

**Official Minutes
City Of Lorenzo, TX
August 18, 2025**

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL ROOM - LORENZO, TX 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Lori Landin called the Special Meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Aldermen, Earlene Rampy, Cheryl Birdwell (Mayor ProTem), Rhonda Cypert and Steven Longoria. Also present were City Manager Michael Chambers, City Secretary Lisa Hernandez, Public Works Director Chad Mobbs, City Utility/Court Clerk Isabel Salazar, and guests.

Lorenzo City Councilmember Rhonda Cypert gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Lori Landin.

Public Comment:

- a) *Dakota Kiser states his name and address. The reason I am here briefly I like the three-minute limit I would like to get right to the point. I just noticed the buildings down the street from my business collapsed and I understand I haven't been to these meetings but from what I understand we're underbudget on our demolition for a bid that the city has accepted that is over that amount and from what I understand eventually this loss would be lien for that amount which is hopefully you are aware over value for those lots which is from someone who sits on the economic board that's not a good for our economic development, the bank is not going to loan a citizen for four times to three times the value of an appraisal loan or a lot and the cash buyer is not likely not looking in Lorenzo, so I thought that I could buy the lots privately, put them under contract and then seek a cheaper, to be honest I think the bid is high and I think it's because most contractors would want to add some padding for a government entity so I understand they are high bid but I think a private citizen could get it done cheaper, that would at least open up the opportunity for some economic development and keep these lots at a reasonable rate. My request is two things from the city, I would like in writing that you are not going to act on the demolition order just my option period, so I am not asking for a year I am asking for thirty or forty-five days you can take on that because, look me and Lori and the city manager we met and called the board that tags the building for demo and the city can proceed with this demo it's within your rights to do that, regardless of who buys it, so I would just want that in writing and I would like for the city to open up a hole or somewhere where we can invite all citizens to including myself to dump these massive piles of rubble that I have one across from Allsup's, someone named mister Lars has a few, you got a bunch of piles of rubble, it would be nice to open that up, this is pretty simple, I am trying to turn a lose lose into a win win, trying to save the city and you know my benefit obviously would be so I could own some lots and to be honest I would be paying a premium for them after I was done so that's it thank y'all for having me and I hope that maybe you could discuss it and I understand it is an inconvenience, I am not aware of some of the details but I know this is probably a big burden on y'all and I apologize for stepping in this so late it just is what it is and I acted as soon as I felt, as soon as I heard about it thank y'all. City Mayor Lori Landin thanks Dakota and Dakota also states that he does have the lots under contract already and it's filed already at the abstract, so it's signed and agreed to purchase prices Roman's lots and mister Freddy's lot, the pool hall.*
- b) *Dana Cunningham states her name and address. I believe if I am not mistaken that and I am very confused cause we have already considered and taken action on this abatement on 508 Harrison and it was approved and seconded and the motion passed last month, why are we revisiting it. We've already signed the contract, it's already in motion, it's going to be started tomorrow is my understanding so I don't know why we are even revisiting this when its already been handled and taken care of and I do not want our city to lose money because of the money they have already*

paid into it, and I don't think that is right for anybody especially our city and that's all I have to say about it. City Mayor Lori Landin thanks Dana.

- c) *Tammy Wilking states her name and address. The thing is, things happen in our world that we have no control of, a crazy storm that brought down buildings. An opportunity that was presented by Dakota here, plus saving the city money. I am glad you decided to call an emergency meeting and I am a little upset that it wasn't called back when all of this happened you know, and was put off over a month to even get on the agenda about this but you know I'm going to get over that eventually. I realize this is our city, this our community and we all really, really need to think about the best way to move forward about what the city needs and we all need to communicate more, that's all I ask, thank you. City Mayor Lori Landin thanks Tammy.*
- d) *Randy Gross states he probably doesn't need to speak until this has been discussed because he doesn't know what to say.*

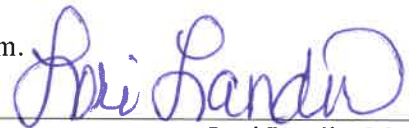
The City Council goes into Executive Session at 6:11pm for Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code §551.072 Deliberations regarding Real Property.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:31pm.

Discuss and Take Action Regarding:

1. **Discuss possibly reconsidering the vote that was made on July 14, 2025 in regards to clean-up & demolishing the property of 508 Harrison Ave.** - Council Member Steven Longoria motioned to standby the decision that the City Council made one July 14, 2025 and to restart the process with R&J Dirtwork. Seconded by Council Member Cheryl Birdwell. VOTE: Four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, motion passed.

Adjournment – Mayor Lori Landin Adjourns the meeting at 6:31 pm.



Lori Landin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lisa Hernandez, City Secretary