OF THE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, WORK AND/OR SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED.

<u>Payee/Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Foremost Paving, Inc. Street Improvements Estimate No. 1	\$9,956.25	CDA
Foremost Paving, Inc. Street Improvements Estimate No. 2	84,765.15	CDA
M. G. Bravo Construction Company South Laredo Recreation Park Estimate No. 8	25,488.00	CDA
Ernst & Whinney Services rendered during December, 1979 (CDBG)	7,711.00	CDA
Ernst & Whinney Services for December, 1979 as per agreement	2,347.00	Gen. Fund
Ernst & whinney Services during November, 1979 (YCC)	1,716.00	Gen. Fund
Mr. Milton F. Menking Project Representative ADAP Project No. 6-48-0136-02 Laredo International Airport Lighting	1,881.00	Airport FAA-ADAP
Travis-Braun & Associates, Inc. Modification of International Bridge No. 1 Professional engineering services and Travel	2,858.00	Bridge
Turner, Collie and Braden, Inc. Professional services December 13, 1979 Airport Master Plan Update	837.00	Airport FAA-ADAP

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

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At this time, Councilman Trevino moved to change part of item #15 to item #1 in order to open the bids received for the Sanitary Sewer Project in the Chacon Neighborhood at Green and Urbahn. Councilman Guerra seconded the motion. The only bid received was from Luis M. Collazo d/b/a Ace Plumbing for a total bid price of \$14,864.96.

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The next presentation was an invitation extended to the City Council by Councilman Trevino, for the Texas Society of Association Executive Party in Austin, Texas.

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Mr. T. R. Esquivel, Jr., of the Laredo Kiwanis Club appeared before the City Council to inform them of the proposed Humanitarian Award Plans and also to request permission for the erection of a monument in front of the City Library on Bruni Plaza. He stated that in 1979 they awarded a monument to David Montes and Eugenio Amaya, so, what the club is requesting is to place it on Bruni Plaza. He also said this was a one time erecting of a monument consisting of a stand and plaque. Councilman Trevino made a resolution allowing the placement of this monument at Bruni Plaza as long as they follow the City's plans. Councilman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Mr. Donato Ramos, attorney for Jose Luis Chapa, appeared before the City Council to get Council consideration for approval to encroach three (3) feet on City property at the location of 210 Juarez, legal description being Lot Number 5, Block 6, W.D. of the City of Laredo. He stated that due to the error in surveying, this item is no longer needed since the City was in error the first time they did the survey.

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A request made by Andres Villarreal, to appear before the City Council for the purpose of discussing specific personnel on the Zacate Creek Beautification Project, was tabled due to Mr. Villarreal's absence.

The following discussion was a request by Mr. Joe Gilbreath, Counselor for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, to ask for approval to represent Sgt. L.J. Flores in a Civil Rights suit. At this time Alderman Zuniga moved to include item number 26, which is another lawsuit concerning Magario Barrientos vs. City of Laredo, et al. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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

NAYS: None.

Alderman Guerra then made another motion to go into Executive Session for this discussion, which is under Article 6252-17 Sec. 2(g). Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

After the Executive Session was over, the Mayor opened the meeting for discussion at which time Alderman Guerra made a motion to authorize Mr. Jose (Chito) Vela to proceed with the case on behalf of the City. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion.

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Mr. Charles Nelson, President of Library Board made the presentation for the approval of the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ALDO TATANGELO, TO CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE 1980 SUMMER LIBRARY ACTIVITY PROGRAM.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced the Ordinance and Alderman Sanchez made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Guerra and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None. *

The next presentation was by Mr. Tony Perez, on the Laredo Water Works System and the Laredo Sewer System Report of 1979. Mr. Perez also presented a Check for \$10,000 from the Water Works Trust Indenture and some matured Waterworks System Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds 1951, 1952, 1953 and

1967 in the amount of \$135,000 and matured Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds Series 1950 and 1952 in the amount of \$44,000.

Mr. Ken Finch of Ernst and Whinney made a presentation of the annual examination report.

Alderman Zuniga made a resolution to accept the report as presented. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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

NAYS: None.

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At this time the Mayor requested that item #27 be moved to be discussed next. The item would be Council action relating to the job performance and duties of the City Treasurer. Alderman Sanchez moved to go into Executive Session and Alderman Guerra seconded the motion. In view that Mr. Portman did not desire a closed session, Alderman Sanchez removed his motion.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the City Council an Ordinance dated in 1977 which directed the City Treasurer's position to a full-time position. The Mayor stated that this position should be full-time (8 hours) in order to fulfill the job requirements.

Alderman Trevino asked the opinion of the City Attorney, if the Council can require any elected official to specific hours. The City Attorney stated that according to Sec. 32 of the City Charter the Council can pass an Ordinance making the position an 8 hour requirement job. The duties were read by the City Attorney from the City Charter.

One of this was that the actual hours prescribed are in determination by the City Council.

Alderman Ramos stated that he called the Texas Municipal League to verify if the elected officials should be in the office from 8-4 or 9-5 (8 hours), but, the TML's reply was that the Council cannot require the elected officials to work certain hours, but that they can add additional duties to each of the elected officials.

The Mayor stated that under job performance, regarding the Workman's Compensation Insurance, in his presentation he had presented a figure in the amount of \$154,000 and that Mr. Martin of TML, presented a figure of \$109,060.

The Mayor requested attention to the difference in the figures.

Alderman Sanchez asked if he has been submitting quarterly reports to the

City Secretary according to the City Charter. Mr. Portman replied that he had not because he feels that these reports are meaningless and that now we have more adequate reports done.

When asked by Mr. Benavides why the change in the amount of the bid; Mr. Portman stated that TML was bidding on a totally different payroll and that a performa ratio was calculated.

With no formal action taken, the Council moved on to the next item.

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✓ Mr. Tony Gutierrez, from LISD, made the next presentation for approval, which was an Ordinance granting to the LISD an additional thirty (30) feet to the 3.21 acre tract (Blk. #971, E.D.) deeded to the School District by the City of Laredo. He stated that this additional piece of land was for the purpose of building a retaining wall.

The City Council suggested a proposal to compromise between the City of Laredo and the L.I.S.D. to slope the area and to have the City still retain title to the land.

Alderman Zuniga made this suggestion into a motion and Alderman Cantu seconded the motion.

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

X NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: Alderman Benavides

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The following request was by Alderman Sanchez for City Council action on suggestion by Vincent Molina to instruct the Traffic Coordinator, Noel Robinson, to conduct a study and make appropriate recommendations on City policy governing the use of sidewalk and adjoining parking space. This is done by business establishments which provide parking space and use the sidewalk area as part of it.

Mr. Robinson stated that the problem is more than public safety. It is a violation of the City Charter. He requested that if directed by the Council, he would make it an overall policy rather than on an individual basis.

Alderman Sanchez made a resolution to instruct the Traffic Coordinator to set policy procedures dealing with violations of occupying public property by parked vehicles. Alderman Ramos seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

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Mr. James Cruz presented the next item for approval.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Zuniga made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Cantu and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM
OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1979-1980.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Ordinance had been passed.

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Mr. Noel Robinson, next, made a presentation of the preliminary report of the Traffic Engineering Survey conducted by Traffic Engineers, Inc., consisting of three (3) volumes.

The following resolution was adopted. Alderman Cantu made the motion and Alderman Ramos seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERS, INC., PRELIMINARY
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SURVEY REPORT FOR THE CITY OF
LAREDO.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Resolution had been passed.

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The following Ordinances were presented for approval by Carlos Villarreal, CDA Director.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Trevino made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Sanchez and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ALDO TATANGELO, TO SUBMIT AN AMENDED APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAREDO RECREATION PARK USING FOURTH YEAR FUNDS.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Ordinance had been passed.

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Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Trevino made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Cantu and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

ACCEPTING THE BID OF Luis M. Collazo, Inc. d/b/a Ace Plumbing FOR THE FURNISHING OF ALL NECESSARY MATERIALS, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, LABOR, SUPERINTENDENCE AND ALL OTHER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, SAID PROJECT BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, PROJECT NUMBER B-79-MC-48-0505-552, AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS FOR PAYMENT THEREON.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Ordinance had been passed.

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Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Guerra made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Cantu and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

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AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING THE ZACATE CREEK BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Ordinance had been passed.

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Mr. Carmino Puopolo presented the following Ordinance for approval.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Zuniga made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said Ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Sanchez and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

AN ORDINANCE

CREATING THE OFFICES OF DISASTER DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DISASTER DIRECTOR, AND DISASTER COORDINATOR, AND PROVIDING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE OFFICES: CREATING AN OPERATIONAL ORGANIZATION: GRANTING NECESSARY POWERS TO COPE WITH EMERGENCIES THREATENING LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF LAREDO: AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER CITIES OR COUNTIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES: PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED WARNING AND ALL-CLEAR SIGNALS AND MAKING VIOLATIONS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY FINE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

The mayor declared in open meeting that the Ordinance had been passed.

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The next City Council action was for the approval of naming Lazaro Garza-Gongora as Special Assistant to the City Attorneys for the purpose of clearing City title to Block 1714, E.D. of the City of Laredo. Mr. Eustorgio Perez stated that Mr. Garza-Gongora is not charging any fees for the services to be rendered. Alderman Sanchez made a Resolution to name Mr. Garza-Gongora as Special Assistant to the City Attorney's Office and Alderman Ramos seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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The following item of discussion was the presentation by the Parks and Recreation Director for approval of the following Ordinance and Resolution. After the discussion said ordinance was read in full and Alderman Sanchez made a motion that it be passed. The motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance was seconded by Alderman Zuniga and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAREDO
TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH TEXAS TECH.
UNIVERSITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCHING
AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PARK AND RECREATION
SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO.

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The Resolution presented for City Council approval states as follows:

A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF LAREDO AND THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR
THE JOINT USE OF THE BUENOS AIRES COMMUNITY
CENTER AS A NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATION FACILITY.

The motion for the above Resolution was made by Alderman Guerra and
seconded by Alderman Sanchez. All were in favor.

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An Ordinance prohibiting the use of public streets and other public
property for placement of abandoned vehicles was tabled for lack of an
Ordinance.

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The following item was a report by the City Attorney on jury verdict
in the case of Laredo vs. Wilcox (Laredo Archives) and action on proposed
Judgement.

Ricardo De Anda, Assistant City Attorney, made the presentation to the
City Council. Mr. De Anda stated that they were able to get a favorable
Judgement for the City. He also informed the City Council that back in 1972
an Ordinance was written whereby the City of Laredo entered into an agreement
with the State and Saint Mary's stating that in the event that the City would
win such as to prevent the Wilcoxs' from having the Archives, that we would
agree that St. Mary's would have possession of the documents. St. Mary's
would agree to give our library microfilm and translations when made. Also,
the Archives would remain in St. Mary's forever. If they were ever to leave
there; they would be returned to the City or the State and no where else. It
was also stated that it would be possible to break the Ordinance written in
1972, but that the City did not have the facilities to keep them here. A motion
was made by Alderman Cantu to relinquish possession but not ownership of the
Laredo City Archives. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion. This motion was
prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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The following item was for consideration and possible action on a request ✓ made by the Laredo Housing Authority for the sale and/or lease, by the City to the Housing Authority, of certain City owned land lying adjacent to the City Cemetery for use as a future public housing site. Mr. Trevino requested that this item be tabled for future action in order to prepare an Ordinance for an option to the purchase and/or lease of said property. Alderman Trevino made the motion to table the item and Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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The next item was the confirmation of the Mayor's nomination to the Central Power and Light Franchise Committee. Mayor Tatangelo submitted the names of Memo Benavides representing the City, Conrado Cruz representing business and Chamber and Cecilia Garza, Human Resources consumer. A motion was made by Alderman Trevino and Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None.

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The next item is the Council approval of City employee mileage rate increase from 18¢ to 20¢ per mile for in-town travel. A motion was made by Alderman Sanchez and seconded by Alderman Guerra. This motion was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Cantu.

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Alderman Ramos requested approval on a Resolution presented by the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, urging the Congress of The United States to pass the General Revenue Sharing Bill. A motion was made by Alderman Cantu and Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion. The motion was prevailed by the following vote.

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

NAYS: None.

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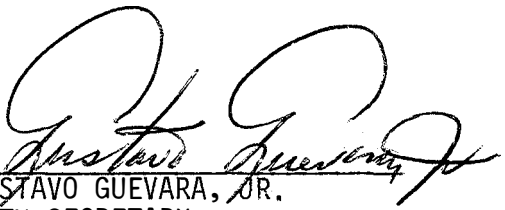
Ricardo De Anda, Assistant City Attorney, made the presentation before the City Council for Council action on proposed lease with the Texas Department of Human Resources for use of space at the Health and Welfare Building at 2600 Cedar Street. After the presentation Alderman Sanchez made a motion to accept the proposed lease and Alderman Ramos seconded the motion. The motion was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

Ordinance with the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement
* SEE - Ordinance caption below

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Alderman Trevino to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

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