

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

On this the 4th day of November, 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	:	
GUILLERMO BENAVIDES	:	
ANDRES RAMOS, JR.	:	
ENRIQUE TREVINO	:	
JOE A. GUERRA	:	
FELIPE SANCHEZ, JR.	:	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.	:	CITY SECRETARY
EUSTORGIO PEREZ	:	CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENT: Alderman Vidal Cantu, Jr.

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The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 7, 1980 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meetings of October 14 and 20, 1980 were presented for approval. Alderman Benavides made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Alderman Ramos made a motion that no meeting be held since they had not received their material until late the day of this meeting (November 4, 1980).

Motion died due to the lack of a second.

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Under Communications George Salazar presented a comparison of revenues and expenditures ending September 30, 1980. The figures were as follows:

	<u>For the Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Revenues	\$ 687,722.92	\$2,577,000.99
Expenditures	1,176,383.54	3,342,019.43
	<u>\$ (488,660.62)</u>	<u>\$ (765,018.44)</u>

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Also under Communications, the Mayor presented his veto on the motion passed on October 21, 1980 which placed a freeze on the sewer rate increase for a 30 day period.

Alderman Zuniga asked what the time lapse would be if the veto was overwritten.

City Attorney, Eustorgio Perez, stated that it would be effective immediately, upon the signing by the Mayor.

Alderman Zuniga suggested that the Mayor write a strong letter to Antonio Perez, LWWS Manager, stating that the Council and those who sided with the veto did so only because of the Court order and the provision to build a new sewer plant and because of the fear of losing 2.5 million dollars. Furthermore, the letter should convey the message that the City Council members were very dissatisfied with the lack of cooperation from the LWWS and that Mr. Perez respond to this matter within the 30 day time period.

The Mayor stated that a committee would be formed to investigate the water and sewer rates for a 30 day period.

Alderman Benavides stated that he was enormously dissatisfied with the condition that existed in that the Water & Sewage Board was independent of the City, of the Public, and of everybody else. He stated that he did not know who they answered to. He also stated that the sooner the board was placed under City control the better it would be for the City.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to overwrite the Mayor's veto. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Guerra, Flores, Trevino and Sanchez.

NAYS: Aldermen Benavides and Ramos.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Zuniga.

*** Since six (6) votes are needed to overwrite a veto, the motion to overwrite the veto failed.

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Mr. Jorge Salazar presented an appropriation ordinance for City Council approval.

No action was taken on this item because the Councilmen had not received their copy of the ordinance in time to read it.

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Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, requested to appear before City Council to present a progress report on the Zacate Creek Channel Improvements.

Mr. Ron Zunker, Resident Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, appeared before the Council to report on the progress of the Zacate Creek Channel Improvements. He stated that acquiring certain land needed for right-of-way may be a bit of a problem.

He further informed the Council that the project was 25% completed and that completion would take 450 days which would put them on November 20, 1981. He also expressed concern about the relocation of utility lines. He stated that the utility

relocation needed to be done at a reasonable pace to clear construction area on the Channel limits. He said that the Utility Companies were aware of this problem and that they had promised to do the work but that upto now they have not completed their work.

Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, requested that the Mayor write a letter to the utility companies expressing the concern of the City on this matter. The Mayor agreed.

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Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, requested to appear before City Council to present a progress report on the proposed street improvements on Marcella Avenues between Calton Road and Taylor Street.

Mr. Mejia stated that there were still some right-of-way pending. He stated that a landowner, Mr. A.C. Key, requested that the City pass a policy, in form of a resolution, which required that all landowners donate their R.O.W. property to the City, then he would donate his property needed for right-of-way.

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Carlos Mejia, City Engineer, requested to appear before City Council to present a progress report on the proposed street improvements on Hillside Road between Zacate Creek and McPherson Road.

Mr. Mejia stated that sometime back the Hillside Seven Subdivision was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the end result was that the North half of Hillside Road from the Creek to McPherson would be dedicated by Mr. Clark, the owner of the property and the South half of the future street was offered to us by the adjacent owner in escrow. The City passed an ordinance stating that the City would participate in the Neighborhood Participation Paving Program and on this basis he placed the entire south half of Hillside Road in escrow with Neel Abstract with escrow instructions that by the 1st of November the City would be out for bids and that they would participate approximately one-third (1/3) under the formula of the Neighborhood Participation Paving Program. He further stated that they had already advertised for bids on a local newspaper. The bid advertisement would be only for the construction of the street only. There was \$30,000 dollars allocated to this project. The bids will be opened December 2nd. The bridge project allocation is \$125,000 and it is in the budget.

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Next was the opening of bids for the proposed Chicago/Taylor Bridge.

Mr. Jesse Cobarruvias, bridge designer, received the bids as follows:

1) Watkin \$298,602.00

- 2) J. D. Abrams 385,029.00
- 3) Fowler 324,700.50
- 4) Withers 273,677.10

Alderman Trevino made a motion to accept the bid of Withers for \$273,677.10 and take them into advisement by the City Engineer and Architect. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The ordinance awarding the bid will be presented at the next Council meeting.

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The following was an ordinance awarding bid for uniforms for the Laredo Bridge Department.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez stated that International Uniform Service was the sole bidder and he did meet the specifications. He stated that bids were mailed to Kaufman Uniforms, Sugarman Co., International Uniform Service, Casa Raul, Laredo Uniform Center, and Billy Story Co.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding the bid to International Uniform Service for \$12,396.50. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR UNIFORMS TO BE SUPPLIED TO THE LAREDO BRIDGE SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID UNIFORMS AND TO PAY FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND, LINE ITEM NO. 53-1003-3000-0000.

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

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Next was an ordinance awarding bid for general contract for the construction of Colbert Field Improvements.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez stated that they went out for bids on a bid package basis, that is, the bid was on the individual work to be done instead of the construction in general.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding bid to Kennedy Electric Co. for the bid price of \$24,728.00 for the field lighting of the construction of Colbert Field. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COLBERT PARK LITTLE LEAGUE FIELD FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK AND TO PAY FOR SUCH WORK FROM SUBSIDY PROVIDED UNDER THE URBAN PARKS AND RECREATION RECOVERY ACT, SUBSIDY FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, AND FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

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

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The following was an ordinance awarding bid for Park & Playground Equipment for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding bid to Persenaire Park and Playground Products for the bid cash price of \$9,852.45. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION, NAMELY, THE "LAREDO RECREATION PARK; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND TO PAY FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND 4TH ACTION YEAR.

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

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Next was an ordinance awarding bid for up-grading computer for the Data Processing Department.

Alderman Benavides made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding bid to NCR Corporation for the bid price of \$206,443.20 for a 5 year period on an NCR 8415 Processor. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR THE UPDATING OF THE CITY'S COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SAID COMPUTER UPDATE AND TO PAY FOR SAID UPDATE OUT OF THE GENERAL FUNDS, LINE ITEM NO. 01-1553-1000-0000.

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

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Alderman Ramos requested City Council action to review, modify or amend the action taken by the Council on July 15, 1980 which authorized the Union National Bank to continue as the City depository and to instruct the City Attorney to draft the proper ordinance in accordance with the Council's action.

Alderman Ramos stated that he believed that it was the understanding of the Council that the declaratory judgement would take about 30-90 days and it has been three (3) months. Alderman Ramos stated that, since then, Certificates of Deposit are paying higher interest rates; more than what the City is getting on the present CD contract. The City has been losing money.

City Attorney, Eustorgio Perez, stated that there were several things that could

be done: (1) Stay the way we are until courts make a decision as to who should get the bid; (2) award bid to Union National Bank as highest bidder or (3) award bid to International Bank of Commerce.

Alderman Trevino asked if rejection of all bids was possible at this time and to readvertise for bids. City Attorney, Eustorgio Perez, answered that it was possible but that there was a probability of being sued by the Union National Bank for not accepting their bid which was the highest bid.

Dennis Nixon suggested, that since it seemed that this case would not be resolved soon, that the City Council place the money on a 60 to 90 day depository and that his bank would be willing to pay 14% on this money for this period of time.

Alderman Flores made a motion to allow that this matter be settled by the courts. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Benavides and Ramos.

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Next was a public hearing regarding the nomination by the Mayor, and City Council confirmation of the members of the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to table this item. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following was City Council confirmation of Mayor's appointee to the STDC Board of Directors replacing Cruz Cabello who resigned.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to accept Mike Villarreal. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was an ordinance accepting a proposed exchange of real property owned by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company to be deeded to the City of Laredo in exchange for some platted but unopened public streets to be deeded to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. The exchange of properties will facilitate the construction of street improvements by the City along Santa Isabel Avenue from the Rio Grande to Lafayette Street, and will also facilitate the construction of a 22 block industrial park by the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company. The industrial park is bounded by Jefferson Street on the South; Madison Street on the North; Anna Street on the West; and Missouri Pacific Main Tracks on the East.

-This item was tabled.-

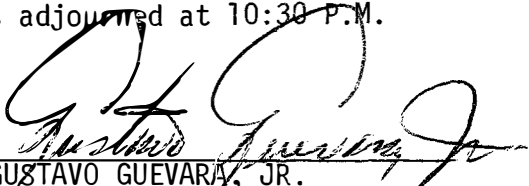
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The last item was City Council approval of Central Power and Light Company Easement Proposals to serve Civic Center Property and the North Laredo Fire Station and West Calton Road.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to accept the easement proposal. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY