

CITY OF LAREDO
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

M-2002-SC-008

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
JULY 19, 2002
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Pro Tempore Agredano called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Elizabeth G. Flores,
Alfredo Agredano,
Hector Garcia,
John C. Galo,
Johnny Amaya,
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,
Gene Belmares,
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,
Juan Ramirez,
Larry Dovalina,
Cindy Collazo,
Jaime Flores,

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tempore, District I
Council Member, District II
Council Member, District III
Council Member, District IV
Council Member, District V
Council Member, District VI
Council Member, District VII
Council Member, District VIII
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Mayor Flores and Cm. Galo.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

III. PUBLIC HEARING AND INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Public hearing and introductory ordinance appointing one or more persons as Associate Municipal Judge (s) for the Municipal Court of the City of Laredo for a limit of two (2) years; amending the City of Laredo approved positions to provide for the positions of the persons appointed; and providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Garcia

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Alfonso Ornelas, Municipal Court Judge, stated that in the spirit of cooperation, he has submitted a list of candidates for the positions of Associate Municipal Judge.

He proposed to City Council that consideration be given to two of the applicants he is recommending tonight for the positions. He mentioned that his personal opinion is that the Municipal Court should have two associate judges. He stated that if there is a pressing need some time in the future, the Court could come back at a later date to request additional personnel.

Belinda Mendez, local attorney, proceeded to submit a resume to City Council for their review of her qualifications for this position.

Francisco J. Gonzalez, Jr., local citizen, asked that City Council consider appointing Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina as one of the Associate Municipal Judges.

Motion to close the hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to appoint Mr. Ornelas' nominees, Belinda Mendez and Juan Caballero, for the two positions of Associate Municipal Judge.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 5

Against: 1
Cm. Amaya

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 5:50 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 through 02 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 19, 2002.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.