

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M-96-R-35**

**OCTOBER 15, 1996**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Protem Casso led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

|                            |                      |                 |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| JOSE R. PEREZ,             | COUNCILMEMBER,       | DISTRICT I      |
| LOUIS H. BRUNI,            | "                    | , DISTRICT II   |
| ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO, | "                    | , DISTRICT III  |
| CECILIA MAY MORENO,        | "                    | , DISTRICT IV   |
| ELISEO VALDEZ, JR.,        | "                    | , DISTRICT V    |
| JOE A. GUERRA,             | "                    | , DISTRICT VI   |
| MARIO GEORGE ALVARADO,     | "                    | , DISTRICT VII  |
| CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, | "                    | , DISTRICT VIII |
| GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,      | CITY SECRETARY       |                 |
| FLORENCIO Peña, III,       | INTERIM CITY MANAGER |                 |
| FAUSTO SOSA,               | CITY ATTORNEY        |                 |

**ABSENCES:**

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Protem Casso was chairing the meeting and not voting.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

none.

**V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

none.

**VI. FINAL READINGS**

none.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- 2. 96-R-135 A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas endorsing the consolidation of city and county governments into a metropolitan government within the State of Texas.

Cw. Moreno pointed out that we might be assuming that if this consolidation would begin to take place that we would be the ones to keep everything that we have. She added that we might end up losing what we have. There is nothing that says that the city would prevail over the county.

Cm. Alvarado supported the resolution and any other efforts that will bring the city and county governments to work together in a partnership.

Cm. Casso stated that it doesn't matter who prevails, it is a question of whether you are more efficient.

Cm. Valdez wants to go on record supporting the resolution as an avenue of exploring where we can save taxpayers money. He is not so much interested in either assuming power or giving up power, the process is done in the interest of saving taxpayers money.

Motion to approve Resolution #96-R-135.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez

**VIII. MOTIONS**

none.

**IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 3. Request for Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, to discuss possible litigation to redress a City employee's default on a contractual obligation to the City.

Motion to go into Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, to discuss possible

litigation to redress a City employee's default on a contractual obligation to the City.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

After executive session the Mayor announced that no formal action was taken in executive session.

#### X. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

4. Requests by Mayor and City Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

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

1. Presentation by Mr. Ralph Garcia concerning the enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to citizens of foreign countries.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2. Presentation by Andres S. Rodriguez, Poet Laureate of Laredo, concerning a letter and its contents to former President George W. Bush.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

3. Status report on the Chacon Creek interceptor (Chacon Creek Tributary Drainage Improvement) with possible action.

Cm. Bruni stated that District II keeps growing, that line is already over capacity, yet we keep growing in that area and creating more wastewater problems.

Fernando Roman, Acting Utilities Director, explained that the Chacon Creek Interceptor design is complete. They have had some problems with the right-of-way acquisition which is approximately seven miles. One problem is that our original request of sixty feet of right-of-way was seen a challenge

by our staff members because of the EPA Grant that pays for part of this project and they had to reconfigure the way the right-of-way looks to reduce it to a smaller amount. They have a schedule and if everything is done, they should have completion of right-of-way for February '97 and the ecological and environmental should be complete by early February of 1997. They will be opening bids by April '97 and begin construction on the end of May. He estimates that by starting at the south side plan they will reach the Chacon Creek by June of 1998 and finalized the project on June of 1999. This is approximately a two year project, they will try to bid it with two alternatives, one with the two year time and the other with an 18-month construction which would be higher in cost, but they will explore this alternative also.

Cm. Bruni requested that a written timeline be presented by Mr. Roman on the mentioned dates.

4. Status report on the re-alignment of Bartlett and Malinche Streets with possible action.

Cm. Bruni stated that these streets need to be straighten up, there is a problem with a particular curve going one way south and if there is an accident at that location, it is going to end up in the LISD building. He wants to set up a meeting with LISD and with the Baptist Church so that we can get this thing finalized and we can get moving in this issue.

Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, explained the engineers are doing the design right now and should have it ready by the end of November with a cost estimate. He added that the project is on schedule, there are monies allocated, the engineers will finalized it by the end of November and then they will come back with a report.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, pointed out that \$122,000.00 was the original cost estimate, but the costs have augmented due to meeting with LISD and they were contemplating the hump on Malinche. The project is extended all the way to Frost so there were additional costs and now they have an estimate of \$180,000 on the project as it stands right now. They had land acquisition that would be adding right-of-way that is not in place yet, also there was some contribution by LISD and that is not in place either.

Mr. Peña stated that when the plans are finished in November they will have a meeting with LISD and the Baptist Church representatives and go over the scope of the project. They are in schedule and are making council aware that they have \$120,000, but it looks like the project will cost \$180,000.00.

Cm. Bruni wants this project moving in a fast track.

5. Status report on the Montgomery and India street drainage project.

Cm. Bruni wants a written timeline on this project. He said it was approved during the budget hearings, it has been funded and wants a timeline on the whole process, the letting, the engineering and the construction time.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated this was in the RFP that was submitted which included the CIP's for 1997. They received responses on October 25th on this project, there were monies allocated for engineering only for this year (1997) and construction will probably be on 1998.

Mr. Peña elaborated that at the present time they are out for proposals of which Montgomery Drainage is one of them. They should have a recommendation by the end of November on all the selection of engineers and architects for all of these projects. One of them will be the engineer for the Montgomery Project and at that point they will ask them for a timetable for the completion of the design and the awarding of a contract for the Montgomery Project. They are looking at five months design, so construction might be let out by the summer of 1997. They will not get a real time frame until an engineer has been selected and they develop their time frame.

Cm. Bruni wants a written report from the City Manager's Office on the timeline.

6. Status report on the Lamar Neighborhood Park.

Cm. Bruni stated that they were to talk to LISD about getting some property on the north side of Lane and Arkansas for a park in District II. He wants to start the dialogue necessary to get this park going, wants a status report on this issue and also wants to set up a meeting with LISD to talk about this issue.

Joe Garza, Acting Parks & Recreation Director, stated that he has met with Mrs. Ramirez of LISD, it was the first time they had heard of the concept and although she was receptive to it, she was hesitant to make any kind of commitment on it. She said that this was up to the Board of Trustees to act upon and added that LISD is in a situation where they are possibly considering that area for some construction projects also, nevertheless, they were going to take it to staff, discuss it and will be considering it in the future.

Cm Bruni stated for the record that if LISD is thinking of increasing the amount of students that are presently

enrolled in Lamar and Milton, all they are going to do is create a bigger mess with the traffic situation that exists there. He pointed out that Milmo Street is a joke, it is a disaster during the drop-off and pickup of students. There seems to be no enforcement with vehicular traffic to get the cars that are blocking the area. We need to get an engineer to tell us how we can either re-design the streets for better flow. He said that we need to get with LISD so they can do what UISD is doing which is having their parents drop-off and pickup their children off street. They do not drop them off in the street, they drop them off inside the property. On UISD schools there is a driveway where they are dropped and picked up. He says that this is what needs to be dialogued with LISD.

Mr. Peña concluded by saying that we will continue the dialogue with LISD and that this will be one of the projects they will be discussing.

7. Status report on the Clark Blvd. extension (spur 400) as it pertains to a drainage problem at Clark and India.

Cm. Bruni said that his constituents are concerned over all wastewater that had accumulated on the concrete creek that come off on Arkansas. He said that TxDot went ahead and placed galvanized culverts there which is his concern. He questioned the life span of these culverts.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated he spoke with the Area Engineer for TxDot on the design of the culvert. The original plans as submitted were concrete boxes and for some reason he explains that it was an alternative on the bids and because of economic reasons they chose the galvanized culverts.

Cm. Bruni stated that we need to inform TxDot that we are concerned with galvanized culverts and ask them if they use these culverts anywhere else or if this a unique place where they want to place them.

Mr. Rivera said he will have further conversation with the TxDot Engineer and get something in writing.

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

1. Appointment of Mr. Beto Fasci to the City Telecommunications Commission.

Motion to appoint Mr. Beto Fasci to the City Telecommunications Commission.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado



that has the computer network to manage the collections to see what kind of contract would be required.

Cm. Casso stated that this technical system review has nothing to do with Mr. Peña's report, it has to do with another matter and that he was talking about transmission network which has nothing to do with customer service, it is a completely different issue. It had to do with problems such as the lines. He will fax Mr. Peña what he has and what the item is about because he did not have the information with him. He concluded by saying that he understands that CP&L has not complied with this request and that is the reason this item was place in the agenda.

Ruben Correa, Area Manager for CPL, stated that a tele-communications meeting was held last week and he was unable to attend. He spoke to Mr. Peña and Mr. Dovalina and it was suggested by Mr. Dovalina that maybe they will hold another special meeting. He said he does not know what this particular item on the agenda is about, but they will find out and bring the item back for discussion.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0]

**C. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez Jr.**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the frequency of water line breakages in the Hillside Terrace area.

Fernando Roman, Acting Utilities Director, stated that this area is about 25 years old and has had five (5) breaks and five (5) line services, this can be attributed to the age of the service. They are replacing them with copper tubing and want to make a plan to replace all of them in that service area without having to break up the street frequently, this can be attributed to the age of the service or maybe because of soil adjustment, it's difficult to explain why the frequency of the breakage in that area. They will continue monitoring before they make a replacement of the full line. The lines are suppose to last 20 to 50 years depending on the original soil conditions and on the design of the line. Typically they see lines that are over 30 years and that's when they start to break more. He said he will work with those blocks that have shown the tendency to break.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the graffiti problem in the Hillside and Hidden Meadow areas.

Cindy Collazo, CD Director, stated that there is a portion on private property and a portion on public property. On



the private portion they are going to have a campaign this weekend with the Code Enforcement Division together with Judge Liendo's group that are willing to work on that. They are also planning to come before council with some reprogramming of funds. They have found that under the HUD programs they have eligible activity of elimination of graffiti on public property. They can also tackle on private, but that is more complex and have to set aside some funds. They will request that council approve funding for that activity so they can purchase the equipment, hire somebody to take care of all the graffiti on public property throughout the CD service areas.

3. Presentation by Nelda Barrera from Texas Department of Housing & Commission Affairs Colonias initiative and self-help. (Co-sponsored by Louis H. Bruni)

Ms. Barrera informed council on the self-help center that will be established in the area, to improve the living conditions in the colonias within a two year period by providing services such assistance in obtaining loans, and grants to construct a home, to obtain fee simple title surveying or platting property, operating a program to rent or provide tools to the colonia residents. She stated that the center might be up an running by January, 1998.

4. Status of parking area for Northeast Hillside Park on McPherson.

Joe Garza stated that the parking area on Northeast Hillside Park was part of Phase II of the full development of that park, including the parking lot and the irrigation system project which did not get allocation for this fiscal year. He was hoping to have that for council's approval for next year's budget. He added they are in process of looking for funds and yet another phase of that project would be possibly building a bridge across the creek which is another project that has been identified in the next year's CIP.

Mr. Peña stated that the parking for the Northeast Hillside Park is a possible project for '98. They will be getting a detailed report for council, but some of the recreation centers might not have adequate funding for the parking, at the present time they are evaluating the funding for those parking lots. There are two that are funded, the other three still require funding. They are in the process of evaluating that, the centers are just about complete, but they will be coming to council with a report regarding what their options are in terms of funding for the parking lots and for the bridge.

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

1. Presentation by Aldo Tatangelo concerning issues in the downtown area to include restrooms, parking, and taxes on properties.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to reconsider the item.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Tatangelo stated that there is no improvement in the downtown area by the City and something has to be done. What are we doing to the area, the stores is being replaced by bars. What it needs is the cooperation of all the downtown businessmen and from the City. The City and downtown merchants have to spend money, cooperation from the police is also needed. He hopes that help comes in time to revive downtown or we are going to lose it. He suggested that maybe a committee can come up with quick recommendations, maybe tax abatement. He added that taxes are higher now than in 1992 and 1995. He suggested that an initiative should be taken by the City Manager, Mayor, and Council.

Cw. Montalvo said that they will be working with the city for a project at the downtown area, but they don't have all the information right now and does not know when they will have the information ready. They have been working with CP&L to have the lights in the downtown area fixed.

Cm. Valdez explained that we have committed to a 25-year lease with Laredo Center for the Arts, the Heritage Foundation has contracted with an architectural firm that is working right now and coming with ideas on redoing the facade of some of this historical buildings. The police have done a tremendous job in cleaning downtown area, they have doubled or tripled their bike patrol and he has seen the difference. They also have the grant to redo the sidewalks and benches. The buildings are not worth what they used to be, they need the cooperation of the people that own those buildings, they need to bring their rents down to attract some of the people in the downtown area.

Cm. Bruni stated for the record that he agrees with Cm. Valdez and added that we are doing a lot of things, there are still a lot of things that need to be done in the downtown area. All the projects just mentioned are a good

step in the positive direction. What hit the downtown area is the peso devaluation. The revitalization of downtown is very important to council.

Cm. Casso stated that council is making an effort to make it a nicer place and they are going to continue to try and are hoping that the new board of C&V will work and try to come up with some type of revitalization plan. He would like to see a blue print or plan drafted to see what is it that is needed to save downtown, what kind of investment is needed and who will do the investing.

Cm. Bruni stated that the Park & Ride does not have restrooms and wants a list/inventory of all city restrooms that the City has and why they are locked for the public.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendations made by the Hotel-Motel Owners Association about the composition of a new advisory board for the Laredo Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Motion to consider both items together (2 & E-1).

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **E. Requests by Councilmember Mario G. Alvarado**

1. Follow up on the request to change the composition of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board taking into consideration the items discussed at the workshop held on September 20, 1996, with staff recommendation as to the legal procedures to make the change.

Cm. Alvarado wants to know what recommendation staff has in order to be able to proceed as far as the legality and how to proceed with the changes, if any.

Mr. Peña stated that they met with C&V and they have developed a preliminary draft of an ordinance that will basically redefine the composition of board. Council directed the need for more involvement from certain groups in the community and they have done that, they have worked with the board and met with the Hotel/Motel Association and have a composition that he feels the board will accept. They are going to review the preliminary draft and it may or may not change. Currently it stands as three (3) nominations given to the City Council from the Hotel/Motel Association, three (3) nominations of retail merchants, one (1) from the restaurant association, and two (2) from the business/community groups a total membership of nine (9). They are recommending two terms maximum, with staggered

terms, five members would serve four year term and four would serve two year terms. After that it would be four year terms.

Mary Helen Cantu from the Hotel/Motel Association reported that the association consensus was that the makeup of the board will assist the C&V to move forward and succeed. The board should consist of 11 members and their terms limit to three (3) years, also three non-voting courtesy seats. The suggested list is as follows: Mall del Norte, Downtown Retail Association, Restaurant Association, Texas Department of Commerce Tourist Bureau, Airline Representative, Airport Advisory Board Representative, Full Service Hotel, a franchise hotel/motel limited service economy and budget hotel and a travel agent representative. Non-voting members would be a Director of Tourist Department of Nuevo Laredo, President of the Chamber of Commerce or a Director also the President of the Hotel/Motel Association those would be just one year terms. They purposely left the arts and historical leaders and civic leaders because they want to stick to the first criteria with people in the hospitality industry only.

Cm. Valdez said he wants someone from the Arts represented, he wants to make sure we don't just focus on conventions.

Cm. Casso also wants someone from the arts represented.

Mr. Peña stated that they will present these recommendations to C&V for their deliberation and will be coming back with a recommendation to council. They will have a full report by October 21st.

2. Status report on the Mines Road overpass request for placement on the MPO Agenda with possible action.

Keith Selman, from the Planning Department, stated that the item went to the MPO and they wanted to look at the possibility of using signage and beacons along the Mines Road to direct people out to Milo as an initial phase or as an alternative to doing the overpass for when trains are blocking the Mines Road then they could go that way which is what they wanted to do first before they took definitive action in terms of putting this particular request on the Planning and to the TIP.

Mr. Peña stated that the grade separation at Milo should be a top priority for the City and TxDot, it is a funding concern, we may need to pass a resolution, we may need to meet with Federal Highway Administration, that project needs to be placed within their five year plan. It is not currently in the Transportation Plan nor in the TIP which is a 3 year plan. He will try to get a formal response from the District Engineer as far as what feasibility he thinks we have to get, to get this project done. Then we have to meet

with the elected officials to keep this project active to see if it can included in the five year plan.

Cw. Moreno suggested that a study/traffic count be done and that they monitor the number of times the train stops traffic along the Mines Road.

Cm. Alvarado said we need to look ahead at the demands of traffic that will occur in that area and added this project needs to be placed on the fast track, on the short term solutions, needs to be addressed now and explore all the avenues, and funding schemes to help us to be able to get this project together.

Mr. Peña concluded by saying that staff will be instructed to update the traffic counts and get whatever funds are available from transportation, and begin documenting firmer and more convincingly the need for this grade separation at IH-35.

Cm. Bruni stated that the Milo Interchange is another problem that he foresees and wants it included in the MPO.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the synchronization of the traffic signal located at Mines Road (F.M. 1472) and Milo (F.M. 3464).

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated he made some timing improvements, they did find some malfunctions on the sensors in the grown, they scheduled the sensors for repairs, four were repaired and one is still pending, and they should be finished in next couple of days. He added that they also made some improvements to the operation of the signalization on the west side intersections and will be going back after repairs to make adjustments.

4. Request to have legal staff prepare the necessary document concerning a past council member's failure to comply with the campaign contributions and expenditure report.

Cm. Alvarado said he had a concern, the person who used to occupy the District VII position before he did has failed to comply with the requirement of submitting the contribution and expenditure report. He added that they have tried in a non-threatening manner for the past seven weeks to request that he comply. He is requesting that some type of action be taken on this issue. He stated that there is no policy in place as to how to deal with this type of situation, which is why he placed this issue in the agenda. He added that we need to address what kind of a policy the city needs to follow when a person fails to comply with these reports.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary stated that the state law does not have any enforcement provisions as to who

enforces this non-compliance. All it says is that whoever has a complaint can call the Texas Ethics Commission by phone or in writing and the commission will follow-up the complaint. He added that his office had called this person five different times and the five times he had answered that he would bring it in.

Cm. Alvarado wants in place, on behalf of the city, a policy on how to address this type of matter.

Mr. Peña stated that there may be something under the City Charter to put an ordinance, they will research it to see if they can adopt something that would set standards for reporting requirements for future elections.

Cm. Casso wants to know what avenues we have that allows them to go after this individual.

Cm. Alvarado wants a written report from the City Secretary as far as the attempts that he has made and the dates that his office had contacted this individual.

**F. Requests by Councilmember Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo**

1. Discussion concerning telephone listings for all department heads with possible action.

Cw. Montalvo stated that she already has the list and wants to encourage any department head that is not listed in the phone book to do so. She added that whenever people want to get in contact with them they can call them up.

Mr. Peña said they can put out a memorandum encouraging the department heads to do that. He is not certain if this is a requirement of their application, but he will look into it.

2. Discussion concerning the selection of one representative to be appointed to the Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee by the Mayor and each Councilmember.

Cw. Montalvo was requesting that they get an appointee from each Councilmember for the Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee.

Mr. Alejandro Arreguin said the committee should oversee present ordinances, past ordinances and any other ordinances to see what effects they are going to have on property owners. He addressed P&Z issues, fees, development issues, and all other concerns concerning property owners that should be addressed and discussed by this committee. He wants the councilmembers submit their nominees.

Mr. Peña stated that they will have to develop the program of operation of this committee. He added they will meet

with Mr. Arregiun and identify those specifics and the areas that he is interested in addressing. He asked that Mr. Arreguin bring the members that are interested in working in this committee at the next council meeting. He concluded by saying that they will place an item naming the individual members to the Ad Hoc Committee, and identify the boundaries on the next meeting.

**XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 5. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget by appropriating the amount of \$159,000 funded by Webb County and the Texas Water Development Board for the County and the Texas Development Board for the developing of a facility plan to address the water and sewer needs of Colonias along Hwy. 359 and Mines Road.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget by appropriating the amount of \$159,000 to be provided jointly by the Texas Water Development Board and Webb County, for developing a facility plan to address the water and sewer needs of the colonias along Highway 359 and the Mines Road.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Fernando Roman, Acting Utilities Director, stated that this ordinance is to receive the monies and to pay for the services.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 annual budget in the amount of \$71,890.00 for a grant awarded by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to be used for implementing Nonpoint Source Toxic Substance Project for Manadas Creek for the period from November 1, 1996 through

September 30, 1997 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Budget.





Moved : Cw. Montalvo  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 2  
Cm. Perez  
Cw. Moreno

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**XIII. LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION**

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 8. 96-RMH-131 Authorizing the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) President to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to the City of Laredo for "The Surface Only" of a tract of land containing 34.94 acres, and all buildings & improvements thereon situated within the boundaries of the former Laredo Air Force Base and being more fully described by metes and bounds.

Motion to approve Resolution #96-RMH-131.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Guerra  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and convene as City Council.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 9. Motion to approve the list of "approved equals" developed by the Laredo Municipal Transit System's General Manager and authorizing same to respond to the "requests for approved equals" for the plans and specifications for the purchase of

sixteen thirty-five foot, lift-equipped, compressed natural gas (CNG) powered transit coaches.

Motion to approve the list of "approved equals" developed by the Laredo Municipal Transit System's General Manager and authorizing same to respond to the "requests for approved equals" for the plans and specifications for the purchase of sixteen thirty-five foot, lift-equipped, compressed natural gas (CNG) powered transit coaches.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Mass Transit Board and convene as City Council.

Moved : Cw. Moreno  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0


**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn. Time: 8:46 p.m.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 18 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1996. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

  
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON: NOVEMBER 4, 1996