

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

On this the 15th day of July, 1980, 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
- EUSTORGIO PEREZ : CITY ATTORNEY

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

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The minutes of Regular City Council Meetings of June 3 and 10, 1980 and also the minutes of the Special City Council Meetings of June 5 and July 7, 1980 were presented for approval. Alderman Cantu made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Under communications Mr. Andres Rodriguez made a presentation of poems that he wrote about the City of Laredo. He recited the following poems:

- 1) El Lago Casa Blanca
- 2) La Plaza
- 3) El Paseo de Noche

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

Alderman Guerra 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 Cantu and 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 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. Runway/Taxiway Rehabilitation ADAP Project No: 6-48-0136-03	\$ 1,885.27	FAA/ADAP
Better Construction, Inc. Estimate #3, Fire Sta. N. Laredo	56,718.00	Fed. Rev. Sh.
Ashley Humphries & Partners Prof. Services, Fire Sta. N. Laredo	840.00	Fed. Rev. Sh.
State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation Storm Sewer Project along IH-35	107,629.00	Fed. Rev. Sh.
Child Welfare Unit 1978-79 Contract	40,000.00	Gen. Fund

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

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Alderman Cantu made a motion to move item #22 to item #4 in the agenda. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The item was the Mayor's presentation of veto on Council resolution of July 1, 1980, which directed the Ward 4 Storm Drainage Project funds to other wards and projects.

The Mayor announced that he was vetoing the resolution made on July 1, 1980 because in his judgement the Ward 4 Drainage Project was in the public interest; would benefit a large number of people and it would inconvenience only a small group of landowners. The Mayor also stated that this was the least burdensome method of providing drainage to the area and the most cost efficient one.

The City Council did not move to overwrite the Mayor's veto.

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The following was a request by the Greater Downtown Association to appear before the City Council concerning the established fees to be charged by the City for commercial establishments in the downtown area.

Mr. Richard Rossell, President of the Greater Downtown Association, made his presentation before the City Council. He suggested that the City collect a service fee for commercial garbage pick-up instead of selling stickers.

Alderman Sanchez stated that the Garbage Committee wanted to sell the stickers for the first six (6) months so that they could have time to work out a formula.

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Next 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 the Laredo Water Works System to place said rates and establish an effective date.

Alderman Cantu 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 Ramos and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Trevino.

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 WATERWORKS SYTEM TO PLACE SAID RATES AND CHARGES IN EFFECT ON AUGUST 1, 1980.

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

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The following was an ordinance fixing the rates to be charged by the City of Laredo, Texas to persons, firms and corporations using its sanitary sewer lines and system or parts thereof, including the sewer disposal plant and other equipment and parts used in the treatment of sewage disposal, the time and place for the payment of account, defining classes of users; reserving the right to make an industrial surcharge; providing for penalty for none payment; repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith; and providing a saving clause.

Alderman Cantu 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 Ramos and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS TO PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS USING ITS SANITARY SEWER LINES AND SYSTEM OR PARTS THEREOF, INCLUDING THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND PARTS USED IN THE TREATMENT OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL, THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS; DEFINING CLASSES OF USERS, SANITARY SEWERAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES; RESERVING THE RIGHT TO MAKE AN INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR NON PAYMENT; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

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The following was an ordinance awarding and executing the City Depository Contract, approving depository bond of awarded bidder, and approving as to kind and value securities pledged with said bond.

Mr. Jacob Hornberger, Attorney for the International Bank of Commerce, appeared before the City Council to protest the contract between the City of Laredo and the Union National Bank due to the following provisions:

- 1) Mr. Ray M. Keck, Jr. is the President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union National Bank of Laredo and owns more than 10% of the stock in that banking institution.
- 2) Mr. Ray M. Keck, Jr. is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Laredo Waterworks System and the Laredo Sanitary Sewer System, and therefore is an officer of the City of Laredo. Therefore, Mr. Hornberger stated that a conflict of interest existed between the Union National Bank of Laredo and the City of Laredo.
- 3) The bid of the Union National Bank of Laredo was received at 10:33 o'clock A.M. on July 14, 1980. The published notices specifically required that the bids be submitted on or before 10:30 A.M. on that day.

Mr. Lawrence Mann, Attorney for the Union National Bank, made arguing points on behalf of the Union National Bank.

Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, could not render an opinion until he reviewed the cases brought before the City Council by Mr. Hornberger.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to allow Eustorgio Perez to review the case and report his findings to the City Council at a Special City Council Meeting to be held on Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Sanchez suggested that a declaratory judgement be made by a judge of competent jurisdiction.

Mr. Hornberger, again, pointed out that the bid was submitted at 10:33 A.M. and was late. Therefore, the Union National Bank should be disqualified on this point.

Alderman Ramos asked if the Union National Bank would continue to honor the old contract. Mr. Lawrence Mann stated that the Union National Bank would continue and honor the old 1978 - 1980 contract until this matter was resolved.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to honor Mr. Keck's letter honoring the old contract and to ask for a declaratory judgement. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was an ordinance authorizing and approving a contract with Murray E. Malakoff for the collection of delinquent taxes for the period beginning on the 1st day of July, 1980, and ending on the 30th day of June 1981.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH
MURRAY E. MALAKOFF FOR THE COLLECTION OF
DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING
ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, A.D., 1980, AND
ENDING ON THE 31ST DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 1981.

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

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Alderman Zuniga requested City Council approval of a committee to investigate the Police Department.

Alderman Zuniga suggested that two (2) Councilmen and three (3) other persons of the Mayor's choosing be appointed to the committee.

Alderman Zuniga stated that he was concerned about the number of lawsuits originating in the Police Department.

Alderman Trevino suggested that an outline, indicating the rules and regulations of the committee be prepared.

Alderman Sanchez requested that this item be tabled and that Alderman Zuniga put together guidelines for the creation of such a committee. Alderman Zuniga agreed.

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Next was a resolution to participate in the Neighborhood Business Revitalization Program and to designate an Area of Greatest Emphasis.

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

A RESOLUTION

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS
REVITALIZATION PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AREAS
OF GREATEST EMPHASIS.

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The following was an ordinance amending the fiscal year 1980-81 budget and authorizing the Director of Public Works Department to transfer certain personnel from his department to Parks and Recreation Department and further authorizing the Comptroller and Personnel Director to make necessary changes.

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, Cantu, Benavides, Ramos, Trevino, Guerra and Sanchez.

NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PERSONNEL FROM HIS DEPARTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES.

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

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Ramon Garza, Parks and Recreation Director, requested discussion and possible City Council action on an ordinance prohibiting the consumption of alcoholic beverage in city parks.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to table this ordinance in order to work out some details. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

This item was tabled.

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Next was a resolution to cooperate with the County of Webb on the development of Recovery Action Plan for the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

This item was tabled at the request of the Parks and Recreation Director.

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The following was an ordinance amending the fiscal year 1980-81 budget and authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation Department to change certain line item job classifications in the Parks and Recreation Department as specified in the budget and further authorizing the Comptroller and Personnel Director to make the necessary changes.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-1981 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE CERTAIN LINE ITEM JOB CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AS SPECIFIED IN THE BUDGET AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TO MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES.

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

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The next item was an ordinance entering into an agreement with Turner, Collie and Braden for construction phase engineering service in connection with overlaying and strengthening Runway 17c/35c and Taxiway at Laredo International Airport.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TURNER, COLLIE & BRADEN, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OVERLAYING AND STRENGTHENING OF RUNWAY 17c/35c AND TAXIWAYS AT LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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

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The following were ordinances authorizing the Mayor to sign new leases with (a) Rio Flying Service and (b) Pre-Seis.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to adopt the ordinances. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE
(SAME WORDING FOR BOTH)

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAREDO FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAREDO OF A CERTAIN LEASE AGREEMENT COVERING A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED AT THE FORMER LAREDO AIR FORCE BASE AND BELONGING TO THE CITY OF LAREDO.

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

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The next request was for City Council approval authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Cenral Power and Light for street light installation at Noon Lions Park, Gumwood and Gallagher.

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

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The next item was City Council approval authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Central Power and Light for street light installation at the new north Bartlett Avenue extension.

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

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The following item was City Council confirmation of Mr. Noel Robinson as a member to the Audit Committee.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to confirm Mr. Robinson's appointment. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The next item was a resolution creating the Garbage Collection Committee as a standing committee and naming Felipe Sanchez, Jr. as Chairman and Carmino Puopolo and Elmer Buckley as members.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to adopt the resolution creating the Garbage Collection Committee as a standing committee and naming Felipe Sanchez, Jr. as Chairman and Carmino Puopolo, Elmer Buckley and Richard Rossell, President of the Greater Downtown Association, as members. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Mr. Jorge Salazar requested to make a presentation to the City Council on the PBX Dimension 400 Telephone Communication System and Council approval to proceed and negotiate a contract for Council approval at a later date. He stated that two (2) attendants would be needed to operate the system. The initial cost would be \$184,928 the installation charge would be \$50,997.30.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to authorize the office of the Mayor to negotiate a contract for Council approval at a later date. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following item was an ordinance amending the Garbage Collection Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas by establishing fees to be charged by the City for the collection of garbage; authorizing a contract with the Laredo Waterworks System to collect same; providing for commission to LWWS.

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 Guerra and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Ramos and Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE "GARBAGE ORDINANCES" OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH LAREDO WATERWORKS SYSTEM TO COLLECT SAME, PROVIDING FOR COMMISSION TO LAREDO WATERWORKS SYSTEM, PROHIBITING DUMPING OF GARBAGE EXCEPT AT DESIGNATED SITES, ESTABLISHING RATES FOR USE OF CITY DUMPS AND EXCEPTION TO SAID RATES, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES DATED MAY 20, 1980, AND JULY 1, 1980, DEALING WITH THE SAME SUBJECT.

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

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Next was a resolution modifying the Laredo Overall Economic Development Program to include item No. 10 Land Acquisition; Municipal Landfill Site, and item No.11 - Land Acquisition Centralization of City Offices in downtown.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

A RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE CITY OF LAREDO'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PROJECT PRIORITY LIST.

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The following was discussion on proposed amendments to the existing City Charter as it relates to City Manager and any other matter in the City Charter.

Mr. Eustorgio Perez, City Attorney, stated that the City Charter Revision Commission was preparing a revised City Charter, but that Mr. Riley Flecher, Attorney from the Texas Municipal League, stated to him that the Council could present amendments for question before the citizens of the City of Laredo.

No formal action was requested on this matter.

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The last item was an ordinance authorizing and approving an increase payable to Foremost Paving Company for an amount of \$25,000 dollars entered as change order No. 2 under the Community Development Agency Street Improvements Phase IX Contract, appropriation of funds as provided by the City of Laredo, Texas.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INCREASE PAYABLE TO FOREMOST PAVING COMPANY FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$25,000 DOLLARS ENTERED AS CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASE IX CONTRACT, APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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

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With no further business to discuss Alderman Cantu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY