

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

On this the 2nd day of December, 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 the Regular City Council Meetings of October 7 and November 4, 1980 and the minutes of the Special City Council Meetings of November 12 and 13, 1980 were presented for approval. Alderman Zuniga made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Under Communications, there was an opening of bids on the proposed improvements on Hillside Road from Zacate Creek to McPherson Road.

The Bids received were as follows:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BASE BID</u>	<u>ALTERNATE #1</u>	<u>ALTERNATE #2</u>
1)	Victor M. Solis	\$ 86,934.00	\$106,789.00	\$124,554.00
2)	Foremost	121,845.00	140,655.00	No Bid
3)	Leyendecker	106,120.00	No Bid	129,110.00

No action was taken at this time.

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Mr. Frank Etheredge, City Comptroller, presented an appropriation

ordinance for City Council approval.

Alderman Trevino 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 Sanchez 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	\$ 84.00	FRS
Better Construction, Inc. Fire Station #7 Application No. 7 (Final)	38,732.00	FRS
Turner, Collie & Braden, Inc. Professional Services International Airport Runway/Taxiway Rehabilitation and Construction Phase Servcs.	5,267.93	FAA-ADAP
Milton F. Menking Contract Agreement ADAP Project No. 6-48-0136-03	2,241.00	FAA-ADAP

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

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Next was an ordinance awarding of contract for the City Depository; approving depository bond; and approving as to kind and value securities pledged with said bond.

Mr. Gary Jacobs, L.N.B. President, presented a letter to the Council.

In summary, the letter proposed that the City accept the L.N.B. floating rate bid and that the Laredo National Bank was willing to immediately execute a letter promising the City would not be sued by L.N.B. in case the Court ordered the City to award the bid to another financial institution.

Mr. Ray Keck, Jr., U.N.B. President, presented a letter to Council.

The letter, in summary, stated that the Union National Bank has always maintained that the bid should be awarded to the U.N.B. The letter

mentioned that the U.N.B. would suffer a significant loss in the value of its securities estimated to be not less than \$800,000.00 and if the City withdrew its deposits, the bank would be required to dispose of these securities. Finally, it stated that the Union National Bank would not continue to hold securities indefinitely after any withdrawal of City funds should a bid be awarded to a third party.

Lawrence A. Mann, Attorney for Union National Bank, submitted a letter stating that the U.N.B. intended to assert "all claims that it may have in law or in equity against the City and avail itself of every remedy to which it is entitled to protect itself and recover its loss and damage arising out of the conduct of the City and any of its officials."

Mr. Dennis Nixon, International Bank of Commerce President, stated that his point of view was that since the Union National Bank was suing the City of Laredo already and since the Council had asked for new bids; then the Council should award the bid. Mr. Nixon encouraged the Council to award the bid at this meeting (12-02-80).

Alderman Cantu made a motion to go into Executive Session under Article 6252-17 Sec. 2(e). Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Alderman Zuniga, Cantu, Benavides, Ramos, Trevino and Sanchez.

NAYS: Aldermen Flores and Guerra.

After the Executive Session, the Mayor stated that in view of the suit filed against the City, he would entertain a motion that this matter be tabled until Monday, December 8, 1980 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall in order to allow the City Attorney ample time to prepare and evaluate the facts and law surrounding this matter.

Alderman Benavides made a motion to table this item. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Aldermen Guerra, Ramos and Flores.

-The item was tabled.-

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At this time, Alderman Cantu made a motion to table items 5 through 11 for a Special City Council Meeting set for Tuesday, December 9, 1980 at 5:30 P.M. at the City Council Chambers. Alderman Benavides seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The tabled items were as follows:

- Item #5-Public Hearing to review and approve a contract between the State of Highway and Public Transportation and the City of Laredo for certain transportation planning functions as provided for in Section 112 of the Federal Act of 1973.
- Item #6-Public Hearing to review and approve a contract between the City of Laredo and Bernard Johnson, Inc., to perform certain planning functions as related to the Laredo Urban Transportation Plan.
- Item #7-Recommendation of the Council for Economic Development to petition our State Legislators to introduce legislation that would enable the City of Laredo to establish a foreign Trade Zone.
- Item #8-Economic Development request for Council authorization to petition our State Legislators to introduce legislation that would enable the City of Laredo to establish a Port Authority.
- Item #9-Request by the Economic Development Committee for approval to petition our State Legislators to introduce legislation that would enable the City of Laredo to establish a percentage increase in locally retained State sales taxes which may be used to finance a Local Transportation Authority in cooperation with the Texas Municipal League and the State Executive Offices.
- Item #10-Request by the Economic Development Committee for Council authorization to establish a local development corporation--The Laredo Economic Development Corporation--empowered to organize Laredo's economic development strategy and to assist in obtaining financing for industrial and commercial growth. Requires approval of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws stipulating the duties and responsibilities of the Laredo Economic Development Corporation.
- Item #11-Request by the Economic Development Committee for Council authorization to establish an industrial development corporation--The Laredo Industrial Development Corporation--to assist in obtaining financing for industrial and commercial growth. Requires approval of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws stipulating the duties and responsibilities of the Laredo Industrial Development Corporation.

-Alderman Flores left at this time.-

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Mr. Robert Rodriguez of Boettcher & Company requested to appear

before the City Council to get Council action on resolution authorizing the purchase by the Webb County Housing Finance Corporation of mortgage loans upon residences located within the corporate limits of the City of Laredo.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that this resolution would not restrict the City of Laredo from forming its own Housing Finance Corporation.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adopt a Resolution accepting that 75% of the loans of the corporation be made to the incorporated City limits to include the exterior territory and that 25% jurisdiction of loans are made available to residents outside the City limits. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and later removed it, so therefore no vote was taken on this motion.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to accept the resolution with the condition that before the Board of Directors implements the Corporation, that they come before the City Council to discuss the loan distribution between City and County residents and to reach an agreement on a percentage as to the loan distribution. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: Alderman Ramos.

#### A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY THE WEBB COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION OF MORTGAGE LOANS UPON RESIDENCES LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAREDO.

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Next was an ordinance amending the fiscal year 1980-81 budget of the Tax Collector to reflect an increase of expenditure by not more than \$12,000 to cover salaries of three (3) additional part-time employees; and authorizing the hiring of three (3) additional part-time employees for the Tax Collector's Office.

Alderman Zuniga 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 OF THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFLECT AN INCREASE OF EXPENDITURE BY NOT MORE THAN \$12,000 TO COVER SALARIES OF THREE ADDITIONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES; AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE ADDITIONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

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

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The following was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign pooling agreement with Mobil Oil Corporation relating to royalty interest of the City of Laredo in 113.2 acres in Webb County.

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

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Next was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Central Power and Light proposal for installation of a street light at Diaz and Smith at no cost for installation and estimated annual operating cost of \$68.16.

Alderman Trevino 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 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Central Power and Light proposal for installation of street lights at Lyon & Maryland, Olive & Logan and Frost & Maryland at no cost for installation and estimated annual operating cost of \$204.48.

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

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Next was a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Central Power & Light proposal for installation of a street light at Pine and India at no cost for installation and estimated annual operating cost of \$68.16.

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

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The following was an ordinance amending Section 5 of the Garbage Ordinance dated 15th day of July, 1980 to provide for revised rates for vehicles delivering trash to the City's sanitary landfill.

Alderman Sanchez made a motion to table this item. Alderman Trevino seconded the motion and it was prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Ramos, Benavides, Trevino and Sanchez,

NAYS: Aldermen Zuniga, Guerra and Cantu,

-The item was tabled.-

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An ordinance regulating ambulance operators and ambulance service within the boundaries of the City of Laredo was presented for City Council approval.

Fire Chief, Mike Perez, made the presentation.

Alderman Ramos 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 Sanchez and prevailed by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None.

#### AN ORDINANCE

REGULATING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF LAREDO; DEFINING TERMS; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO ENGAGE IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHOUT AN AMBULANCE OPERATOR PERMIT; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCES AND EQUIPMENT; REQUIRING LIABILITY INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMBULANCE OPERATOR PERMIT; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN AMBULANCE ON THE PUBLIC STREETS EXCEPT BY AN ATTENDANT AND A DRIVER WITH PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMBULANCE ATTENDANT PERMIT; GRANTING THE PERMIT OFFICER POWER TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPEAL FROM THE DENIAL, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF A PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR THE DISPATCHING OF AMBULANCES BY THE FIRE DISPATCHER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO USE EMERGENCY LIGHTS FOR SIREN WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM THE FIRE DISPATCHER; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR AN AMBULANCE ATTENDANT OR DRIVER TO REFUSE ASSISTANCE OR TRANSPORTATION AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY, WITHOUT CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; REQUIRING REPORTS FROM ATTENDANTS ON EMERGENCY RUNS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO REQUEST AMBULANCE SERVICE KNOWING THAT SUCH SERVICE IS NOT NEEDED; MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO UTILIZE AND ACCEPT AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHOUT PAYING A REASONABLE FEE THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

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

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Next was an ordinance requesting City Council approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign a new lease with the State of Texas for a building to be used jointly by the State Comptroller and the Alcoholic and Beverage Commission.

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

AN ORDINANCE

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 LEASE IS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS).

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

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The following was an ordinance awarding bid for nine-hundred twenty-five(925) tubular sign posts for the Traffic Safety Department.

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

The bid was awarded to Hall Signs Inc. for the bid price of \$9,250.

AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR NINE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE TUBULAR SIGN POSTS 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 MATERIALS FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

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

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An ordinance repealing item number 18 of purchase ordinance dated the 15th of April, 1980 was presented for City Council approval.

Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that what was now needed, instead of the 3/4 ton twelve passenger van, was a six passenger 3/4 ton pickup.

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

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

NAYS: Alderman Ramos.

AN ORDINANCE

REPEALING ITEM NUMBER 18 OR PURCHASE ORDINANCE DATED THE 15TH OF APRIL, 1980.

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

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Next was an ordinance confirming the appointment of an alternate member to represent the City of Laredo on the Board of Trustees of the South Texas Economic Development Corporation for the period from Jan. 1,



1981 to December 31, 1981; and authorizing the Mayor to pay \$500.00 to the S.T.E.D. Corp. for initial start-up cost. Eduardo J. Farias was the proposed alternate member to Juan Rangel.

Alderman Guerra made a motion to adopt the ordinance confirming Eduardo J. Farias as the alternate member to Juan Rangel in the S.T.E.D. Corp. Alderman Cantu seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### AN ORDINANCE

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF LAREDO ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1981 TO DECEMBER 31, 1981; AN AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY \$500 TO THE STEDC FOR INITIAL START-UP COST.

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

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The following was City Council confirmation of Jeff Jones as a member of the Laredo Water Works System Investigating Committee.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to confirm Jeff Jones as a member of the LWWS Investigating Committee. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Next was City Council confirmation of Margaret Winslow to fill vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Ramos made a motion to confirm the appointment. Alderman Sanchez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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The following was an ordinance awarding bid contract to low bidder for the construction of the Chicago/Taylor Bridge.

Alderman Trevino made a motion to adopt the ordinance awarding bid to United Utilities Company for a bid price of \$243,577.58. Alderman Guerra seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### AN ORDINANCE

AWARDING THE BID FOR THE CHICAGO/TAYLOR BRIDGE PROJECT FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID PROJECT AND TO PAY FOR SAID PROJECT WITH FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

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

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Next was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with J. D. Abrams Co. in the amount of \$5,625.00 for the excavation in

conjunction with the relocation of the Baltimore Sewer Outfall line at Zacate Creek and Baltimore Street required by the construction of the Zacate Creek Improvements Project.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J. D. ABRAMS, INC. OF EL PASO, TEXAS, FOR THE EXCAVATION REQUIRED TO RELOCATE THE BALTIMORE SEWER OUTFALL LINE AT ZACATE CREEK AND BALTIMORE STREET IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ZACATE CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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

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Another ordinance was presented for City Council approval, authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and sign a contract for the relocation of the Baltimore Sewer Outfall at Zacate Creek and Baltimore Street and at Zacate Creek and San Enrique Avenue required due to the construction of the Zacate Creek Improvement Project.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE WORK REQUIRED FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE BALTIMORE SEWER OUTFALL LINE AT ZACATE CREEK AND BALTIMORE STREET, AND AT ZACATE CREEK AND SAN ENRIQUE AVENUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ZACATE CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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

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The following was an ordinance authorizing the Laredo Water Works System to enter into a contract with J.D. Abrams Co, in the amount of \$18,875.00 for the excavation in conjunction with the relocation of three waterlines at Zacate Creek required due to the construction of the Zacate Creek Improvements Project.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE LAREDO WATERWORKS SYSTEM TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH J.D. ABRAMS, INC. OF EL PASO, TEXAS, FOR EXCAVATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF THREE (3) WATERLINES AT ZACATE CREEK REQUIRED DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ZACATE CREEK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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

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Next was an ordinance authorizing Laredo Water Works System to negotiate and enter into a contract for the relocation of three waterlines at Zacate Creek required due to the construction of the Zacate Creek Improvements Project.

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

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE LAREDO WATERWORKS SYSTEM TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR THE WORK REQUIRED FOR THE RELOCATION OF THREE (3) WATERLINES AT THE ZACATE CREEK (APPROXIMATE STATIONS ARE 46+30, 66+00, 125+50) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ZACATE CREEK CHANNEL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS.

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

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The last item was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to hire an appraiser and a review appraiser to appraise certain properties on Marcella Avenue between Calton Road and Canal Street.

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

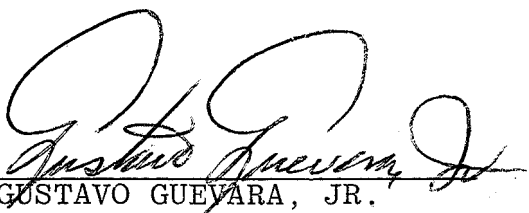
AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES WITH CERTAIN APPRAISERS FOR ACQUISITION APPRAISALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS ALONG MARCELLA AVENUE BETWEEN CALTON ROAD AND TAYLOR STREET.

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

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With no further business to discuss, Alderman Sanchez made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY