

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

On this the 21st day of October, 1980, the City Council of Laredo, Texas convened in regular meeting at the Laredo Civic Center Ballroom at 7:30 o'clock P.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

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| ALDO TÁTANGELO | : | 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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Under communication, Alderman Cantu announced that the contractor for GSA would be closing Water Street going east and that this would create a traffic problem. The Transportation Committee wanted to go on record as having requested that the City Council adopt a resolution objecting the closing of Water Street permanently. Alderman Cantu stated that it would be a matter of time until the City could develop a solution for the truck traffic.

The Mayor stated that he would get together with the contractor, Traffic Coordinator and City Engineer to see what could be done immediately to alleviate the truck traffic problem that would be created.

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Mr. Jorge Salazar presented the following Appropriation Ordinance 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 Flores 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>
Ashley, Humphries & Partners Professional Services Fire Station #7	\$ 627.00	FRS
Milton F. Menking Project Representative Laredo Int'l Airport Pavement Overlay	2,250.00	FAA-ADAP
Better Construction Application No. 6 Fire Station #7	43,074.00	FRS
Ashley, Humphries & Partners, Inc. & CGR. Inc. Professional Services Toll Plaza Building, Bridge II	1,519.40	Bridge
M. G. Bravo, Inc. Certificate Number Two Toll Plaza Building	70,461.00	Bridge

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

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Various petitioners requested to appear before the City Council to present their water and sewer complaints and to request that the water and sewer rate increases approved by City Council on July 15, 1980 be frozen.

Mr. Manuel Flores, local attorney, appeared before the City Council to request that they repeal the ordinances, granting the water and sewer rate increases, approved on July 15, 1980. He requested that the ordinances be repealed and that a study be made on any proposed rate increases.

The Mayor stated that he believed that with new legislation the City would be able to retire the bonds that are presently placing the separate board under the indenture. When the bonds are retired, then the City can have complete control of the Laredo Water Works System.

Mr. Simon Villarreal accused the LWWS of not accurately reading the meters and of overcharging many people. The Mayor stated that it was up to the Laredo Water Works System Administration to handle this deficiency and not the City Council.

Mr. Tomas Flores requested that the City Council pass a motion freezing the increased water and sewer rates.

Manuel Flores made two proposals for Council action:

- 1) that the ordinances be repealed or frozen; and
- 2) that the Laredo Water Works System be investigated because they were not reading the meters.

Alderman Benavides asked Mr. Manuel Flores if he was willing to head a committee that would investigate the Water Department and the rate increase. Mr. Flores replied that he would, but only after the rates were repealed or frozen.

Alderman Roberto Flores suggested that a new formula be worked out by the committee.

Alderman Ramos suggested that the Water Works Committee find out whether the rate increase is just or that a consultant be hired to work out a reasonable formula for a rate increase.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to appoint a committee to include Manuel Flores and report their findings to the Council within 30 days. The Committee is to investigate the rate increase and to work out a fair and equitable rate increase formula. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and later withdrew his second. No vote was taken on this motion.

Alderman Flores requested that the new sewer rates passed on July 15, 1980 be frozen for 30 days until a new rating is worked out by the Investigation Committee. The sewer rates that will be charged during the 30 days will be the rates prior to Council action on July 15, 1980. After the 30 days the findings of the Investigation Committee shall be reported to the City Council. Alderman Flores made a motion to freeze the sewer rates for 30 days so that the investigating Committee can report their findings to the City Council. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Ramos.

-The motion passed.-

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Representatives of the Laredo Legal Aid Society requested to appear before the City Council to request that the City Council take the necessary actions to solve problems relating to rabies control.

Ms. Olivia de la Torre, Legal Aid Attorney, appeared before the City Council, on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Raul Inocencio, to request that the rabies control ordinance be enforced. She pointed out that there was no enforcement on Saturdays or Sundays and also that there was no strict penalty being imposed by the Municipal Court.

The Mayor stated that he would work out the problem by increasing the rabies control personnel budget and by instructing the Chief of Police to strictly enforce the

the ordinance.

Alderman Cantu suggested that if the ordinance was weak in enforcement then it should be amended.

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Mr. Joe Gilbreath, Attorney for Police Officers L.J. Flores and J.L. Martinez, requested to appear before the City Council concerning the Macario Barrientos Case.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to go into Executive Session - Article 6252-17 Sec. 2(e) and (g). Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

After the Executive Session, the Mayor stated that negotiations would be continued.

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Next was opening of bids for the Chicago/Taylor Bridge and possible consideration for awarding of bid.

This item was tabled.

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The following was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to contract with the Texas Department of Community Affairs for a Youth Conservation Corps Program for the summer of 1981.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, ALDO TATANGELO, TO CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECT FOR THE SUMMER OF 1981.

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

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The Planning and Zoning Commission requested that the City Council instruct the Board of Directors of the Laredo Water Works System to enforce the decisions of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the construction of necessary sewer systems prior to providing water service to that subdivision.

Mr. Dan Farias stated that what the Commission wanted was to present the situation that occurred at the Sierra Vista Subdivision, that is, that no lift was placed in the subdivision.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to instruct the LWWS to enforce the decisions of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the construction of necessary sewer systems prior to providing water service to that subdivision. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The Planning and Zoning Commission requested that the City Council call for the construction of the necessary improvements in Sierra Vista Unit I, as guaranteed in the performance bond posted by the property owner, if the attorney finds legal cause for such action.

Mr. Dan Farias stated that there were several improvements that needed to be done of which they have not yet complied with.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to proceed with this if he finds legal cause for such action. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following was an ordinance reorganizing the structure of the Planning and Zoning Commission; allowing for nine (9) members serving staggered terms rather than seven (7) members serving the same term, and outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to adopt the ordinance, subject to the changes made by him. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF THE LAREDO CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: PROVIDING FOR NINE MEMBERS AND FOR THE MODE OF APPOINTING THE SAME; DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE LEGAL EFFECT THEREOF: FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS; REPEALING ORDINANCES DATED AUGUST 24, 1956 AND MAY 19, 1964 ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS HEREIN.

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

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Next was a resolution approving the expansion of the Council for Economic Development Committee and confirmation of Mayor's nominees.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the resolution and confirm the Mayor's nominees. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Ramos.

A RESOLUTION

EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE CITY'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

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City Engineer, Carlos Mejia, requested to appear before the City Council to request

approval for additional blocks to be added to the proposed C.D.A. Street Improvements Phase X and XI and that approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the proposed Santa Isabel Improvements be postponed until Right-of-way negotiations are completed with Missouri Pacific Company.

Alderman Flores made a motion to approve the request. Alderman Ramos seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, requested Council approval to issue a permit for a street cut at the corner of Fremont and Malinche.

Alderman Flores made a motion to grant the approval to issue the permit. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was an ordinance providing for the extension of the two way traffic flow on San Bernardo Ave. South to Lincoln Street and authorizing the expenditure of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for installation of northbound traffic signals at the intersections of San Bernardo/Hidalgo and San Bernardo/Farragut.

The estimated costs are as follows:

4 signal assemblies \$180.00 each	\$ 730.00
2 signal poles \$2,400 each (with street light attached)	4800.00
2 concrete foundation and installation (\$1500 each)	3000.00
Electric conduit	110.00
Engineer design	864.00
Contingency	496.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

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

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXENSION OF THE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FLOW ON SAN BERNARDO AVENUE SOUTH TO LINCOLN STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF NOT MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FOR INSTALLATION OF NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF SAN BERNARDO/HIDALGO AND SAN BERNARDO/FARRAGUT.

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

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The following was an ordinance prohibiting parking on Hidalgo Street between San Francisco and San Agustin Avenues; on Victoria Street between San Bernardo and Santa Ursula Avenues; and on Scott Street between San Bernardo and Santa Ursula Avenues.

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

AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING PARKING ON HIDALGO STREET BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN AGUSTIN AVENUES: ON VICTORIA STREET BETWEEN SAN BERNARDO AND SANTA URSULA AVENUES: AND ON SCOTT STREET BETWEEN SAN BERNARDO AND SANTA URSULA AVENUES: PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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Next was an ordinance accepting the lowest bidder and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a purchase order contract to purchase three (3) pick-up trucks for the Airport Department.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT, 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 AIRPORT FUNDS, ACCOUNT NUMBER 90-185-7.

(The bid was awarded to Powell-Watson Motors, Inc., for the bid price of \$20,487)

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

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The Airport requested City Council approval authorizing the Airport Director to initiate procedures to transfer five (5) acres of Airport land to the General Services Administration to be in turn deeded to the State of Texas for expansion of the local Mental Health and Mental Retardation facility.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to grant approval authorizing the Airport Director to initiate procedures to transfer the (5) acres of airport land to G.S.A. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The Airport requested City Council approval and acceptance of the New Airport Master Plan.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to table this item until next month. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was an ordinance approving the following new leases: (a) El Rio Grande Commercial laundry, (b) Leaverite, Inc., (c) Alpha Components Company, and (d) Trevino Graphic and Sales.

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

AN ORDINANCE
(SAME WORDING FOR ALL 4)

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 ordinance had passed.

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The Airport requested City Council approval to hire, on temporary basis, one airport policeman for a period of eight (8) weeks.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the hiring of an Airport Policeman for eight weeks. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Ramos.

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The following was an ordinance approving the deletion of the City shop from the Public Works Department and creating a separate City department to be designated as the "City Maintenance Shop" and appointing Uvaldo Granados as the Department Head.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt the ordinance, excluding section 3 which deals with the salary increase-pending the completion of the audit. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

CREATING A NEW CITY DEPARTMENT TO BE CALLED THE CITY MAINTENANCE SHOP DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PERSONNEL AND ASSIGNED EQUIPMENT FROM HIS DEPARTMENT TO THE CITY MAINTENANCE SHOP DEPARTMENT; CREATING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE CITY MAINTENANCE SHOP DEPARTMENT; APPOINTING THE SHOP SUPERINTENDENT AS DIRECTOR OF THE SAME; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 BUDGET TO REFLECT THIS INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES TO REFLECT THIS TRANSFER.

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

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Next was City Council confirmation on Mayor's appointment of Uvaldo Granados as a member of the Garbage Fee Committee replacing Carmino Puopolo.

Alderman Flores made a motion to confirm the appointment of Uvaldo Granados to the Garbage Fee Committee. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were

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The following was City Council confirmation of Carlos Gonzalez as Director of Civil Preparedness for the City of Laredo, replacing Carmino Puopolo.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to confirm the appointment of Carlos Gonzalez as Director of Civil Preparedness for the City of Laredo. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Presented next was a resolution of appreciation to Carmino Puopolo, Public Works Director, for his contribution to the welfare and benefit of the citizens of Laredo.

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

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The last item on the agenda was City Council confirmation of Juan Rangel as the City Representative to the South Texas Economic Development Corp.

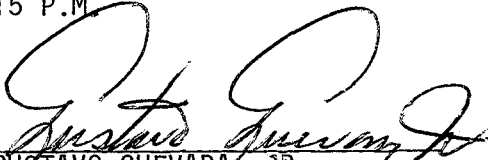
Alderman Trevino made a motion to confirm the appointment of Juan Rangel as the City Representative to the S.T.E.D. Corp. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF S.T.E.D. CORP.

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adjourn and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY