

State of Texas X

County of Webb X

City of Laredo X

On this the 19th 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
- FELIPE SANCHEZ : ALDERMEN
- JOE GUERRA :
- ANDRES RAMOS, JR. :
- HENRY TREVINO :
- GUILLERMO BENAVIDES :
- CARLOS ZUNIGA :
- ROBERTO FLORES :
- GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR. : CITY SECRETARY
- EUSTORGIO PEREZ : CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENT: Alderman Vidal Cantu, Jr.

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With a quorum present, the following proceedings were carried out:

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The minutes of the City Council meeting of February 5, 1980 were not ready therefore, there was no action taken.

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A letter from Alderman Benavides was read by the Mayor. The letter was in reference to a proposed meeting between Mayor Tatangelo, Police Chief, Victor Garcia and Guillermo Benavides. The purpose of this meeting will be to present before you some ideas that if accepted and implemented could result in more efficient use of city police and better law enforcement throughout the city. The Mayor acknowledged the request for the meeting and stated that he would schedule a meeting.

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The next item was a letter from residents of the Guatemozin St., between Hendricks Ave. and Lexington Ave. The letter stated that this was being used as a truck route and that there was a heavy traffic flow because of the freight line and the location of the custom house. It also stated that when the trucks pass through this street, a great amount of dust is raised in this area. Because of this problem the citizens of this area are requesting that Guatemozin St. be

paved between Hendricks Ave. and Lexington Ave. The Mayor stated that he would refer this matter to the Public Works Director.

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Mr. George Salazar, City Comptroller, made his presentation to the City Council. The following Appropriation Ordinance was presented for approval to the City Council.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an Appropriation 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 Sanchez, Guerra, Ramos, Trevino, Benavides, Zuniga and Flores.

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>
Turner, Collie & Braden, Inc. Professional Services Airport Master Plan Update Statement dated 1/10/80	\$3,193.00	FAA-ADAP
Turner, Collie & Braden, Inc. Professional Services Runway/Taxiway Rehab International Airport Statement dated 1/18/80 - \$ 201.27 Statement dated 1/29/80 - <u>3,077.19</u>	3,278.46	FAA-ADAP
Ashley-Humphries & Partners North Laredo Fire Station Phases 1 & 2, 100% complete	7,350.00	FRS
Fairbairn Electric, Inc. Estimate #9 & Final Int'l Airport Airfield Lighting System	13,082.04	FAA-ADAP

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

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The item that followed was the opening of bids and ordinance awarding of bid for the CDA " Sewer Extensions in South Laredo Project". The following is a tabulation of bids received for the above stated project.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT BID</u>
Albe Irrigation Company Uvalde, Texas	\$375,816.00
H.P. Fowler McAllen, Texas	376,952.00

McKinney Construction Co. Victoria, Texas	\$353,029.00
United Utility Co. San Antonio, Texas	315,194.40

Carlos Villarreal, CDA Director, recommended that the bid be awarded to the United Utility Co. of San Antonio, Texas.

Mayor Tatangelo introduced an 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 Zuniga and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

ACCEPTING THE BID OF SEWER EXTENSIONS IN SOUTH LAREDO 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-48-0505-554, AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS FOR PAYMENT THEREON.

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

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The next item was a request by Mr. William Walls to appear before the City Council to make a presentation on parking privileges for a vehicle displaying disabled veteran license plates. Mr. Williams stated that he just wanted to remind the Mayor and the City Council of a State law that allows the owner of a vehicle displaying disabled veteran license plates, free meter parking rights anywhere in the State of Texas. The Mayor stated that he would refer this to the Traffic Coordinator. No formal action, on this matter, was requested.

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The following was City Council confirmation of Mayor's appointment of John Fitzgibbon to the Airport Committee as requested by Carlos Zuniga, Chairman. Alderman Guerra moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment and Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next, on the agenda, was a request by the Laredo Housing Authority to get Council approval on a resolution approving application for Preliminary Loan for

Low-Rent Public Housing. Alderman Ramos Stated that this was a routine item and therefore moved to have it approved. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY LOAN FOR LOW-RENT PUBLIC HOUSING.

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The following is a request by Councilman Andres Ramos for the City Attorney's opinion as to whether the Mayor can dissolve the Audit Committee without City Council confirmation. Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, stated that the Mayor may remove any officer in any committee. He further stated that since this Audit Committee was created by the Council, they can compel the Mayor to fill the vacancies created.

Alderman Ramos stated that the Audit Committee was created for the purpose of completing the audit and providing Management Information Systems for the Comptroller's office. He further stated that the implementation of the checks and balances, to his knowledge, has not occurred. Consequently, Mr. Ramos suggested that the Audit Committee should continue to exist, until the City Council receives a clarification from the comptroller and Ernst & Whinney to find out if those mechanisms and controls have been implemented and the time frame for their implementation.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to instruct the Mayor to rename the Audit Committee members or to name new members in order that they may finish the work set out to do by its creation. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion. Before the vote was taken, Alderman Zuniga stated that the Committees were created because the comptroller's office was not prepared to provide the City Council with the necessary information with which to make intelligent decisions concerning requests for additional personnel and salaries. Also, he added that when the City Council knows how much money there is available; they can make better decisions as to how much money can be spent.

The motion, to instruct the Mayor to rename or appoint new members to the Audit Committee, was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Zuniga and Benavides.

A RESOLUTION

INSTRUCTING THE MAYOR TO REAPPOINT THE MEMBERS
TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OR TO APPOINT NEW MEMBERS
TO THIS COMMITTEE.

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The following item was an Ordinance providing for and establishing rules and regulations relating to vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the public streets of the City of Laredo.

The Mayor stated that he was requested by Traffic Coordinator to table this item. Alderman Sanchez requested a workshop with the traffic coordinator to go over this ordinance.

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Next was a request on City Council action authorizing the Mayor to request that FAA waive the requirements for leasing 20 acres on the Laredo International Airport in Council designated Industrial Park area. Alderman Trevino made a motion and Alderman Flores seconded it. All were in favor.

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Next was City Council action ratifying the Mayor's appointment to the CPC-CDA Committee to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Mr. Frank McKinnis III. The Mayor named Ramon Ramos. Alderman Guerra made a motion and Alderman Ramos seconded it. All were in favor.

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The following item was City Council action authorizing the Mayor to establish a Voluntary Complete Count Committee to promote public cooperation with the 1980 census. Alderman Sanchez made a motion and Alderman Zuniga seconded it. All were in favor.

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An Ordinance, authorizing contract with the project architect for the Laredo Recreation Park, was introduced by Carlos Villarreal, CDA Director, who recommended the firm of Villalva-Cotera Architects and Planners to provide the services needed. Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt said Ordinance. The motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, was seconded by Alderman Flores and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH VILLALVA-COTERA, ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CITY OF LAREDO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITY, PROJECT NUMBER B-78-MC-48-0505-450 AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR ALDO TATANGELO TO EXECUTE SAME.

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

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The following item was a Resolution authorizing submission of the Sixth Year CDA Application. Carlos Villarreal, CDA Director, made the presentation before the City Council. Mr. Villarreal stated that a total of \$3,732,000 was allocated for the following projects. He stated that it would be spent as follows:

(1) Sewer connections	\$ 150,000
(2) Street lighting for certain areas throughout the city	60,000
(3) Park or parks in West Laredo	260,000
(4) Street improvements	1,100,000
(5) Housing Rehabilitation	475,000
(6) Sanitary sewer	300,000
(7) Storm drainage	480,000
(8) Zacate Creek acquisition (continuation of the development of this area)	110,000
(9) Program administration	397,000

After the presentation, Alderman Zuniga made a motion that the resolution be adopted as read. The motion was seconded by Alderman Flores and prevailed by the following vote.

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

NAYS: Alderman Guerra.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE SIXTH YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION.

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Next was an Ordinance authorizing the City Attorney to file condemnation proceedings to acquire certain properties for the purpose of furthering the Zacate Creek Beautification Project. Alderman Sanchez made a motion that the Ordinance be passed as read. The motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, was seconded by Alderman Trevino and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

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 passed.

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The following item was a request by the Airport Committee for approval of the minutes of the February 12, 1980 meeting as submitted. This item was tabled.

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Ordinance*

Next was a request for City Council approval to proceed with negotiation with Mr. Jose A. Gutierrez to lease building #852. Alderman Zuniga made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following item was a request for City Council approval authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendment to the lease document with Aero Center. This document approves expansion of facilities and rent abatement to offset costs.

Alderman Ramos wanted to know if the City was getting a good deal on the negotiated settlement on this lease or not. He wanted the committee to state this in the minutes. Alderman Ramos made an amendment to the resolution that the Airport Committee get together with the Mayor to determine if the city was getting a good deal or not. The Amendment was accepted by Alderman Zuniga, subject to Mayor's approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Zuniga to adopt the Resolution. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Trevino.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE DOCUMENT WITH AERO CENTER.

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The following was a report by the City Engineer regarding the drainage problems at the Santo Niño area south of Loop 20, as requested by Alderman Zuniga.

Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, made a presentation to the City Council on the studies he conducted of the drainage problems encountered in the Santo Niño area south of Loop 20. He made his recommendations for possible future adoption.

Alderman Zuniga made a motion to accept the proposal to proceed with the necessary steps to accomplish the proposed South Laredo Drainage Project that Mr. Mejia presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sanchez and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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Next was an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and enter into a professional services contract with Structural Engineering Associates for the designs of four (4) bridges along the Zacate Creek.

Alderman Trevino made a motion that the said Ordinance be passed. The motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, was seconded by Alderman Flores and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE "FINAL DESIGN PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS" FOR FOUR (4) BRIDGES ASSOCIATED WITH ZACATE CREEK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LAREDO. THE FOUR BRIDGES ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) NEW BRIDGE AT CHICAGO STREET/TAYLOR STREET; (B) NEW BRIDGE AT PARK STREET/CLARK STREET; (C) NEW BRIDGE AT HILLSIDE ROAD IN NORTH LAREDO; (D) REMODEL BRIDGE AT SANCHEZ STREET/GUSTAVUS STREET.

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

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The following item was a report on the Attorney General's opinion regarding the request by certain elected City Officials for a cost of living increase.

Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, made the presentation. He stated that the Attorney General's Office cannot give any opinions to home rule cities and that it was up to the City Attorney to interpret the City Charter. No formal action was taken on this matter.

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Next on the agenda was a request by the City Secretary for City Council authorization to fill the vacancy left by Linda Sonia Garza, Deputy City Secretary. After some discussion, Alderman Sanchez made a motion to grant the approval for the hiring of a Deputy Secretary. The motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, was seconded by Alderman Flores and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

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The following was a request for City Council approval of Amendments to Ordinances adopted December 31, 1979. These Ordinances granted retirement benefits to Police Officers of the City of Laredo, but they need to provide said benefits to all employees of the Laredo Police Department in order to comply with the law governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, Article 6243h, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to table this item until they could get a legal opinion from the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Alderman Guerra and was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

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The next item was a Resolution authorizing the Community Development Agency to execute contracts for appraisal services with certain appraisers for land acquisition in the Zacate Creek Beautification Project pursuant to the terms of the Acquisition Appraisal Fee Schedule previously adopted by the C.D.A.

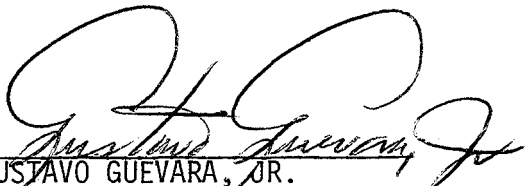
Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Alderman Flores seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES
WITH CERTAIN APPRAISERS FOR ACQUISITION AP-
PRaisal IN THE ZACATE CREEK BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THE ACQUI-
SITION APPRAISAL FEE SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY
ADOPTED BY THE C.D.A.

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Flores. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY