

**CITY OF LAREDO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M-2015-SC-04  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
APRIL 27, 2015  
12:00 NOON**

**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**

Pete Saenz,	Mayor
Rudy Gonzalez,	District I
Esteban Rangel,	Mayor Pro-Tempore, District II
Alejandro Perez, Jr.,	District III
Juan Narvaez,	District IV
Roque Vela, Jr.,	District V
Roberto Balli,	District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Jesus Olivares,	City Manager
Cynthia Collazo,	Deputy City Manager
Horacio De Leon,	Assistant City Manager
Raul Casso,	City Attorney

Cm. Perez joined the meeting at 12:07 pm.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Second public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Majestic Realty Tract (Tract 1) being 1,992.92 acres, more or less, located east of Unitec Industrial Park.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Second public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the 4V Holdings Tract (Tract 2) being 83.4979 acres, more or less, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and south of Wormser Road.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Second public hearing on the voluntary annexation of the Union Pacific Tract (Tract 4) being 29.435 acres, more or less, located south of Unitec Industrial Park and north of the Missouri Pacific Rail Yard.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tem Rangel

Second: Cm. Vela

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.



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Tricia Cortez of the Rio Grande International Study Center stated that she was in favor of the ordinance and summarized the involvement of their organization with the drafting of it together with the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee. She explained that they had worked closely with Cm. Perez and had held meetings with Wal-Mart, Stripes, H-E-B, the Sisters of Mercy, Mall Del Norte and Les and Larry Norton of the Downtown Merchants. She went on to say that sixty volunteers had interviewed hundreds of heads of households in Laredo and that the end result was that 80% of residents wanted an ordinance to reduce plastic bags in the city.

C. Y. Benavides III, representing the Rio Grande International Study Center as a lobbyist, stated that the intent of what their effort had been and what this body had put forward needed to be pursued, regardless of threats of a lawsuit. He reported that they had retained an attorney because of the investment that they had made and the time and effort during the last decade.

William Slemaker said that this lawsuit was a waste of everyone's time. He asked that they not stop or restrict the ordinance.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

7. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney on pending/contemplated/and motioned for litigation in what was Cause No. 2015CVQ001077-D3; Laredo Merchants Association v. City of Laredo; in the 341<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to consult with attorney on pending/contemplated/and motioned for litigation in what was Cause No. 2015CVQ001077-D3; Laredo Merchants Association v. City of Laredo; in the 341<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court, Webb County, Texas; and return to open session for possible action.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session, Mayor Saenz announced that no formal action was taken.

Motion that, for this case, the City Attorney substitute as counsel of record for Denton Navarro and that they be relieved of their responsibilities.

