

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

On this the 18th 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
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

ABSENT: Alderman Carlos A. Zuniga

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

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The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 21, 1980 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meetings of October 14, 20 and 29, 1980 were presented for approval. Alderman Sanchez made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Alderman Flores seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Under Communications, Mr. Guevara summarized the Release from the Court Case titled Benavides vs. Elizalde and the City of Laredo. He stated that the City had been released of all claims arising from this case. The settlement agreement was as follows:

Defendant, the City of Laredo, will pay the sum of \$50,000.00 to Plaintiff and further pay the sum of \$2,915.10, which Plaintiff and Intervenor have incurred as court costs.

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Under Communications, Mr. Jorge Salazar informed the Council of a comparison of the revenues and expenditures for the month ending October 31, 1980.

He stated that the revenues exceeded expenditures as follows:

	<u>For the Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Revenues	\$1,450,446.33	\$4,027,447.32
Expenditures	1,250,292.55	4,592,311.98
Excess Revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 200,153.78</u>	<u>\$ (564,864.66)</u>

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Under Communications, Mr. Jorge Salazar presented an adjusted budget for Federal Revenue Sharing. He informed the Council that as a result of the audit work that was done this year, certain accruals and reversing entries were made -- the net effect being that certain projects, instead of being carried over into this fiscal year, were now completed in the prior fiscal year.

He stated that consequently, there were some additional funds made available that the Mayor has seen fit to use for priority items. The priority items included at this time are:

- 1) Human Resources \$ 150,000.00
- 2) The U.S. Highway 83 for Curb and gutter that the City committed to the State of Texas 60,000.00
- 3) Civic Center furniture and Equipment 40,000.00
- 4) Municipal Court furniture and Equipment 25,000.00
- 5) Traffic Safety equipment 21,300.00
- 6) Building Code Demolition 10,000.00
- 7) Fire Station #7 furniture and Equipment 25,000.00

This leaves a contingency amount of \$48,082.98. Mr. Salazar emphasized that this was not new money from the Federal Government but rather, money from old entitlements.

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Under Communications, the Mayor announced that in observance of Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the landfill would be closed on November 27, 1980 and December 25, 1980.

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Next was a request by Dr. Billy Cowart, Chairman of the Laredo Council of the Arts, to appear before the City Council to seek approval for project titled "Sineage Development Project for points of Historical and Cultural Interest".

Dr. Billy Cowart stated that the project, initiated by the Laredo Council of the Arts, was formed to develop uniform, attractive sineage to identify sites of historical and Cultural interest within our community. He further stated that a grant request was submitted to the Texas Commission for the Arts for \$5,000 to develop the design and present it to the Council for their consideration as a project. The Texas Commission

for the Arts has requested that we seek Council approval for the project prior to their approval.

The project will be funded as follows:

1) Funding requested from TCA	\$ 5,000
2) Tourist and Convention Comm.	3,250
3) In-Kind total revenues	<u>1,750</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 10,000</u>

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

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The following was a request by Father Antonio Arguelles of St. Vincent de Paul Church, to appear before the City Council to request action on the drainage and sewer problems on the 2600th block of Saltillo and the 2700th block of Monterrey Street.

Father Arguelles stated that there are are areas in the Santo Nino Neighborhood without any sewer system. He stated that approximately 165 persons are affected.

Alderman Trevino requested that someone from CDA go over to the Santo Nino Area and bring the details to the Council.

No formal action was taken on this item.

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Mr. Mario Solomon appeared before the City Council to discuss the Traffic Ordinance in the downtown area.

Mr. Solomon stated that he has some problems with unloading merchandise in the downtown area. He pointed out that trailers are not allowed to unload and this creates a problem because this is how he receives his merchandise. He requested that they be allowed to unload or to extend the trailer unloading hours.

The Mayor stated that he would take this matter under advisement.

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Councilman Ramos requested discussion on the City Depository Bids and council action to reject all bids and to instruct the City Treasurer to call for new bids.

The Mayor read aloud the City Attorney's legal opinion on whether the City could reject all bids for the City Depository. The City Attorney's opinion was that the City could reject all bids previously submitted so long as it was acting in good faith and in a non-arbitrary manner.

Mr. Jacob Hornberger, International Bank of Commerce Attorney, presented a letter to the Council. The letter, in summary, suggested "that no action be taken by the Council except to instruct the City Treasurer to deposit City funds in banks of his own choosing but having due regard for the benefit to be received by the City of Laredo."

The letter further stated that in lieu of this procedure, the Council instruct the City Treasurer to call for new bids by readvertising in tomorrow's newspapers.

Michael Portman, City Treasurer, requested guidance from the Council as to what kind of bids they wanted advertised; whether they wanted to include floating rates or not.

Alderman Ramos said, "I personally would like to see a floating rate with a base of 9% or 10%".

The Mayor said, "I question the wisdom behind a floating rate because I think we are going to be looking to a continuous change. I think we should follow the old procedure and just open the bids and follow the proper procedure; so many days to advertise and to notify the banks that are interested, Mike".

Alderman Ramos made a motion to adopt an ordinance rejecting all bids previously submitted and instructing the City Treasurer to call for new bids. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Alderman Benavides

#### AN ORDINANCE

INSTRUCTING THE CITY TREASURER TO GIVE NOTICE FOR BIDS FOR CITY DEPOSITORY AND REJECTING ALL PREVIOUS BIDS.

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

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Councilman Benavides requested Council action on Ordinance awarding bid to the Union National Bank as the City Depository and authorizing the Mayor to sign Depository Contract.

This item became moot because of Council action taken on item 6(a).

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Next was a resolution confirming the appointment of Maria Elena Quintanilla, as second assistant City Attorney to commence employment on November 24, 1980 at a salary of \$24,500 per annum.

Alderman Flores made a motion to adopt a resolution confirming the appointment of Maria Elena Quintanilla as second Assistant City Attorney at the salary of \$24,500 per annum. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### A RESOLUTION

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SECOND ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AT SALARY OF \$24,500.00 PER ANNUM: AUTHORIZING THE COMPTROLLER AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REFLECT THIS APPOINTMENT: AND THIS APPOINTMENT TO INVOLVE NO CHANGE IN THE BUDGET OF CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1980-81.

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The following was an ordinance amending a contract agreement for Professional Engineering Services required to accomplish certain modifications to Laredo International Bridge No. 1.

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

#### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 23, 1979; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO AMEND A CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE NO. 1 WITH TRAVIS-BRAUN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., 1927 N. ST. MARY'S STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THESE AMENDMENTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: (1) TERMINATE DESIGN OF MODIFICATIONS TO SOUTHBOUND TRUCK RAMP, (2) PREPARE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED SOUTHBOUND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ALONG CONVENT AVENUE OVER WATER ST. (3) PREPARE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS SPECIFICATIONS FOR RELOCATION OF EXISTING TOLL BOOTHS TO WATER STREET (EXCLUDING TOLL AND TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT), (4) PREPARE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SITE WORK FROM EXPORT LOT TO CONVENT AVENUE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE NO. 1 AND (5) PREPARE PRELIMINARY PLANS ONLY FOR POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO BRIDGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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

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Next was a resolution establishing policy for right-of-way acquisition for street purposes in the entire Calton Gardens Area.

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

#### A RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR STREET PURPOSES IN THE ENTIRE CALTON GARDENS AREA IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with Raba-Kinster Consultants, Inc. was presented for Council approval, for the purpose of providing required subsurface investigations.

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

#### AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE "SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION" ASSOCIATED WITH THE DESIGN OF THE THREE (3) FOLLOWING PROJECTS: NORTHWEST LAREDO RETENTION BASIN; MARCELLA STREET

ORDINANCE CONTINUED

BRIDGE; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STREET IMPROVEMENTS PHASES X AND XI.

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

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-Alderman Flores left at this time.-

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The following was an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 1980-81 Budget to add \$8,640.00 to the Traffic Department for the addition of one (1) personnel space and the hiring of an Assistant Director of Traffic.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Trevino

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 1980-81 BUDGET TO ADD \$8,640.00 TO THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE ADDITION OF ONE (1) PERSONNEL SPACE AND THE HIRING OF AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC.

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

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Next was an ordinance prohibiting parking on the 600 and 700 block of San Agustin.

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

AN ORDINANCE

PROHIBITING PARKING ON THE 600 AND 700 BLOCKS OF SAN AGUSTIN STREET BETWEEN HIDALGO AND MATAMOROS STREETS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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An ordinance awarding the bid for one (1) 3/4 ton six passenger pick-up for the Traffic Safety Department, was presented for City Council approval.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR ONE THREE-QUARTER TON SIX PASSENGER PICK-UP FOR THE TRAFFIC SAFETY 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 FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

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

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The following was an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 1980-81 Budget to add \$2,000.00 to the Laredo Webb County Health Department for salary adjustment to the Chief of Animal Control.

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

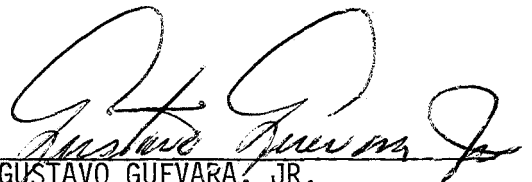
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The last item was City Council confirmation of Mayor's appointment of Joe Guerra, Guillermo Benavides and Felipe Sanchez as members to the Community Action Agency Category A Board.

Alderman Cantu made a motion to confirm the appointments to the CAA Category A Board. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Benavides made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY