

**CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2016-SC-04
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110
HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
FEBRUARY 26, 2016
1:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pete Saenz called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pete Saenz led in the pledge of allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

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| Pete Saenz, | Mayor |
| Rudy Gonzalez, | District I |
| Juan Narvaez, | Mayor Pro-Tempore, District IV |
| Charlie San Miguel, | District VI |
| George J. Altgelt, | District VII |
| Roberto Balli, | District VIII |
| Doanh "Zone" T. Nguyen | Acting City Secretary |
| Jesus Olivares, | City Manager |
| Cynthia Collazo, | Deputy City Manager |
| Horacio De Leon, | Assistant City Manager |
| Raul Casso, | City Attorney |

Motion to excuse Cm. Perez.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Citizen comments

Lakshmana "Vish" Viswanath noted that he still has not heard anything regarding the First Recycling audit. He also asked why an independent consultant is performing an investigation of the ethics complaint filed against Council rather than the City performing the investigation, itself. He believes that the consultant should be from outside of the City to eliminate bias.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Restaurant Serving Alcohol, on Lots 4A & 4B, Block 1, Gonzalez Subdivision, located at 4615 San Bernardo Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff supports the application and Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Special Use Permit. District VII

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Altgelt

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. MOTIONS

2. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase certain real estate tracts of land from Robert and Amy Marshall located and adjacent to the south east portion of North Central Park, in North Laredo, for the negotiated amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars, (\$1,500,000.00) and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all conveyance documents for this purchase. The tracts are being purchased to complement North Central Park amenities. Funding for this purchase is available through a combination of sources including 2009 and 2015 C.O. Funds, Environmental 2012 CO, and Sewer 2010 Bond.

Armando Cisneros noted that the description of the property is vague. The description should be more specific to justify the high price of the land.

Cm. San Miguel clarified that the tracts of land are over 16 acres. The effluent line from the treatment plant on Shiloh Drive runs through the property. Purchasing the tracts of land, as negotiated, will allow the City to acquire land for North Central Park without rerouting the effluent line.

Annette Ugalde-Bonugli commended Cm. San Miguel for his work on this project for the past 10 years. Surrounding neighborhoods need this property for parking and seasonal events. She asked Council to bring more family-friendly events to Districts I and II.

Motion to authorize.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel

Second: Cm. Balli

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. San Miguel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Doanh “Zone” T. Nguyen, City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes contained from pages 01 to 03 and they are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on February 26, 2016.

Doanh “Zone” T. Nguyen
City Secretary