

CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS  
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

M-96-R-05

FEBRUARY 20, 1996

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Protem Cardenas called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Protem Cardenas led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

JOSE R. PEREZ, JR.	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRUNI,	"	, DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA,	"	, DISTRICT VI
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
CARLOS R. VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
FAUSTO SOSA,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Cw. Moreno, and Cm. Jerry Perez.

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez and Cw. Moreno.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Protem Cardenas was chairing the meeting and not voting and Cm. Jerry Perez was not present.

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move up item IX -(a) Communications for discussion at this time.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castañeda  
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Charles Haber D/B/A Bed Factory for approximately 9,216 square feet constituting Building #1334 located at 4016 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing May 1, 1996, and ending April 30, 1997, and may be extended for one (1) year ending April 30, 1998;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$1,625.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Charles Haber D/B/A Bed Factory for approximately 9,600 square feet constituting Building #1335 located at 3918 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing March 1, 1996, and ending February 28, 1997, and may be extended for one (1) year ending February 28 1998;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$1,918.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Charles Haber D/B/A Bed Factory for approximately 9,216 square feet constituting Building #1335 located at 4010 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
  1. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing March 1, 1996, and ending February 28, 1997, and may be extended for one (1) year ending February 28, 1998;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$1,625.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with South Texas Development Council for approximately 320 square feet constituting Suite #20 of Building #S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport; 1. Lease

term is for one (1) year commencing March 1, 1996, and ending February 28, 1997, and may be extended for one (1) year ending February 28 1998;

- 2. Monthly rent shall be \$350.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Laredo Center for the Arts, Inc., for the spaces in the building known as the Mercado Square;
  - 1. Lease term is for one year retroactive commencing October 1, 1995 and ending September 30, 1996;
  - 2. Monthly rent will be \$6,500.00 per month; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 7. Authorizing the City of Laredo to release easement located at Bristol Road and Albany Drive to the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents of conveyance to grant a telephone easement to Southwestern Bell Telephone out of Lot 1, Block 3, Villa del Sol, Unit II situated in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being more particularly described by metes and bounds.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**V. FINAL READINGS**

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances #95-O-244, #95-O-245, #95-O-246, #95-O-247, #95-O-248, #95-O-249, #95-O-250, #95-O-251, #95-O-252, #96-O-014, #96-O-015, #95-O-016, and #96-O-017.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 9. 95-O-244 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,300.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 1 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;
  - 1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years

commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;

2. Monthly rent shall be \$378.42, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
3. Providing for rent abatement at the monthly rate of \$302.00, until July 1, 2007, for certain off-site improvements; providing for effective date. (As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Cm. Bruni stated that it is not in the best interest of the city to be making 38 year leases for any reason. He went on record saying that he does not like these long term leases and that the Airport Advisory Committee should be aware that they will not entertain long term leases.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,300.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 1 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 95-0-245 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 2 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-site improvements at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until July 1, 2007; providing for effective date.  
(As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet

and known as Lot No. 2, of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 95-0-246 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 3 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-site improvements at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until July 1, 2007; providing for effective date.

(As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc. for tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 3 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 95-0-247 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 4 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-

site improvements at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until July 1, 2007; providing for effective date.

(As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 4 of Block No. 1 of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 95-O-248

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 5 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;

1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;

2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;

3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-site improvements at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until July 1, 2007; providing for effective date.

(As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 5 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 95-O-249

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 6 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;

1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years

- commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-site improvements at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until July 1, 2007; providing for effective date. (As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 52,500.00 square feet and known as Lot No. 6 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 95-O-250 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 89,687.50 square feet and known as Lot No. 7 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$648.93, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement for certain off-site improvements at the monthly rate of \$519.00 until May 1, 2007 for certain off-site improvements; providing for effective date. (As Amended)  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L.A. Ventures, Inc. for a tract of land consisting of approximately 89,687.50 square feet and known as Lot No. 7 of Block No. 1, of the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

16. 95-0-251 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 1.2052 acres located at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$379.86, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement at the monthly rate of \$303.00 until January 1, 2001 for certain off-site improvements; providing for effective date. (As Amended)  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 1.2052 acres located at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

17. 95-0-252 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 1.1425 acre located at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for thirty-eight (38) years commencing October 1, 1995, and ending September 30, 2033;
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$359.00, and will be adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index (CPI), and adjusted by fair market appraisals on October 1, 2003, October 1, 2013, and October 1, 2023;
  3. Providing for rent abatement at the monthly rate of \$287.00 until May 1, 2001 for certain off-site improvements; providing for effective date. (As Amended)  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with L. A. Ventures, Inc., for a tract of land consisting of approximately 1.1425 acre located at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni



For : 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 18. 96-0-014 Closing as Public easement the South 60,000 feet of Orilla Avenue (60' R.O.W.) situated within the North Laredo Land Irrigation and Water Company plat, recorded in Volume 1 Page 104 of the Webb County Deed records and being between the North boundary line of Lot 1 of Block 1006 of the Modern Industrial Park to a point located at the intersection of Orilla Avenue Right-of-Way with the south Right-of-Way line of Island Avenue, save and except approximately 4495.01 square feet of Right-of-way for the Anna Truck Route. (As Amended) (Unanimous City Council)

Motion closing as Public easement the South 60,000 feet of Orilla Avenue (60' R.O.W.) situated within the North Laredo Land Irrigation and Water Company plat, recorded in Volume 1 Page 104 of the Webb County Deed records and being between the North boundary line of Lot 1 of Block 1006 of the Modern Industrial Park to a point located at the intersection of Orilla Avenue Right-of-Way with the south Right-of-Way line of Island Avenue, save and except approximately 4495.01 square feet of Right-of-way for the Anna Truck Route.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 19. 96-0-015 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Mr. Rodolfo Garcia for the sale at fair market value of the surface only of certain City properties formerly known as those sections of Atlee Avenue between Ventura and Soledad Streets and Gilbert Avenue between Water and Piedregal Streets excluding the intersections, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Mr. Rodolfo Garcia for the sale at fair market value of the surface only of certain City properties formerly known as those sections of Atlee Avenue between Ventura and Soledad Streets and Gilbert Avenue between Water and Piedregal Streets excluding the intersections, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For : 5                                   Against: 0                                   Abstain: 0

- 20. 96-0-016 Authorizing the acceptance of a utility easement from Sears Department Store, part of Lot 2A, Tract B, Mall Del Norte, in exchange for the abandonment by the City of Laredo of part of their utility easement located at Mall del Norte, part of Lot 2A, Tract A.  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the acceptance of a utility easement from Sears Department Store, part of Lot 2A, Tract B, Mall Del Norte, in exchange for the abandonment by the City of Laredo of part of their utility easement located at Mall del Norte, part of Lot 2A, Tract A.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5                                   Against: 0                                   Abstain: 0

- 21. 96-0-017 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$232,429 for the Tuberculosis Prevention/Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4071 from \$0 to \$232,429.00, and Expenditure Line Item #226-6037 from \$0 to \$232,429.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$232,429 for the Tuberculosis Prevention/Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4071 from \$0 to \$232,429.00, and Expenditure Line Item #226-6037 from \$0 to \$232,429.00.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5                                   Against: 0                                   Abstain: 0

**VI. RESOLUTIONS**

- 22. 96-R-019 Appointing the nominees of District III Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso and District VI Councilmember Joe A. Guerra to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion appointing John Galo the nominee of District III Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso and Michael Creamer the nominee of District VI Councilmember Joe A. Guerra to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5                              Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

23. 96-R-020 Re-appointing the nominee of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., to the Economic Advisory Council to represent the Retail - North Industry.

Motion re-appointing Rock Ruiz the nominee of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., to the Economic Advisory Council to represent the Retail - North Industry.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Guerra  
For: 5                              Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

24. 96-R-021 Urging the United States Senators, The Honorable Phil Gramm and The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison and United States Congressman, The Honorable Henry Bonilla, to lend support to and encourage the passage of congressional legislation which re-authorizes the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

Motion urging the United States Senators, The Honorable Phil Gramm and The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison and United States Congressman, The Honorable Henry Bonilla, to lend support to and encourage the passage of congressional legislation which re-authorizes the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

Moved : Cm. Castaneda  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 5                              Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

## VII. MOTIONS

25. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Hydro Conduit, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$63,435.44, for the purchase of reinforced concrete pipe, as required for the purchase of reinforced concrete pipe, as required for the McPherson Road drainage improvements (Del Mar Blvd. - Country Club Dr.).

Mr. David Motocha from Contech Construction Products explained the benefits and savings to the City of Laredo by using corrugated metal pipe which was the low bidder instead

of concrete pipe.

Motion to table this item until staff comes back to council with a recommendation.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castañeda

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of annual service contract to the Sole Bidder, Movac Environmental Service Inc., McAllen, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,000.00, for furnishing vacuum truck services to transport domestic sewage and/or sewage sludge for the Utilities Department - Wastewater Division.

Motion to award annual service contract to the Sole Bidder, Movac Environmental Service Inc., McAllen, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,000.00, for furnishing vacuum truck services to transport domestic sewage and/or sewage sludge for the Utilities Department -Wastewater Division.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of annual supply contract to the Low Bidder, Reliable Battery Co., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$10,861.60, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Motion award annual supply contract to the Low Bidder, Reliable Battery Co., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$10,861.60, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Award of contract to the Low Bidder, Union Metal Corporation, DeSoto, Texas, in the amount of \$28,475.00, for the purchase of traffic signal mast arm assemblies for installation at the intersections of McPherson Rd./Shiloh St., McPherson Rd./Gale St., Cedar Ave./Chihuahua St., and Meadow Ave/Green St.

Motion to award contract to the Low Bidder, Union Metal Corporation, DeSoto, Texas, in the amount of \$28,475.00, for the purchase of traffic signal mast arm assemblies for installation at the intersections of McPherson Rd./Shiloh St., McPherson Rd./Gale St., Cedar Ave./Chihuahua St., and Meadow Ave/Green St.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez



33. Award of a construction contract to the Lowest Bidder, Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$4,035,915.10 for the Sierra Vista 5 million gallon ground storage tank and pumping facility to include the Santa Isabel Reverse Osmosis Facility as an additive alternate.

Motion to award construction contract to the Lowest Bidder, Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$4,035,915.10 for the Sierra Vista 5 million gallon ground storage tank and pumping facility to include the Santa Isabel Reverse Osmosis Facility as an additive alternate.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Approval of change order no. 2 an increase of \$64,170.00 to Lambda Construction Company, New Braunfels, Texas, construction contract for the repairs of lift stations and related improvements in South Laredo for the excavation and disposal of garbage and debris along a section of Buena Vista from Ross to Ligarde of the proposed force main, and to add 108 days to the construction contract time.

Motion to approve change order no. 2 an increase of \$64,170.00 to Lambda Construction Company, New Braunfels, Texas, construction contract for the repairs of lift stations and related improvements in South Laredo for the excavation and disposal of garbage and debris along a section of Buena Vista from Ross to Ligarde of the proposed force main, and to add 108 days to the construction contract time.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award of a construction contract to the Sole Bidder, Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas, in the amount of \$248,250.30 for the City of Laredo Street Recycling Project 1995-1996 (144.5 Blocks).

Motion to award construction contract to the Sole Bidder, Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas, in the amount of \$248,250.30 for the City of Laredo Street Recycling Project 1995-1996 (144.5 Blocks).

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$17,250.00, to the engineering contract with Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the New High Service Pump Station and

Clearwell at the Jefferson Street Upper Water Treatment Plant for additional engineering services to repair the north ground water storage tank on Lyon Street.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$17,250.00, to the engineering contract with Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the New High Service Pump Station and Clearwell at the Jefferson Street Upper Water Treatment Plant for additional engineering services to repair the north ground water storage tank on Lyon Street.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Approval of change order no. 2 an increase of \$434,896.00, and approval to increase the contract time by 158 calendar days to the construction contract with Reddy Engineers and Contractors, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 3 Million Gallons per day to 6 Million Gallons per day for the modifications of the pump station to accommodate the proposed 54" Chacon Creek Wastewater Interceptor and to modify the piping of the sludge pump station to permit by-passing.

Motion to approve change order no. 2 an increase of \$434,896.00, and approval to increase the contract time by 158 calendar days to the construction contract with Reddy Engineers and Contractors, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 3 Million Gallons per day to 6 Million Gallons per day for the modifications of the pump station to accommodate the proposed 54" Chacon Creek Wastewater Interceptor and to modify the piping of the sludge pump station to permit by-passing.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of a consulting engineering services contract for an amount not to exceed \$129,800.00, to Paul Garza & Associates (Laredo) in association with the Hogan Corporation (Dallas) for the Preparation of a Supplemental Facility Plan to Provide Water and Wastewater Services to Colonias in Webb County in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Water Development Board (TWBD). This contract award is subject to approval by the Texas Water Development Board.

Motion to award a consulting engineering services contract for an amount not to exceed \$129,800.00, to Paul Garza & Associates (Laredo) in association with the Hogan Corporation (Dallas) for the Preparation of a Supplemental Facility Plan to Provide Water and Wastewater Services to Colonias in Webb County in compliance with the requirements of the Texas Water

Development Board (TWBD). This contract award is subject to approval by the Texas Water Development Board.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda  
 Second: Cm. Perez  
 For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

39. Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation from the Airport Advisory Board, the Airport Street and Land Use Master Plan Subcommittee and Staff to consider an approximate 50 acre tract of non-aeronautical use land located on the Bob Bullock Road at the Laredo Int. Airport for a future convention center site and to reserve said tract of land for that proposed public use.

Keith Selman from the Planning Department explained to the council that staff was recommending the reserving of these 50 acres for a future convention center site. The tract is public property belonging to the City's Airport Fund and a convention center at this location will optimize airport rental revenues by the development of hotel sites. It is centrally located at a halfway point on the Bob Bullock Loop between Northwest Laredo and South Laredo. The subject tract borders with the State Park overlooks Lake Casa Blanca and offers a panoramic view of the lake. The City would not have to purchase the land but rather lease it from the Airport Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda  
 Second: Cm. Casso  
 For: 4

Against: 1  
 Cm. Guerra

Abstain: 0

40. Authorizing the City Manager to renew the professional services contract for the Collection of delinquent ad-valorem taxes, hotel/motel taxes, paving liens and other miscellaneous delinquent receivables with the law firm of Ricardo de Anda.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to renew the professional services contract for the Collection of delinquent ad-valorem taxes, hotel/motel taxes, paving liens and other miscellaneous delinquent receivables with the law firm of Ricardo de Anda.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
 Second: Cm. Castaneda  
 For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0



41. Presentation of the 1994-1995 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Prepared by the City of Laredo's Finance Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra, P.C.

Ms. G.G. Flores from the accounting firm of Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra made the presentation before the council. The figures she presented were as follows:

Total General Fund - Fund Bal. - Sept. 30, 1995	\$11,497,990
Total General Fund - Fund Bal. - Sept. 30, 1994	12,439,371
Decrease	(941,381)
Total General Fund Balance of	\$11,497,990
Reservations:	
Reserve for encumbrances	627,958
Reserve for Capital Acquisition	2,434,314
Total Reservations	\$ 3,062,272
Designated for Contingencies	288,000
Total Reservations & Designations	\$ 3,350,272
Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>8,147,718</u>

\$8,147,718 represents approximately 2.2 months' operating expenditures average monthly operating expenditures in 1995 were \$3.8 million

General Fund Revenues, FY '95 - Budgeted	\$47,001,319
General Fund Revenues, FY '95 - Actual	47,107,703
Favorable Variance	<u>106,384</u>
General Fund Expenditures, FY '95 - Budgeted	\$45,304,099
General Fund Expenditures, FY '95 - Actual	44,890,778
Favorable Variance	<u>383,371</u>

General Fund Revenues increased by \$536,212 (1.2%)  
 General Fund Expenditures increased by \$3,507,350 (8.5%)  
 General Fund Net Transfers Out increased by \$603,296 (20.1%)

As of 9-30-95 the city had tax supported debt of \$134,581,000 which is approximately equal to 4.2% of the assessed valuation of the 1994 tax roll.

Principal and Interest requirements for this debt for fiscal year '96 are \$16,749,776.

As of 9-30-95 the Debt Service Fund had a fund balance of \$5,795,414 reserved for the principal and interest payments.

As of 9-30-95 the city had other long-term debt of \$37,318,801 principal and interest requirements for the debt for Fiscal Year '96 are \$4,334,367.

As of 9-30-95 the Enterprise Funds had balances of \$5,898,860 reserved for the principal and interest payments.

Motion to accept the report as presented.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Presentation of the first City of Laredo Education and Recreation Department Dance Troupe.

Joe Garza from Parks and Recreation Department introduced the Dance Troupe.

- b) Rogelio Rios, local attorney representing Texas Peace Officers of Laredo, appeared with Police Officers John Payle and Michael Raines. Mr. Rios stated they were concern with Article 7 of the contract which states that payroll deductions can only come from the association as recognized by the contract. They feel the have approximately one-third (1/3) of the officers in this new organization and that these officers should be allowed to have at least a payroll deduction for their membership dues in the new contract.

Secondly, they are concerned with Article 1 which defines who has collective bargaining with the city. The association there is the LPOA, there is a clause in section 2 that states that you have to have the majority, in other words 51% members to comprise an association. Under the current contract nothing can be done, but they also would like to point to council that this contract will expire at the end of this month. He concluded by asking to meet with staff and the City Attorney to discuss these two articles.

Mr. Vargas said that the basic and most critical issue in any collective bargaining situation is recognition. City Council has chosen to recognize that organization that represents the majority of the people in that particular department and the reason for that is that they want to negotiate with one body and not negotiate with five or six groups. His understanding is that any contract has to be mutually agreed too. Any negotiation that they may come up with has to be approved by the Union, all the members of that Union, and by the City council. He added that it is a mutually arrived at document.

Cm. Casso wanted to hear the opinions from the LPOA President on this issue.

Cm. Bruni stated that he and Mayor Protem Cardenas will

sponsor them to be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

#### X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

42. Request by Mayor and City Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

##### A. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the creation of a citizens advisory committee to the Water Ad Hoc Committee. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. and Councilmember Jose R. Perez)

Cm. Bruni suggested that three citizens be added to the Water Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion to ratify the nominations of Evan Quiroz, Arthur Zuniga, and Albert Muller, III as a citizens advisory committee to the Water Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Guerra  
For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the paving of the 3100 Block of Rosario.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, announced that this block is already scheduled on project #58 and will come to council by March 4th.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the traffic congestion at Ryan Elementary School.

Cm. Bruni asked for staff conduct a traffic circulation study around Ryan Elementary School.

Motion to instruct staff to conduct the traffic study.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Castañeda  
For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the initiation of a Weather Modification Program for the City of Laredo.

Cm. Bruni wants to expedite the possible alternatives for water storage and conservation solutions between the City and County efforts.

Motion to continue with the process of looking for a

regional approach to the water management and that staff be instructed to follow the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Water Committee because they had instructed staff on different items at the meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Perez

Cm. Castaneda added that since Cm. Bruni and Cm. Perez are working through the regional areas with other counties, that part of the motion be that this Council go on record that they are supportive of the actions that they are taking as an official council.

Second to the motion agreed.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Perez  
For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**Requests by Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the money handling practices at the Laredo International Bridges with possible Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to discuss bridge personnel positions.

Cm. Casso wanted to know when the bridge manual will be completed. What is the status on the manual counts in the automated meter where they are off. What is the status of the contract with Cubic Toll Systems for the purchase and installation of a new toll collection system. He said that there is mention that due to the turnover in personnel he knows there were some problems at the bridge where they were forced to sign a letter and it has come to his attention that bridge personnel are upset and he wants an update report of what is going on. He continued by saying that the City Manager's Office and certain Councilmember were using the bridge as a Casa de Cambio which is illegal.

Peter Vargas explained that the only time that the Manager's Office exchanges pesos is when they are going to Mexico instead of going into an exchange house they basically get the pesos that are at the bridge system because we are dealing with pesos there, so it's basically within the city, instead of an advance in dollars you get an advance in pesos. He was not familiar with council exchanging pesos, but he assumes that it is basically the same thing. They can provide council with a report on the amount which he does not think is significant.

The issue with the cubic toll systems has been done. The contract has been awarded and council has approved the contract for the electrical subcontractor to put in all the

electrical wiring for Bridge No. 1 to put in the automated toll system. The system is already in place at Colombia and at Bridge No. 2, and they will be finished with Bridge No. 1 in the near future which will alleviate the problems that they have with the equipment that is outdated and that breaks down which is when they have to count manually which creates problems.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, stated that it is not a matter of completing the manual, it is changing some of the ways that people do business at the bridge which might be the ones doing the complaining. They have cut down drastically on the amount of money that some of the people were short. There is nothing wrong with the manual. They did have a meeting and they did not want to sign the form, they indicated that they had to sign the form indicating that they were aware of all the procedures that we had in place at the bridge and they are going to be followed. So whoever does not follow the procedure is not going to be there. They just want them to be more responsible for the position that they hold, be more courteous, be able to dress accordingly, and to treat people with respect and courtesy. He added that they will continue to follow the procedures and that his complaints might be with some of the people that they are having problems with. He added that when they do cash money it is when it is related to a city trip. What they have been doing is tightening the reigns at the bridge and they will continue to do so to have accountability.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the Police 911 Emergency Communications operations.

Cm. Casso stated that his concern was on a call made to 911 where they did not respond. Juveniles were out there for 10 minutes breaking car windows and the police never responded. A few days earlier he had received another complaint from outside his district where they had called 911 and nobody would pickup the phone, they tried to communicate with 911 for 30 minutes and finally when they did get through, the police took too long to follow up.

Mr. Vargas wanted the date of the incident and stated that staff will follow up and provide a report on these two incidents.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the selection process for architectural and engineering professional services contracts.

Cm. Casso stated he wants a report from staff because we don't put these contracts out to bid. He expressed his concern that every local architectural and engineering firms are provided an opportunity.

Mr. Vargas answered that they did provide a report on March, 1995 where they outlined all the contracts that they had, but they will follow up on his request again. It was previously provided in a newsletter.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the future status of the City's Utilities Director position.

Cm. Casso stated that his concern was with potential problems and that it's critical that we find someone soon or promote from within the department.

### C. Requests by Councilmember Blas Castañeda

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the receipt of a preliminary airport master plan.

Cm. Castañeda stated that we are spending a lot of money in the airport improvement plan for industrial development and as it develops we want make sure it maintains its industrial integrity, that we don't deviate and start including in there different areas that are not conducive for the airport. We owe it to the commercial/industrial sector that they see that we have invested in that area and that as they develop they can use that property on a lease or purchase basis.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the Rail Highway Crossing Safety Plan as it relates to the City's major transportation plan.

Motion to combine items 2, 3, and E(1) for discussion and consideration.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Castañeda stated that there are major areas that are being undertaken in this city regarding the railroads. He made it clear to council that they needed to exhaust all possibilities with the railroads in regards to making sure that we work in partnership, that we work in unison and make sure that the railroads crossings are open when they needed to be opened, that they were accessible for people either for work purposes or emergency purposes. One major issue is that many businesses are hurting because of the peso devaluation and this city needs to take every opportunity to work with the railroads to make sure that those businesses have access to their business and to their designation customers. When there is an emergency we have to be able to have a plan that opens those railroads in time for those

individuals to go wherever they need to go. He was concerned with a spur in North Laredo which is still there, and the agreement was exhausted back in 1955. His question are, if the railroads are using this? Is the city charging revenue for the use of that spur? If that spur no longer has a legal basis can we discontinue that spur so that we can take appropriate accommodations for the businesses and citizens that live in that area?

Cm. Casso stated this issue has been discussed in prior meetings and it took them one year to react. He added that he never got the reports as to how much they are paying in fines or how many citations have been issued, and what is going to be done. He also wants to know why staff did not come to the governing body to seek formal authorization before suing the railroad company.

Fausto Sosa, City Attorney, stated we have an enabling statute already and we are suing to enforce our rights under our ordinance and the Code of Ordinances.

Cm. Bruni announced that he had a petition with over 400 signatures from citizens requesting and petitioning the City Council to initiate action to enforce the five minute rule. He wants that the Union Pacific and the Tex-Mex Railroad companies to stop blocking our streets.

Mr. Jorge Treviño, a concerned citizen and landowner adjoining the railroad tracks, spoke on his concern which is the actual plan that has been presented called the Laredo Railroad Crossings Safety Plan dated June, 1995 which council accepted on October 1995. He pointed to information in the report that is relevant to the problems that citizens are having with the crossings. The report states that the State of Texas in 1995 leads the nation with railroad crossing accidents, Webb County ranks the 2nd in the state with rail crossing accidents. The City of Laredo happens to be the biggest city in Webb County, therefore if those things are correct we are probably the 2nd in the nation with at rail crossing accidents. The report reflects several issues, one public access to emergency and the other is to have the railroads to function and work in the confines of the city limits, however he finds some of the recommendations on the report disturbing and wanted to address the north to south rail lines that start at the International Rail Bridge and end at the Mines Road which is a total of four miles of rails. What complicates it is that there are two sets of tracks one is the Union Pacific main line and the second is what is called the Rio Grande Eagle Pass Line. According to the U.S. Dept. of Transportation they recommend that you only have four at rail crossings per mile. To date, according to this information, we have 48 at railroad crossings at four miles we have an average of 12 at rail crossings per mile which is a significant number above

the recommended four tracks per mile. If council were accept this in essence they you would be doing is reducing the number of streets where citizens can use to cross this tracks. Literally, four crossing and two streets which is unrealistic. This report recommends that you do close numerous streets. The recommended closures are on the Rio Grande runaround line, there is only one in the main line that they are recommending for closure. The Union Pacific no longer has the right under the law legally to use that line since 1955. They used it for 40 years and for whatever reason they were allowed to do it. Staff is recommending to City Council to go ahead and close the streets and asked who is being represented with those recommendations?

He also pointed that staff made several evaluation studies, we do have a Transportation Board comprised of citizens of Laredo appointed by City Council and it is his understanding that they never reviewed this plan, never had any input, and never were the landowners or people that live near those railroads directly advised of this plan so they could have some input.

In conclusion, he asked that council make a further study to get together with the citizens that are mostly impacted in this issue, and if the Rio Grande runaround line has expired that they request Union Pacific to stop using it which would stop half of the problems immediately and then they come back and have a realistic plan for the citizens to accept in the future.

Fausto Sosa, City Attorney, stated that the main point with respect to that is that we want them out of that line. Our lawsuit is requesting that they move out and not use it and that they remove their equipment. Then we are asking for the injunctive relief that they not block as defined by Section 27.02 of the Code of Ordinance for more than five minutes by standing trains.

Mr. Feliciano Gutierrez, Mann Road resident, requested that City Council study the plan and do not approve the one that is in vision now by the Planning Department.

Mayor Protem Cardenas spoke on an incident that occurred on the intersection of Hidalgo and wants to know the process or procedures that the police officers have to follow with their job due to the fact that an officer approached an officer of Union Pacific and told him that he had to clear the intersection of Hidalgo due to the fact that students go in and out of LCC and the intersection had been blocked for more than an hour.

Note: At this time Mayor Protem Cardenas played a recording of the incident and what the Union Pacific officer answered him.



Mayor Protem Cardenas thanked the police officer who was brave enough to face this person and added that he wants to inform Union Pacific that have been blocking Hidalgo, Zaragoza, and Gonzalez for as much as 24-hours and that he wants them to know that they are not going to run the city.

Carlos Zaffirini, representing the Union Pacific, spoke regarding the issues brought by Cm. Cardenas, stated that they will address these issues and wants to work with the city to resolve any problems.

Fausto Sosa, City Attorney, stated that they have a set date for a hearing on February 29, 1996 at 8:30 a.m. at the 11th District Court, for a temporary injunction for the remainder of the lawsuit.

Larry Fields, representing Tex-Mex, stated they received the injunction and they do not block the crossing intentionally. He added that they are ready to work with the city, the staff and the City Council.

3. Status and possible action concerning City Council direction on the issue of blocked railroad crossings.

This item was discussed with item #2 above.

4. Status concerning ground breaking activities for the City's new main library.

Cm. Castañeda recommended two things on this issue:

(1) To furnish it with the school districts and try to use the building of this new library as a campaign for educational purposes.

(2) That when this library is constructed that council take into consideration that maybe we can go and designate some of the individual rooms in that library and get corporate sponsorships so they can carry the names of individuals in this community that have an interest in education for the children. There are 10 or 12 rooms in that library and instead of coming from taxpayers in terms of tax increases, that maybe we could ask citizens if they want to donate and name some of those names on behalf of those individuals. He asked that maybe staff can prepare something whereby council can then proceed forth on this item.

5. Discussion concerning charges (fees) assessed by the City to businesses for tapping into the City's tax rolls.

Cm. Castañeda stated that it was his understanding that some businesses had put up some money for some equipment for tapping into the city's tax rolls. He thinks that we need

to look at providing some type of relief or credit for those businesses that put money.

Jesus Nava, Assistant City Manager, replied that they have told the individuals and companies with existing contracts that the city will honor those contract for the full term. They will begin charging them their subscription or monthly fee once we renew the contracts. The investments that they made were in hardware, but hardware that they will retain and continue to use. They can look to see whether a credit is due and come back with a report.

**D. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the construction of International Boulevard and Shiloh Boulevard.

Keith Selman from the Planning Department reported that the Shiloh overpass is proposed to be let out this month and the widening of Shiloh is proposed on the 1997 CIP. As far as International Boulevard is concerned he said they have not received any master plans for development at this point by property owners in that area.

Cm. Guerra stated that perhaps we need to look at the land use ordinance and modify or alter it because the traffic on International Boulevard is getting heavier and his constituents are complaining that there's going to be an accident. He wants some direction from staff to accelerate this project.

Mr. Vargas stated that there are nine parcels that need to develop and dedicate the right-of-way to build the road in order to connect. He explained that when development occurs the city requires that certain right-of-way and a road be built, once that road is built the city takes over perpetual maintenance of that road forever, but the initial construction is a cost borne by the development or the developer that occurs. At the present time the city does not have right-of-way and the owners have not expressed interest to come in and develop.

**E. Requests by Councilmember Felipe Cardenas**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning a railroad blockage incident on Hidalgo Street with possible Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss potential litigation concerning railroad blockage.

This item was discussed with item #2 under Cm. Castañeda.

**XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

43. Public hearing to amend the City of Laredo's 1995-1996 Annual Budget by authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$2,269,414 from the Airport Fund to the New Airport Terminal Fund (New Airport Terminal, Reconstruction of Runway 17L/35R, Taxiway Connector and Air Carrier Apron) to meet the criteria for the local match of FAA Grants and appropriate \$4,677,989 for a grant received in September 1995 for the Reconstruction of Runway 17L/35R; and that an ordinance be introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Amending the City of Laredo's 1995-1996 Annual Budget by authorizing the City Manager to transfer \$2,269,414 from the Airport Fund to the New Airport Terminal Fund (New Airport Terminal, Reconstruction of Runway 17L/35R, Taxiway Connector and Air Carrier Apron) to meet the criteria for the local match of FAA Grants and appropriate \$4,677,989 for a grant received in September 1995 for the Reconstruction of Runway 17L/35R.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

44. Public hearing concerning amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3 and 4, Block 1776, Eastern Division, located at 2919 Diaz St., from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3 and 4, Block 1776, Eastern Division, located at 2919 Diaz St., from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

45. Public hearing concerning amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the south one half (1/2) of Block 22, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5005 Yeary, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the south one half (1/2) of Block 22, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5005 Yeary, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

46. Public hearing concerning Amending the budget for the "Los Dos Laredos" Binational Tuberculosis Project of the City of Laredo Health Department in the amount of \$3,900 for the period beginning February 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the budget for the "Los Dos Laredos" Binational Tuberculosis Project of the City of Laredo Health Department

in the amount of \$3,900 for the period beginning February 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0                                Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0                                Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 47. Public hearing concerning an ordinance revising the rates of Central Power and Light Company in the City of Laredo, Texas; providing for conditions, severability, and repeal of conflicting ordinances; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Revising the rates of Central Power and Light Company in the City of Laredo, Texas; providing for conditions, severability, and repeal of conflicting ordinances.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0                                Abstain: 0

Mr. Ruben Correa, Manager for Central Power & Light, stated CPL disagrees with the city's proposal to increase the rates and they stand by their rate request as being reasonable, fair, equitable and necessary as far as the company is concern. They conveyed to city staff that if this ordinance is passed then they will appeal it.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0                                Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 48. Public hearing concerning and ordinance amending Chapter 21, Article VII, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo

by amending section 21-144, "enforcement procedure"; thereby amending the curfew ordinance by deleting the enforcement requirement of a written warning and parent a savings clause, providing for a severability clause, and establishing an effective date, and providing for publication in local newspaper.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Chapter 21, Article VII, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by amending section 21-144, "enforcement procedure"; thereby amending the curfew ordinance by deleting the enforcement requirement of a written warning and parent a savings clause, providing for a severability clause, and establishing an effective date, and providing for publication in local newspaper.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda  
Second: Cm. Guerra  
For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 49. Public hearing concerning an ordinance creating section 21-154, of chapter 21, offenses and miscellaneous provisions, Article IX., unlawful use of uniforms, of the code of ordinances of the City of Laredo, thereby creating and establishing a sections prohibiting unauthorized use or wearing of any identical uniform worn by uniformed members of the City of Laredo Police or Fire Department; prohibiting unauthorized use of similar uniforms worn by uniformed members of the City of Laredo Police or Fire Department if calculated to deceive or mislead the public; providing for a definition of uniform; and that an ordinance be introduced. providing for an effective date and publication.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance creating section 21-154, of chapter 21, offenses and miscellaneous provisions, Article IX., unlawful use of uniforms, of the code of ordinances of the City of Laredo, thereby creating and establishing a sections prohibiting unauthorized use or wearing of any identical uniform worn by uniformed members of the City of Laredo Police or Fire

Department; prohibiting unauthorized use of similar uniforms worn by uniformed members of the City of Laredo Police or Fire Department if calculated to deceive or mislead the public; providing for a definition of uniform; and providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

XII. ADJOURNMENT

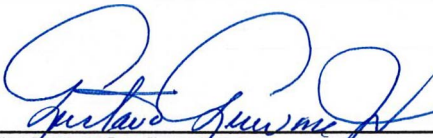
Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
Second: Cm. Casso  
For: 5

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 8:50 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 31 ARE TRUE COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary II

MINUTES APPROVED ON: March 6, 1996

CORRECTIONS: