

STATE OF TEXAS X
 COUNTY OF WEBB X
 CITY OF LAREDO X

On this the 18th day of October, 1977, the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas convened in regular session at the Eagle Center of the Union National Bank at 10:30 o'clock A.M., with the following members thereof present, to-wit:

J. C. MARTIN, JR.	:	MAYOR
JOSE M. SOLIS	:	
PETER R. ARGUINDEGUI	:	
LOUIS F. MENDOZA	:	
JOE A. GUERRA	:	ALDERMEN
GEORGE R. WRIGHT	:	
ROBERTO SALINAS	:	
CARLOS A. ZUNIGA	:	
WILLIAM W. ALLEN	:	CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENT: Alderman Allan C. Skinner

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

The Congressionally chartered veterans organizations in Laredo, request the use of Jarvis Plaza for an appropriate Veterans Day ceremony on November 11, 1977 from 9 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

Alderman Peter R. Arguindegui made a motion to go into the executive session and Alderman Zuniga seconded the motion. A discussion was held of personnel matters and acquisition of real estate.

In open session Mayor Martin read in full a letter from Jose R. Rodriguez, Street Commissioner requesting that the City Council grant him a leave of absence, due to illness, until further notice. Alderman Salinas made a motion to grant Mr. Rodriguez leave of absence and get Community Development Agency team to lead Street Department on interim basis. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wright and passed.

Mayor Martin read in full a letter from Lulac Council 624. Lulac request that the City Council have evening sessions. The matter was placed on agenda for next council meeting.

Lawrence R. Berry, President of Taxpayers Organized for Public Service appeared before Council to request resignation of Mayor J. C. Martin, Jr. After general discussion Mayor Martin declined requested resignation.

Mayor Martin read in full receipt of bids on Phase I Paving under EDA Grant # 08-51-20887 Local Public Works Round II. The following bids were submitted.

1) Hallman & Keele	\$549,540.00
2) K.F. Hunt Inc.	\$543,911.50
3) Leyendecker Paving	\$576,446.00

Alderman Zuniga made a motion for B.L. Nelson to report back November 1, 1977. The motion was seconded by Alderman Salinas and passed.

The Laredo Airport Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 1977, in the Airport Conference room.

Committee actions requiring approval of the Council are as follows:

- (1) Transfer of the Existing Century Structures Lease on Building #374 to Mr. A. R. Sanchez.
- (2) Request Council approval of enabling ordinance for Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation and Back-Up Power Project.
- (3) The required 60-day notice of lease termination has been issued to Tra-Mex, who are in arrears in rent payments. The Committee approved termination, should Tra-Mex fail to pay and, in such event, then refer same to legal counsel for appropriate action. Council approval is required.
- (4) The request of Mr. G. Trevino to place a mobile home by building #1757, and occupy same as a domicile was disapproved. Recommend Council approval.
- (5) Frontage Property, 2.29 Acres, to Tesoro Savings and Loan. Recommend Council approval of this land lease.
- (6) Morgan Aviation Services request changes in lease for Hanger #142. The Committee approved the request for relief of payment for the month of June, 1977. As to the 10% of Hanger income due the Airport, the Committee disapproved the request since this feature was a part of the original made by Morgan Aviation in their letter of May 26, 1977. Recommend Council approval of these actions.

Alderman Wright made a motion that Airport Committee actions be approved. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zuniga and passed.

Mayor Martin introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Arguindegui made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the ordinance was seconded by Alderman Salinas and prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Solis, Mendoza, Guerra, Wright, Salinas, Zuniga and Arguindegui

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TURNER, COLLIE & BRADEN, INC., FOR ALL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH REHABILITATION OF AIRFIELD LIGHTING SYSTEM AND INSTALLATION OF STANDBY POWER AT LAREDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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

Ashley Humphries Thienel Architects appeared before City Council to explain City's portion of Toll Bridge Plaza.

Mayor Martin read in full an architectural program and cost estimate along with preliminary and design development drawings for the new City Toll Plaza. This project with the new U.S. Border Station which is soon to be built at International Bridge is being coordinated.

The Border Station project will be bid in late January, 1978. Considerable savings will be experienced by the City if the two projects are bid simultaneously. In the next two months, an exact date for such a bid opening will be recommended.

Architects request approval to proceed with final working drawings and specifications.

Alderman Zuniga made a motion that request be granted. The motion was seconded by Alderman Arguindegui.

The Transit Committee of the City of Laredo met in public session on October 13, 1977.

Due to the absence of two committee members, there was not a quorum present, consequently no committee action was taken on agenda items on which reports were given.

Mr. Roberto Salinas summarize those reports prepared for the transit committee by Mr. Jensen, General Manager of the LMTS.

Mayor Martin introduced a Resolution and Alderman Mendoza made a motion that it be adopted. Whereupon said resolution was read in full; the motion carrying with it the adoption of the resolution was seconded by Alderman Salinas and prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Salinas, Solis, Zuniga, Guerra, Wright, Mendoza and Arguindegui

NAYS: None

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE LOCAL SHARE OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO SECURE A FEDERAL TECHNICAL STUDIES GRANT UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo has through the creation of the Laredo Municipal Transit System entered into the provision of mass transportation as a public service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is authorized by local statutes to apply for an accept grants of money from the federal government for the betterment of the community, and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo has applied to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the United States Department of Transportation for a technical studies grant of \$20,000 under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended to aid in financing the following Transportation Planning Programs:

- a. Elderly and Handicapped Planning
- b. Operator, Maintenance and Management Training Study
- c. Marketing Survey

WHEREAS, said application requires assurance of the City of Laredo relative to the availability of the local share for the technical studies project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAREDO, TEXAS:

1. That the City Council hereby gives assurance that it is the intent of this body to commit its local share of the technical studies project noted above, \$5,000. Said local share for the project will be provided from the City of Laredo's general fund.

PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR, THIS 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1977.

ATTEST:

J. C. MARTIN, JR. Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the City Council of Laredo, Texas certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the City Council held on the 2nd day of August, 1977.

ACTING CITY SECRETARY _____

DATE _____

The Mayor declared in open meeting that the Resolution had been adopted. Commissioner Cruz Cabello appeared before Council to discuss:

- (a) Vidaurri Truck Route and its effect on the residents
- (b) Streets and recreational matters
- (c) Cement Silo Plant - 1719 San Ignacio Health hazards and its effect on the area residents.

Mayor Martin introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Arguindegui made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the ordinance was seconded by Alderman Mendoza and prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Salinas, Solis, Zuniga, Guerra, Wright, Mendoza and Arguindegui

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL ADVISORY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO BY AND THROUGH ITS MAYOR, J. C. MARTIN, JR., WITH THE FIRM OF RAUSCHER PIERCE SECURITIES CORPORATION, 400 SAN ANTONIO BANK & TRUST BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTEMPLATED ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 WATERWORKS REVENUE BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAREDO WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LAREDO.

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

Mayor Martin introduced an Ordinance and Alderman Mendoza made a motion that it be passed. Whereupon said ordinance was read in full; the motion carrying with it the passage of the ordinance was seconded by Alderman Salinas and prevailed by the following vote:

YEAS: Aldermen Salinas, Solis, Zuniga, Guerra, Wright, Mendoza and Arguindegui

NAYS: None

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAREDO, BY AND THROUGH ITS MAYOR, J. C. MARTIN, JR., TO EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF SIGLER, WINSTON, GREENWOOD & ASSOCIATES, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS, OF WESLACO, TEXAS, FOR CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELOCATION OF UTILITIES ON IH-35 FROM HIDALGO STREET NORTH TO GARZA STREET IN CONNECTION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT NUMBER I-35-(25)000.

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

Adres Sandoval appeared before council on behalf of Mrs. Lilia S. Barrera to discuss Brush Ordinance. After general discussion Council agreed to enforce Brush Ordinance.

Chamber of Commerce Cowtown Revitalization Committee appeared before council to discuss 50% of 25% matching share of a study grant from EDA, for the Revitalization of the Downtown Area.

Alderman Arguindegui made a motion to present Resolution authorizing the continuation of project. Alderman Salinas seconded the motion and passed.

Mayor Martin and City Councilmen heard status report of Street Department Reorganization Plan and also the report of Ernst & Ernst auditors.

A discussion was held on the possibilities of hiring additional policemen thru manpower funds, in addition to 15 presently authorized in city budget.

Alderman Arguindegui made a motion to prepare specification to buy selective items of equipment as called for in Street Department Reorganizational Plan, within funds available. The motion was seconded by Alderman Salinas and passed.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it adjourned.


J. C. MARTIN, JR.
Mayor