

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

On this the 24th day of June, 1980, the City Council of Laredo, Texas was called to meet in Special Session at the City Council Chambers at 5:30 O'clock P.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

ALDO TATANGELO	:	MAYOR
ROBERTO FLORES	:	ALDERMEN
CARLOS A. ZUNIGA	:	
GUILLERMO BENAVIDES	:	
VIDAL CANTU, JR.	:	
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 first item before the City Council was a resolution appointing Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, as the Consulting and Designing Engineer for the purpose of submitting engineer reports, planning materials, plans and specifications and for supervision of construction of proposed extension to the existing landfill. The resolution was moved by Alderman Trevino and seconded by Alderman Flores and prevailed by the following vote:

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

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The next item was a discussion on the City employees that did not report to work on Friday, June 20, 1980 from the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor's Office.

The Mayor stated that the reason he placed this matter on the agenda was because he felt that the occasion was something out of the ordinary that so many people were absent at one time and they claimed that they were sick. He felt that to be fair to all other city employees, the City Council should know about this and that a discussion on this matter was necessary.

Alderman Ramos stated that he saw this as an administration action and that it did not need any concurrence of the City Council. He further stated that the City Charter gives him the power and the right to do as he pleases with city employees or class of employees. He felt that since this was not directed to any appointed officer, the Mayor had administrative authority to take some kind of action.

The Mayor stated that the reason he brought this matter before the Council was because the department head is an elected official and that the City Council is in the position to take official action if they felt it to be necessary.

J.R. Esparza, Tax Collector, spoke before the Council and stated that he had received phone calls from all his employees in the morning of June 20, 1980 reporting sick. He stated that he is honoring their sick leave. He explained that most of his employees felt sick due to depression.

Ruben Cortez, Tax Assessor, explained before the Council that all his employees also reported in sick the morning of June 20, 1980.

The Mayor stated that he is not going to pay the employees that were absent.

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The next item was a request by the Laredo Water Works System Investigation Committee for a 15 day extension on their report of the rate increase request by the Water Works System.

Alderman Ramos stated that as a matter of record, the last time that Mr. Ray Keck, Union National Bank President, was here requesting that the City Council extend the depository bid to July 15, 1980, Jorge Salazar said that there were some bonds that were in limbo. Due to the fact that he had extended the contract, the bonds were going to be changed from passbook earnings to a 30 day certificate of deposit. He added that looking at all the bonds from the Laredo Water Works that are being deposited at the UNB, they all exceed the contract date of June 30, 1980. They run from July to November of 1980. He wished that they do get the high bid, because if they don't and according to the federal law they are not obligated to pay any interest on that. He was talking about \$5.9 million that were deposited at the UNB and that all of the \$5.9 million are in direct violation of the contract. In addition, \$3.8 million are deposited for 3 months that go all the way to September that could have been deposited for 31 days. He explained how there was room for adjustment in order for the city to get the maximum amount of money out of the certificates of deposit. Secondly, he added, there were \$2.7 million that were due June 30, 1980 that could have been easily deposited for 30 days but were instead deposited for 90 days and according to the law it says that if they are deposited for 90 days and another bank gets the depository bid, then we loose the interest for that depository. He felt that the Mayor, as a member of

the Water Works Board, should see to it that whoever is making the deposits there, that they correct this matter because it is costing us money. He then asked legal counsel Mr. Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, for some advice whether this violates the indenture or not. Mr. Perez stated that the Board of Trustees of the LWWS are placed with the requirement or the obligation to oversee the deposits of these bonds and that they deposited in accordance with the contract. He added that the contract itself gives the Mayor and the City Treasurer some control as to how the time deposits are to be designated and he did not know whether they have been doing this or not. He did not think that over extending the contract would constitute the misapplication of funds. The Mayor stated that he would have a report on this matter at a later date.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt a resolution extending the dateline for the presentation of the report on the rate increase by the LWWS Investigation Committee. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following item was a request by Mr. David Cortez and Mr. Pedro Castaneda to appear before the City Council on a matter pertaining to the Marcella paving project. Mr. Gabriel Quiroga appeared on behalf of Mr. David Cortez. He requested from the Council that they purchase the piece of land on Marcella Street which was in question in order to pave this street. He stated that since the landowner was not willing to donate her piece of land, that the City should pay for the acquisition. The piece of land in question is located at 4801 Marcella and the owner is Mrs. Tomasa Garza, a city employee working in the mailroom of City Hall. A motion was made by Alderman Trevino and seconded by Alderman Sanchez to have the Engineer give the City Council a recommendation as to the matter of purchasing the piece of land in question for paving improvement. The motion was withdrawn when Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, stated that he was against the City paying for this piece of land since the City was already putting a lot of money for the paving of this land. Alderman Ramos then moved that the City Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Mrs. Tomasa Garza for the purchase of said piece of land, but that if there is more than one piece of land to negotiate for acquisition, then the motion is not to negotiate with any landowner. Alderman Ramos withdrew his motion when Alderman Trevino informed him of the policy that all new paving would be done with curving and therefore, they would have to contend with the landowners on the east side for acquisition.

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Next, appeared Mr. Noel Robinson, Traffic Coordinator, before the City Council to make request for the removal of several City parking meters and the installation of several other parking meters. A motion was made by Alderman Cantu and seconded by Alderman Sanchez and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS FROM THE 1200 BLOCK OF LINCOLN, PROVIDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE LOADING ZONE AT THAT LOCATION; AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF SIX PARKING METERS ON THE 500 BLOCK OF SALINAS AND AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF FOUR PARKING METERS ON THE 500 BLOCK OF FLORES.

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

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The next item was a presentation by Mr. Noel Robinson, Traffic Coordinator, of a proposal to construct a pedestrian ramp at the International Bridge #1 area to permit international pedestrian traffic over Water Street to the bridge on Convent, to designate Convent Avenue as one-way from the Bridge #1 North to Washington Street, and to designate Salinas Avenue as the primary approach to Bridge #1. A motion was made by Alderman Flores to approve the proposal and the motion was seconded by Alderman Benavides and all were in favor.

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The following was the awarding of a bid for the purchase of traffic signs for the City of Laredo. The quantity of signs requested were 2,215 with the following bids received:

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| 1) Vulcan Signs and Stampings, Inc. | \$23,297.73 |
| 2) Superior Mfg. Co., Inc. | 23,460.40 |
| 3) Hall Signs, Inc. | 21,836.11 |
| 4) Price Barracade | 24,986.19 |
| 5) Veped Traffic Controls, Inc. | 27,106.96 |
| 6) Saf-T-Mark Supply | -NO BID- |
| 7) General Offices/3M | -NO BID- |

A motion was made by Alderman Trevino and seconded by Alderman Sanchez to award the bid to Hall Signs, Inc. for the price of \$21,836.11 and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance missing

AWARDING THE BID FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT TO HALL SIGNS, INC. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID EQUIPMENT AND TO PAY FOR SAID EQUIPMENT WITH CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS.

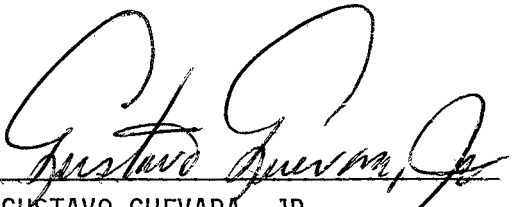
The Mayor declared in open meeting that the ordinance had been adopted.

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The last item before the City Council was Council action to authorize Mayor Tatangelo to sign an agreement with Central Power and Light Company for street light installation on Saunders Road between San Dario Avenue and Arkansas Avenue. A motion was made by Alderman Trevino and seconded by Alderman Sanchez to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for the installation of said street lights and all were in favor.

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With no further business before the Council, Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Trevino seconded the motion at 7:10 P.M.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY