

**ORIGINAL**

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M96-R-43**

**DECEMBER 2, 1996**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,	MAYOR	
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 PENA,	INTERIM CITY MANAGER	
JERRY CAIN,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY	

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- City Council Meeting of October 21, 1996
- City Council Meeting of October 28, 1996
- City/County Workshop on Fire Suppression Services  
October 30, 1996
- City Council Meeting of November 4, 1996
- City Council Meeting of November 6, 1996
- City Council Meeting of November 14, 1996

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Casso was not present)

Cm. Casso came in at 5:39 p.m.

#### V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending the provisions of the City of Laredo's code of ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-16, which sets forth the departments of the City; and 2-17 which sets forth the divisions in each department; thereby deleting the transportation department and adding two departments being the traffic and bridge department and the airport department; and modifying the divisions within the applicable departments; providing for publications and providing for effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Amending Ordinance 90-0-130 dated August 20, 1990, by correcting the square footage from 232 square feet to 240 square feet of the closure of a certain section of Garza Street, between San Eduardo and San Francisco Avenue abutting Lot 8-A, Block 353, Western Division and correcting the square footage from 233.90 square feet to 269.29 square feet for the closure of a certain section of San Eduardo Avenue between Garza and Callaghan Streets also abutting Lot 8-A, Block 353, Western Division, of the City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with U.S. Cellular for a ground and antenna lease at the water tank at the Anzon America location for use as a cellular antenna site.
  1. Lease term is for ten (10) years commencing December xx, 1996, and ending December xx, 2006 and may be extended for one (5) year option ending December xx, 2011.
  2. Monthly rent shall be \$600.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary term of this lease according to changes in the consumer price index. Providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

#### VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #96-0-204, #96-0-205, #96-0-206, #96-0-207, #96-0-208, #96-0-209, #96-0-210, #96-0-211, #96-0-212, #96-0-213, #96-0-214, #96-0-215, #96-0-216, #96-0-217, #96-0-218, and #96-0-219.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

6. 96-0-204 Authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Child Day Care Center on Lot 6 and the east 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 1574, Eastern Division, located at 2619 Blaine Street; providing for publication and effective date.  
 (Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-204.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

7. 96-0-205 Amending the zoning ordinance map of the City of Laredo by rezoning lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Stacy Alyson Young Subdivision, located on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 59, and Casa Blanca Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-205.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

8. 96-0-206 Amending the zoning ordinance map of the City of Laredo by rezoning lots 1 and 2, Block 1412, Eastern Division, located at 2402 Market Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.  
 (Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-206.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

9. 96-0-207 Amending the zoning ordinance map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a flea market on all of Lots 6 and 7, the north six feet of Lot 5, and the east 37.24 feet of Lot 4, Block 25, Western Division, located at 905 Iturbide Street; providing for publication and effective date. (Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-207.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 10. 96-O-208 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 61.8484 acres of land out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Ramos Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-208.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 11. 96-O-209 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 35.147 acres of land out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, and out of a 57.25 acre tract recorded in Volume 278, Page 312, Webb County Deed Records, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Deutsch/Sanditen Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-209.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 12. 96-O-210 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 13.2964 acres of land beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porciones 29 and 30, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Ponderosa Industrial Park Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-210.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

13. 96-0-211 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 38.868 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porcion 30, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Tex-Mex Industrial Park Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-211.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                                  Against: 0                                  Abstain: 0

14. 96-0-212 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 2.55 acres beginning at the existing City limits, located out of Porcion 30, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Tex-West Industrial Park Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-212.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                                  Against: 0                                  Abstain: 0

15. 96-0-213 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 3.48 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porcion 29, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Eastwoods Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-213.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                                  Against: 0                                  Abstain: 0

16. 96-0-214 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 23.6288 acres beginning at the existing City limits, located out of Porciones 31 and 32, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Southern Development Industrial

Park Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning.  
(Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-214.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

17. 96-0-215 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 268.27 acres beginning at the existing City limits, located out of Porcion 38, Abstract 472, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Vela Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Jose R. Perez Jr.)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-215.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

18. 96-0-216 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 465.2942 acres beginning at the existing City limits, located out of Porcion 38, Abstract 472 and Porcion 39, Abstract 250 as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Minne Tract, providing for an effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Jose R. Perez Jr.)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-0-216.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

19. 96-0-217 Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 41.378 acres beginning at the existing City limits, located out of Porcion 39, Abstract 250, as further described by metes and bounds, specifically the Link Tract, providing for an effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning. (Jose R. Perez Jr.)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-217.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

20. 96-O-218 Amending the City of Laredo's FY 1996-1997 Annual Budget by reclassifying six firefighters to 3 drivers and 3 captains as a result of council action to reactivate fire station #3 and fully man Colombia Bridge for a total of \$51,000, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-218.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

21. 96-O-219 Amending the City of Laredo's FY 1996-1997 Annual Budget by authorizing the creation of two Service Worker positions (\$30,393.00) for the Fleet Management Division, capital outlay (\$44,400.00), and vehicle maintenance and fuel (\$7,000.00) to eliminate the annual tire repair service contract in order to perform this service in-house at a savings; and authorizing one new Warehouse Clerk position (\$16,000.00), and the creation of one Fleet Floor Supervisor position (\$25,000.00) to strengthen auto part inventory controls; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to approve ordinance #96-O-219.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cw. Montalvo  
 For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

22. 96-R-132 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 54.0 acre feet of class A water rights from Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2422-009, Falcon Lake Estates, for a total of \$19,440. Authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for conversion to municipal use, establish diversion point and have City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-3997 amended by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Motion to approve resolution #96-R-132.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 96-R-142 Appointing the nominee of the Mayor and City Council members to an Ad Hoc Noise Committee. City Council directed staff to develop this resolution and the Interim Police Chief will be the lead staff person assigned to this committee.

Motion to approve resolution appointing the nominee of the Mayor and City Council members to an Ad Hoc Noise Committee, as follows:

Appointee

Joe A. Guerra, Dist. VI

Tomas Yzaguirre

Consuelo Montalvo, Dist. VIII

Manuel Tijerina

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 96-R-150 Appointing the nominee of the Mayor and City Council members to an Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee. City Council directed staff to develop this resolution.

Motion to approve resolution appointing the nominee of the Mayor and City Council members to an Ad Hoc Ordinance Review Committee, as follows:

Appointee

Joe A. Guerra, Dist. VI

Joe Medina

Mario G. Alvarado, Dist. VII

Eluterio Garza

Consuelo Montalvo, Dist. VIII

Alejandro Arreguin

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 96-R-152 Authorizing establishing the Waterworks System Revenue Bonds Contingency and Retirement Fund and the Sewer System Revenue Bonds Contingency and Retirement Fund at 5% of the annual gross revenues of the respective systems, pursuant to the new series 1996 Waterworks System and Sewer System refunding bonds ordinances, to allow any excess funds in the Waterworks System and Sewer System Reserve Funds to be made available for any lawful purpose pursuant to said ordinances to include transfers from the respective systems' reserve



funds to both systems' contingency and retirement funds as required to bring both systems' contingency and retirement funds to the prescribed 5% level of annual gross revenues as allowed by said ordinances. This action is being done in order to comply with the refunding bond ordinances which requires City Council action to set the level of contingency fund at a prescribed level.

Motion to approve resolution #96-R-152.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 96-R-153 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$6,700 for the City of Laredo Health Department, Laboratory Services Division, for the period beginning September 1, 1996, through August 31, 1997; and authorizing him to execute the contract.

Motion to approve resolution #96-R-153.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. 96-R-154 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$142,492 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997; and authorizing him to execute the contract.

Motion to approve resolution #96-R-154.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. 96-R-155 Accepting a 2 1/2 year flood protection planning assistance grant from the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of \$250,000 with the city designating \$17,500 as a cash match and \$25,000 in in-kind services. The County of Webb will also designate \$17,500 as a cash match and \$25,000 in in-kind services and the Webb County Drainage District No. 1 will designate \$5,000 as a cash match for a total project cost of \$350,000. The proposed resolution authorizes the Interim City Manager to execute a contract and other documents related thereto.

Motion to approve resolution #96-R-155.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, clarified for the record that the correct amount is \$260,000.

Motion to move up items X1-A(2) and #61.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

#### VIII. MOTIONS

29. Approving a contract with the Nuevo Laredo Tecolotes to play 20 games at West Martin Field during the 1997 Mexican League baseball season. The City will pay a total of \$6,400 per game to the Tecolotes for a total of \$128,000 for the season (\$6,000 per game and \$400 per game for immigration costs).

Motion to approve a contract with the Nuevo Laredo Tecolotes to play 20 games at West Martin Field during the 1997 Mexican League baseball season.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

30. Approving the scope of work and authority to request for proposals for the Chacon Flood Protection Planning to be developed with the assistance of the Texas Water Development Board in participation with the County of Webb and the Webb County Drainage District No. 1. Proposals will be opened on January 15, 1997.

Motion approving the scope of work and authority to request for proposals for the Chacon Flood Protection Planning to be developed with the assistance of the Texas Water Development Board in participation with the County of Webb and the Webb County Drainage District No. 1.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

31. Adopting a three year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Concession Plan and Concession Goal of twenty-five percent (25%) for businesses located at the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal and authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit said Concessions Plan and Goals to the

Federal Aviation Administration. The U.S. Department of Transportation regulations require primary airports such as Laredo International to implement and annually update a disadvantaged business enterprise concessions plan (49 CFR 23.93) in order to be eligible for Federal Airport Improvements Program grants.

Motion adopting a three year Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Concession Plan and Concession Goal of twenty-five percent (25%) for businesses located at the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal and authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit said Concessions Plan and Goals to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

32. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to request concurrence from the Federal Aviation Administration to offer for public sale of two tracts of land located at the Laredo International Airport, more particularly described as Block No. 21 of the Airport Subdivision Plat and consisting of approximately 6.02 acres and authorizing the Interim City Manager to prepare bid documents to include contracting for a fair market value appraisal report and survey for legal metes and bounds description in the event the Federal Aviation Administration concurs with the City's request. The subject 6.02 acres are bounded by Saunders (Hwy 59) on the south, Bartlett on the east, San Pedro on the north and the new Mercy Regional Medical Center on the west.

Motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to request concurrence from the Federal Aviation Administration to offer for public sale of two tracts of land located at the Laredo International Airport, more particularly described as Block No. 21 of the Airport Subdivision Plat and consisting of approximately 6.02 acres and authorizing the Interim City Manager to prepare bid documents to include contracting for a fair market value appraisal report and survey for legal metes and bounds description in the event the Federal Aviation Administration concurs with the City's request.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

33. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Discount Windshields of Texas, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$15,000.00, for proving vehicle glass replacement service for the Fleet Maintenance Division. All repair work will be secured on an as need basis and billed to the user departments. The bid pricing is the same as the previous contract period.

Motion to award contract to Discount Windshields of Texas in the estimated amount of \$15,000.00, for proving vehicle glass replacement service for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for industrial uniforms. Bids will be solicited for two types of contracts; a uniform rental program and for an outright purchase contract. Industrial uniforms are used by the Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Water Utilities, Civic Center, Traffic Safety, and Utilities Collection departments. Funding is available in the respective department's budgets. Bids will be received on December 23, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 6, 1997.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for industrial uniforms.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move up items A(1), D(1), D(2), B(3) and 58.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for dry cleaning services for Police Department uniforms. The City must provide dry cleaning services for police uniforms as a condition of the collective bargaining agreement. Funds for this service are available in the Police Department's contractual services - linen and laundry service line items budget. Bids will be received on December 31, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 20, 1997.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for dry cleaning services for Police Department uniforms.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Award of contract to the **SOLE BIDDER**, Advanced Business Solutions, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$26,958.00, for the purchase of a cash consolidation system for the Bridge System operations. The system includes a coin sorter/counter, currency counter, and software package. The

bid pricing includes all software modifications and training for all tellers. The system will be completely operational within sixty days. This equipment will be used by the Bridge system tellers in cash reconciliation. Funding for the equipment is available from the Bridge System's construction project funding.

Motion to award contract to Advanced Business Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$26,958.00, for the purchase of a cash consolidation system for the Bridge System operations.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 37. Award of contract to the SOLE BIDDER, Duncan Industries, Harrison, AR, in the amount of \$20,159.60, for the purchase of parking meters, parking meter mechanisms, coin boxes, and a collection cart. Eighty new meters are being purchased and the other items will be used to refurbish existing meters. These items are being purchased directly from the manufacturer. Delivery of all items is expected within thirty days. Funding for the purchase of these items is available in the Traffic Safety's capital outlay budget. The bid price is approximately 6% less than the previous purchase.

Motion to award contract to Duncan Industries in the amount of \$20,159.60, for the purchase of parking meters, parking meter mechanisms, coin boxes, and a collection cart.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 38. Award of contract to the SOLE BIDDER, Rankin Automatic Transmission, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$133,550.00, for an annual contract for transmission repairs for the Fleet Maintenance Division. The bid pricing will be firm during the contract period and all repair work will be secured on an as need basis. The bid pricing is approximately 15% less than the previous contract. All service works will be billed to be user departments maintenance fund.

Motion to award contract to Rankin Automatic Transmission in the estimated amount of \$133,550.00, for an annual contract for transmission repairs for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

39. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDERS, U.S. Filters, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$251,405.00, for the purchase of PVC pipe, and Industrial International, San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$88,334.00 for the purchase of ductile iron pipe. The PVC and ductile iron pipe are purchased on an as needed by the Utilities Department - Water Operations for construction and repair projects. The bid pricing for PVC is approximately 10% more than the previous contract period and the bid pricing for ductile iron pipe is 2% higher than the previous contract. Funding for this contract is available from various Utility Department line item and project budgets.

Motion to award contract to U.S. Filters, in the estimated amount of \$251,405.00, for the purchase of PVC pipe, and Industrial International in the estimated amount of \$88,334.00 for the purchase of ductile iron pipe.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

40. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of 3 vehicles approved in this year's fiscal budget. The vehicles authorized include:
- a. Public Works - (1) water truck
  - b. Public Works - (1) 1/2 ton extended cab truck
  - c. Risk Management -(1) van
  - d. Public Works - Barber Green Paver attachment/upgrade.
- Bid pricing will be secured on conventional and compressed natural gas (CNG) engines. Funding is available in the respective department's capital outlay budget. Bids will be received on December 23, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 6, 1997.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of 3 vehicles approved in this year's fiscal budget.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Moreno  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

41. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of a rescue hovercraft boat for the Fire Department. The Department is requesting authorization to purchase this special rescue craft due to the difficulty in launching a regular rescue boat on the river banks. Funding available in the Fire Department's capital outlay budget. Bids will be received on December 16, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 6, 1996.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of a rescue hovercraft boat for the Fire Department.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
 Second: Cw. Moreno  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

42. Approval of addendum number one to the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and Local 1390, International Association of Firefighters April 1, 1996 to March 31, 2001.

The addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement is to agree as follows: All uniformed Fire Department personnel who work additional time, over and above the normal work shift, shall receive one and one half times the "Regular Rate" of pay as overtime. Regular Pay is defined as based pay plus all assignment, certification, and educational pay.

Motion to approve addendum number one to the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Laredo, Texas and Local 1390, International Association of Firefighters April 1, 1996 to March 31, 2001.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
 Second: Cw. Moreno  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

43. Acceptance of the project and approval of the final payment in the amount \$29,480.00 to Layne Environmental Services, Houston, Texas, for Installation/Construction of Ten (10) Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the City's Municipal Landfill in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Chapter 330 Subchapter I (Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring) and Subchapter J (Closure). This payment of \$29,480.00 will bring the total amount of the contract to \$84,200.00, which is the original contract amount.

Motion to accept the project and approve final payment in the amount \$29,480.00 to Layne Environmental Services, for Installation/Construction of Ten (10) Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the City's Municipal Landfill in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Chapter 330 Subchapter I (Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring) and Subchapter J (Closure).

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
 Second: Cw. Alvarado  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

44. Award of annual service contract to the **SOLE BIDDER**, Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for providing electrical services for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for maintenance of street lights.

Motion to award an annual service contract to Cantu Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, for providing electrical services for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for maintenance of street lights.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Renewal of lease agreement with Casa Beto, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$16,800.00, for the second year lease of a warehouse facility located at 702 Davis. This warehouse is being utilized by the Health, Finance, and Engineering Departments as a central storage facility of records and documents. The initial contract was for one year period with an option for a second year upon mutual consent by both parties. The lease costs is prorated based on the square footage utilized by each operation.

Motion to renew lease agreement with Casa Beto in the amount of \$16,800.00, for the second year lease of a warehouse facility located at 702 Davis.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Health for continuation funding of the HIV/AIDS Ryan White Care Consortia Project in the amount of \$256,499, for the period beginning April 1, 1997, through March 31, 1998, and the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project in the amount of \$95,707, for the period beginning September 1, 1997, through August 31, 1998, of the City of Laredo Health Department.

Motion authorizing the Interim City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Health for continuation funding of the HIV/AIDS Ryan White Care Consortia Project in the amount of \$256,499, for the period beginning April 1, 1997, through March 31, 1998, and the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project in the amount of \$95,707, for the period beginning September 1, 1997, through August 31, 1998, of the City of Laredo Health Department.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$3,379.92 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Anna Avenue Truck Route Project (from Riverside Road to Orilla Avenue at Island Street), and approval of final payment in the amount of \$122,032.06 to Price Construction Company, Laredo, Texas. Final



construction contract amount is \$219,185.08. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve change order no. 2, a decrease of \$3,379.92 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Anna Avenue Truck Route Project (from Riverside Road to Orilla Avenue at Island Street), and approval of final payment in the amount of \$122,032.06 to Price Construction Company, Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Award of eleven (11) Architectural/Engineering (a/e) contracts, for surveying, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Projects for the FY 96-97 as follows:

1. Montgomery/India Drainage to Juarez Engineering for an a/e fee of \$56,400.00.
2. San Salvador/Pine/Chestnut Drainage to Foster Engineering for an a/e fee of \$76,400.00.
3. Tinaja Creek Channel Repairs to be design in-house.
4. Willow-Chacon Drainage to Ueckert Engineering for an a/e fee of \$5,800.00.
5. Chacon Creek Tributary Drainage Phase 2 to Porras Engineering for an a/e fee of \$50,000.00.
6. Herradura/Rancho Viejo Drainage to G.G. Salinas Engineering for an a/e fee of \$7,000.00
7. Alma Pierce Elementary School Drainage to G.G. Salinas Engineering for an a/e fee of \$7,700.00.
8. Southgate Pilot Channel Improvements to be designed in-house.
9. Azteca Neighborhood Paving Imps. to Sherfey Engineering for an a/e fee of \$5,300.00.
10. Aerator for North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant to Ueckert Engineering for an a/e fee of \$10,000.00.
11. Odor Control for North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant to Sherfey Engineering for an a/e fee of \$12,000.00.

These a/e contracts total \$230,600.00.

Motion to award eleven (11) Architectural/Engineering (a/e) contracts, for surveying, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Projects for the FY 96-97 as follows:

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11. Odor Control for North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant to Sherfey Engineering for an a/e fee of \$12,000.00.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Award of an engineering contract to Sherfey Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$95,500.00 to Provide Topographic and Boundary Surveys, Design and Preparation of plans and specifications, and includes preparation of survey drawing/plats for utility easements and right-of-way acquisition for the Airport Medical Park Infrastructure Improvements in conjunction with the grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA). Funding is available in the Airport Fund.

Motion to award an engineering contract to Sherfey Engineering Company, in the amount of \$95,500.00 to provide topographic and boundary surveys, design and preparation of plans and specifications, and includes preparation of survey drawing/plats for utility easements and right-of-way acquisition for the Airport Medical Park Infrastructure Improvements in conjunction with the grant application being submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Paving Improvements on Hilltop Road, approximately 1250 L.F. from Interstate IH-35 to Wagner Court. The current width of the street is 38 feet, and right-of-way from nine (9) abutting property owners is required in order that a 50-foot width can be obtained. Tentative award of construction contract is 1/6/97. Funding is available in Street Fund Imps.

Motion to approve construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Paving Improvements on Hilltop

Road, approximately 1250 L.F. from Interstate IH-35 to Wagner Court.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$5,000.00 to the engineering contract with Rust, Lichliter/Jameson, Laredo, Texas, for surveys of additional accessible ramps as recommended by the Historic Landmark Board and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the original engineering contract to provide surveys, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of 68 accessible ramps at 17 intersections at San Agustin Plaza, Bruni Plaza, Saint Peters Plaza and related routes to Jarvis Plaza. Original engineering fee of \$34,200.00 is increased by \$5,000.00 for a current a/e fee of \$39,200.00. Funding is available in the Transit Downtown Sidewalk.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$5,000.00 to the engineering contract with Rust, Lichliter/Jameson, for surveys of additional accessible ramps as recommended by the Historic Landmark Board and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to the original engineering contract to provide surveys, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of 68 accessible ramps at 17 intersections at San Agustin Plaza, Bruni Plaza, Saint Peters Plaza and related routes to Jarvis Plaza.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

52. Amending Section 5 - Method of Payment of City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 1995-1996 Aid to Other Agency contract with Border Area Nutrition Council (BANC) and Lifeline of Laredo, Inc. to extend the due date for submittal of the final payment request, from October 15, 1996 to November 20, 1996 and to authorize final payment to these agencies in the amount of \$5,625.00 and \$1,844.08 accordingly.

Motion amending Section 5 - Method of Payment of City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 1995-1996 Aid to Other Agency contract with Border Area Nutrition Council (BANC) and Lifeline of Laredo, Inc. to extend the due date for submittal of the final payment request, from October 15, 1996 to November 20, 1996 and to authorize final payment to these agencies in the amount of \$5,625.00 and \$1,844.08 accordingly.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Approval of General Fund Aid to Other Agencies Contracts

with:

- a) Border Area Nutrition Council in the amount of \$22,500.00,
- b) Boy's and Girls Club of Laredo in the amount of \$99,475.00,
- c) Communities in Schools in the amount of \$12,500.00,
- d) Catholic Social Services of Laredo, Inc., \$11,250.00,
- e) Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc., in the amount of \$28,050.00,
- f) Laredo State Center-Primavera in the amount of \$11,250.00
- g) Laredo Webb County Food Bank in the amount of \$20,250.00,
- h) Lifeline of Laredo, Inc., in the amount of \$9,000.00,
- i) Literacy Volunteers of America - Laredo in the amount of \$7,500.00,
- j) Mi Laredo Goals for the 90's in the amount of \$9,300.00,
- k) Ruth B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center in the amount of \$75,000.00,
- l) Sacred Heart Children's Home in the amount of \$2,625.00,
- m) The Rio Grande International Study Center in the amount of \$6,375.00
- n) Laredo Webb County Child Welfare in the amount of \$5,780.00,
- o) Webb County American Red Cross in the amount of \$6,675.00,
- p) Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., in the amount of \$7,500.00,
- q) BEST - Oringing Everyone Special Together in the amount of \$14,063.00,
- r) Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000.00,
- s) SER Jobs for Progress, Inc., in the amount of \$2,250.00, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997, in the amount of \$366,343.

Motion to approve General Fund Aid to Other Agencies Contracts, as amended with:

- a) Border Area Nutrition Council in the amount of \$32,500,
- b) Boy's and Girls Club of Laredo in the amount of \$99,475,
- c) Communities in Schools in the amount of \$12,500,
- d) Catholic Social Services of Laredo, Inc., \$11,250,
- e) Laredo Regional Food Bank, Inc., in the amount of \$18,000,
- f) Laredo State Center-Primavera in the amount of \$11,250,
- g) Laredo Webb County Food Bank in the amount of \$28,050,
- h) Lifeline of Laredo, Inc., in the amount of \$9,000,
- i) Literacy Volunteers of America in the amount of \$7,500,
- j) Mi Laredo Goals for the 90's in the amount of \$9,300,
- k) Ruth B. Cowl Rehab Center in the amount of \$75,000,
- l) Sacred Heart Children's Home in the amount of \$2,625,
- m) Rio Grande Int'l. Study Center in the amount of \$6,375,
- n) Laredo Webb County Child Welfare in the amount of \$5,780,
- o) Webb County American Red Cross in the amount of \$6,675,
- p) Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc., in the amount of \$7,500,
- q) BEST - in the amount of \$14,063,
- r) Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., in the amount of \$15,000,
- s) SER Jobs for Progress, Inc., in the amount of \$2,250,
- t) Lulac Council #7 in the amount of \$2,500, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1996 through

September 30, 1997, in the amount of \$366,343 with the amendment to correct items (a) from \$22,500 to \$32,500; (e) from \$28,500 to \$18,000; (g) from \$20,250 to \$28,050; adding item (t) Lulac Council #7 in the amount of \$2,500; and correcting the amount of \$366,343 to \$376,593.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

NOTE: Cw. Montalvo abstained on items (d) and (s).

54. Approval of Hotel/Motel Fund Aid to Other Agencies Contracts with:

- a) Border Olympics, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00,
- b) Laredo Children's Museum in the amount of \$40,000.00,
- c) Laredo Little Theater in the amount of \$11,839.00,
- d) Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra in the amount of \$37,000.00,
- e) LCC Dance Theater in the amount of \$5,000.00,
- f) LCC Dance Performance Troupe in the amount of \$5,000.00,
- g) LCC Music Department in the amount of \$12,600.00,
- h) LCC Guitar Ensemble in the amount of \$5,215.00, and
- i) Laredo Center for the Arts in the amount of \$131,360.00,
- j) Los Caminos Del Rio, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000,
- k) Lulac Council #12 in the amount of \$4,500.00,
- l) Webb County Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$27,390.00,
- m) Webb County Heritage Foundation /Republic of the Rio Grande Museum in the amount of \$25,360.00,
- n) Society of Martha Washington, Inc., in the amount of \$4,500.00,
- o) Lulac Council #7 in the amount of \$2,500.00, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997, in the total amount of \$331,264.00.

Approval of Hotel/Motel Fund Aid to Other Agencies Contracts with:

- a) Border Olympics, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000,
- b) Laredo Children's Museum in the amount of \$40,000,
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- f) LCC Dance Performance Troupe in the amount of \$5,000,
- g) LCC Music Department in the amount of \$12,600,
- h) LCC Guitar Ensemble in the amount of \$5,215,
- i) Laredo Center for the Arts in the amount of \$131,360,
- j) Los Caminos Del Rio, Inc., in the amount of \$10,000,
- k) Lulac Council #12 in the amount of \$4,500,
- l) Webb County Heritage Foundation in the amount of \$27,390,
- m) Webb County Heritage Foundation /Republic of the Rio Grande Museum in the amount of \$25,360, and
- n) Society of Martha Washington in the amount of \$4,500, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1996 through

September 30, 1997, in the total amount of \$331,264.00 with an amendment to delete item (o) Lulac Council #7 in the amount of \$2,500.00 and correcting the amount from \$331,264.00 to \$328,764.00.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

55. Authorize the purchase of two, 3/4 ton trucks through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments - Cooperative Purchase Program, in the amount of \$34,538.89, for use by the Fleet Maintenance Division. These two vehicles will be used as service trucks for the implementation of the in-house tire repair program.

Motion to authorize the purchase of two, 3/4 ton trucks through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments -

Cooperative Purchase Program, in the amount of \$34,538.89, for use by the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

56. Presentation regarding the request by Webb County for assistance to install 5,950 feet of water lines and 3,260 feet of sewer line in the Road and Bridge Complex and the Boy Scout camp. On November 6, 1995, City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement to operate and maintain the water and sewer improvements for this project. The agreement provided that the County pay the entire cost of the project. The County is now requesting City assistance.

Mayor Ramirez asked Council to reaffirm our commitment to the Boys Scouts by setting aside that amount that they had set aside (approximately \$42,000) as our cost to help the Boys Scouts develop their camp. He announced that no action will be taken on this item, but that we advise the Boys Scouts that we are committed to that amount that would have been put into this project to enhance the development of that camp as our contribution to that camp on behalf of the City to the Boys Scouts of America.

Motion to reaffirm City Council's commitment to the Boys Scouts by setting aside approximately \$42,000 which was requested as our cost to help the Boys Scouts of America and as the City's contribution to that camp.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

57. Discussion and possible action to approve the wording for the building plaque for the New Main Library and four Recreation Centers.

Motion to select the last one presented to them which includes the past and current city council members, architects/engineers, and construction company.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
 Second: Cm. Valdez  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

58. Report on the results of the family surveys of residents living on the 1600 through 2200 blocks of Lafayette and providing an estimate on the financing resources available with possible action.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, reported that staff had been directed by Council to conduct a follow-up survey to determine the residents individual needs and preferences. The following six different options were presented:

Option I -	Voluntary relocation only owner-occupants from 1700-2200 Lafayette Street (19)	\$1,463,000
	3 tenants included	45,000
	Subtotal	\$1,508,000
	Incidental expenses	36,100
	Demolition costs (22 structures)	176,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,720,100</b>
Option II -	(1) Relocate all owner-occupants from 1700-2200 Lafayette Street. (24)	\$1,848,000
	(2) Relocate all tenants same area	375,000
	Acquisition cost (rental properties)	635,000
	Subtotal	\$2,858,000
	Incidental expenses (appraisal & title policy)	93,100
	Demolition costs (49 structures)	392,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,343,100</b>
Option III -	Voluntary relocation owner-occupants and tenants from 1700-2200 Lafayette Street.	
	(1) - Voluntary owner-occupants (19)	\$1,463,000
	(2) - Voluntary tenants (9)	135,000
	Acquisition cost	356,560
	Subtotal	\$1,954,560
	Incidental expenses	53,200
	Demolition costs (28 structures)	224,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,231,760</b>
	Costs for adjustments for residents to stay	102,944
	Additional costs for pedestrian and driveway gates for 3 residents	3,000

Option IV - Relocation of owner-occupants and tenants who have signed or called desiring to move from 1600-2200 Lafayette Street.

Owner-occupant -	(21)	\$1,617,000
Tenants -	(13)	195,000
Acquisition cost		515,000
	Subtotal	\$2,327,000
Incidental expenses		64,600
Demolition costs (34 structures)		272,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,663,600</b>
Costs for adjustments for residents to stay		102,944
Additional costs for pedestrian and driveway gates for 3 residents		3,000

Option V - Property owners are claiming that their properties lost value due to the overpass. This option includes appraising those properties abutting the overpass and paying the property owners for damage. The amount cannot be determined until properties are appraised, however, the cost would be less than any of Options I through IV.

Option VI - Requires the acquisition of approximately 5 feet of additional right-of-way from Main to San Ignacio. This additional right-of-way will allow the paving of a 23 ft. back-to-back paved street which would be sufficient to allow off-street parking allowing sufficient space for traffic to continue without problems. This option includes the acquisition of 3 residences which will require the relocation of 2 tenants and 1 owner-occupant. It is estimated that it will require approximately \$612,480 to complete the project. This estimate includes acquisition of right-of-way, acquisition of improvements, removal, disposal, reconstruction of existing curb and gutter, removal of existing sidewalks, fence reconstruction, security fence, drainage, additional 5 feet of paving, and relocation of utilities.

Potential Funding Sources:

CD Reprogrammed Funds	\$969,562
Deferral of the purchase of lots for affordable housing identified in the 22nd Action Year.	\$1,000,000
West Laredo Project balance	200,000
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	\$2,169,562

Motion to pursue an agreement with HUD to move all the people



affected from the 1700-2200 Lafayette with presentation of option 2 and option 6 to the residents to see which one is more feasible for them, once they have the conclusion of which of the two options is more feasible, then they will pursue with the relocation process.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

59. Requesting authorization to begin the process of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) fund balances totaling \$335,676.00, to carry out various projects which have previously been recognized by the City Council to have urgency and which include:

- 1. Public Improvements associated with the Cigarroa, Farias and K. Tarver Recreational Centers. . . . \$189,200
  - 2. Paving Project 59 Grants . . . . . 26,480
  - 3. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Management Plan . . . . . 44,996
  - 4. Graffiti Removal Program . . . . . 75,000
- \$335,676**

CDBG Fund Balances totaling \$633,886.00 will still remain available for future reprogramming. This action is contingent on the identification and availability of separate funding in support of acquisition and relocation activities relating to the West Laredo Overpass.

Motion to authorize to begin the process of reprogramming Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) fund balances totaling \$335,676.00, to carry out various projects which have previously been recognized by the City Council to have urgency and which include:

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CDBG Fund Balances totaling \$633,886.00 will still remain available for future reprogramming. This action is contingent on the identification and availability of separate funding in support of acquisition and relocation activities relating to the West Laredo Overpass.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

60. Presentation regarding the implementation of a sewer rate increase, and requesting to set a date for the public hearing and introduction of the ordinance. At the August 17, 1996, City Council Meeting, staff was instructed to prepare a rate

structure to accomplish the following:

- a. Provide revenues for a \$1.5 million revenue shortfall,
- b. Provide funding for at least \$10 million in Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects,
- c. Improve the debt coverage ratio.

Mr. Fernando Roman, Interim Utilities Director, presented the following proposals with his recommendation of proposal I:

Proposal I

Increase the minimum by \$3.00 and the tiers by 14 percent. Typical residential bill on 14,000 gallons goes up from \$14.70 to \$18.99.

Proposal II

Increase the minimum by \$3.00 and the tiers by 12 percent. Typical residential bill on 14,000 gallons goes up from \$14.70 to \$18.80.

Proposal III

Increase the minimum by \$2.25 per month and the tiers by 14 percent. Typical residential bill on 14,000 gallons goes up from \$14.70 to \$18.24.

Motion to proceed with Proposal I as recommended by Mr. Roman and set the date of December 16th for a public hearing with a second reading on January 6th and with effective date of April 1st.

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

Against: 1                      Abstain: 0  
Cw. Montalvo

61. Presentation on the Texas Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Partnerships for Texans Programs and DCD Downpayment Assistance Program as applicable to the Concord Hills Development, with possible direction.

Mr. Joe Mann from the Texas Department of Community Affairs made the presentation before the City Council and stated that this morning the board approved \$1.8 million for the Concord Hill Subdivision for downpayment closing cost assistance to be matched by the city. He added that this is a 3 1/2 year program and they are trying to make a commitment to the City of Laredo for affordable housing not just in this project, but to look at other projects also. The Neighborhood Partnership for Texans Programs is a way to leverage their funds, and found that one of the ways to leverage their funds is by downpayment cost assistance which helps people get into houses and if they can provide that for people, the private sector will use their money to build the houses. They found that this is one of the most effective programs that they found and what they are trying to do is leverage their money with the city and the county to provide downpayment closing

cost and buy down reduction of the note (the first lien) to help people get into houses, people that are 80% and below of the area meeting income. He said that for Laredo the area meeting income is approximately \$28,800 according to HUD charts, therefore they are looking at people in the \$22,000 range and below. They looked at this particular project and have received approval this morning for \$3,000 per household for people 80% or below in the Concord Hill Subdivision and want to see if they can partner with the City of Laredo.

Cw. Montalvo asked if the monies are grant monies.

Mr. Mann stated that these are 0% loans, they are due and payable upon sale, refinanced or if the person just decides to start renting the house or in 30 years.

Motion to:

- (1) Modify the city's current city wide downpayment assistance program to increase the city's loan to \$3,000 per family and to commit to allocated portion of city CDBG and HOME funds sufficient to offer 1,200 families downpayment assistance city wide over the next four years, subject to availability of funds in each fiscal year.
- (2) To instruct staff to prepare the resolution and submit it to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as soon as possible and before the TDHCA has finalized their policy in the Neighborhoods Policy for Texans Program, to request that their criteria for qualification in neighborhoods be expanded to include existing and future single family neighborhoods in Laredo which are providing alternative forms of urban design, home construction systems, and community and immunities to those currently favored by the Texans Department of Housing and Community Affairs staff.

Moved : Cm. Casso

Cm. Casso believes that the project is unfair and unconstitutional because it creates segregation. It is a redistribution of wealth, it's a segregate redistribution of wealth and the project has not gone before P&Z and it needs to go before the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we do need to bring 1,200 homes to the table over 3-1/2 years, this a great idea and we should commit ourselves to build 1,200 homes. We have had other projects available including Fannie Mae that committed \$50 million dollars and had pretty good success with the banks here in town and working for people with low and moderate housing to find long term financing. Here we have 600 homes that are ready to go, that not only are going to be helped with \$3,000 from the city and the county, but are also going to be helped with \$3,000

more from the state and added that they can prioritize them. Let's commit to the 600 homes right now and we have 600 more to go. He added that he has no problem in putting HOME money up over the next five years which is \$5 million with builders having first crack at it for first downpayment assistance and raising it up to \$3,000 but if we can leverage \$9,000 for people in our community and put more people in homes over the next 3 1/2 years then we move with it, but it's entirely up to the City Council.

Motion was made by Cm. Perez and seconded by Cm. Valdez to move ahead with the Mayor's suggestion.

Before a vote was taken, Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, reported that staff had formulated a financing plan to be utilized in regard to this project and it was staff's proposal to present the following guidelines to be administered to the allocation of funding to Concord Hills:

1 - The City should adopt a plan which provides a total of \$1.8 million to be used for downpayment assistance with the source of funding to be identified on an annual basis for FY97-FY200.

2 - Beginning with the second year, funds will be allocated for each specific year. If the total annual allocation is not utilized, the remaining balance will be forfeited. NO balance will be carried over to the following year(s). The amount of funds utilized will be in relation to the number of homes which will be built.

3 - The award of funds will be based on performance and Concord Hill's ability to construct housing as per the schedule proposed. Termination of the contract will be held as an option by the City if Concord Hills fails to meet the productivity terms of the contract.

4 - The form of assistance can be provided in the form of a loan or a grant as may be decided by Council. As per guidance provided by Mr. John Maldonado, HUD/CPD Director, the City would need to be consistent in the form of assistance provided in order to promote fair housing and equal opportunity.

5 - The disbursement of funds by the City will be contingent on the State's and County's award of matching funds.

6 - It is suggested that the City's 1996 Downpayment Assistance budget be increased by \$150,000 in order to make funds available to other builders and/or individual first-time homebuyers who may seek assistance.

Motion to table the motion made by Cm. Perez and seconded by Cm. Valdez.

Moved : Cm. Casso

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 4

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Casso

Cm. Alvarado

Cw. Montalvo

Against: 5

Cm. Perez

Cw. Moreno

Cm. Valdez

Cm. Guerra

Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez voted against the motion to break the tie and thus resulting in defeat of tabling the motion moved by Cm. Perez and seconded by Cm. Valdez.

Cm. Bruni stated that the ad placed by Concord Hills developers was misleading and that it should be clarified before the public.

Mr. Evan Quiroz apologized for the ad that was placed in the Laredo Morning Times and will re-publish retracting the ad statements made with clarifications.

Motion to bring back a resolution endorsing Concord Hills as a concept for construction, subject to the guidelines that we've set up as recommended by staff that the \$150,000 be funded this year and that the appropriations will be subject to annual approval by the City Council but our commitment into this project long term on concept is \$1.8 million. The recommendation is to proceed with the Concord Hills Project as stipulated under the application of Community Affairs and that they come back to the City Council with the guidelines so that not just Concord Hills, but other developers have access to this money.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Cm. Perez

Cw. Moreno

Cm. Valdez

Cm. Guerra

Cm. Alvarado

Against: 3

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Casso

Cw. Montalvo

Abstain: 0

62. Approval of an interlocal agreement for FY 1996-97 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb in the amount of \$110,000 for locally supported public health services to non-Laredo residents of Webb County, for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

Motion to approve an interlocal agreement for FY 1996-97 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb in the amount of \$50,000 for 5 and 1/2 months for locally supported public health services to non-Laredo residents of Webb County

for the period beginning October 1, 1996 through March 15, 1997.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Casso was not present)

63. Approval of an interlocal agreement for FY 1996-1997 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb in the amount of \$72,000 for services provided by the City of Laredo Health Department, Tuberculosis Elimination Program, for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

Motion to approve an interlocal agreement for FY 1996-1997 between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb in the amount of \$72,000 for services provided by the City of Laredo Health Department, Tuberculosis Elimination Program, for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. Authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds from the Street Fund Reserve Appropriation line item to the Street Fund Clark Boulevard Extension (Spur 400) project in the amount of \$15,000.00 to perform underground trenching for electrical conduit work for future street lighting. Underground boring & trenching would be more expensive to perform after asphalt is poured by contractor on road surface. Contractor is now in the final stages of road surface preparation.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to transfer funds from the Street Fund Reserve Appropriation line item to the Street Fund Clark Boulevard Extension (Spur 400) project in the amount of \$15,000.00 to perform underground trenching for electrical conduit work for future street lighting.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

65. Authorization for paving of one block of Marcella Avenue between Hillside Road and Aurora Avenue (20 feet right-of-way) between Colonade I and Colonade II by the owner, KGS Joint Venture at his expense and as designed by Mejia Engineering Company. The authorization for the paving, which will be paid completely at the owners expense will be maintained by the City.

Motion to authorize for paving of one block of Marcella Avenue between Hillside Road and Aurora Avenue (20 feet right-of-way) between Colonade I and Colonade II by the

owner, KGS Joint Venture at his expense and as designed by Mejia Engineering Company.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

66. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the qualifications to be considered for hiring the positions of City Attorney and Police Chief.

Motion to table the executive session, but that staff go forward with the advertisement for a City Attorney.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
 Second: Cw. Moreno  
 For: 7  
 (Cm. Casso was not present)

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

67. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss pending litigation in Cause No. 96-CVQ01424-D3 which is, Grand Jury Proceeding RE: Gustavo Guevara and the City of Laredo in the District Court, 341st District Court, Webb County, Texas.

Mayor Ramirez handed the chair to Mayor Protem Casso and stated that he was excusing himself in this matter and requested that council seriously consider meeting in confidence with the District Attorney and the District Judge and have them listen to the tapes.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss pending litigation in Cause No. 96-CVQ01424-D3 which is, Grand Jury Proceeding RE: Gustavo Guevara and the City of Laredo in the District Court, 341st District Court, Webb County, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
 Second: Cw. Montalvo  
 For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez, Cm. Perez, and Cw. Moreno did not participate in the executive session and did not vote since they were not involved in the November 16th executive session.

After executive session Mayor Protem Casso announced that no formal action was taken and that we should follow the court order to allow the District Attorney to listen to the audio tapes.

68. Authorizing the City Manager to instruct the architect to proceed on the development of final plans for the Telecommunications Center and approval of site.





1. Presentation by Mayor Homero Quiroga Davila, from our Sister City of Cienega de Flores of an award to Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., and the City of Laredo.

Mr. Homero Quiroga Davila made the presentation to the Mayor who received the award which was presented in gratitude for our assistance to Cienega de Flores.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the approval of the City's participation in the Concord Hills Housing Project. **(Co-sponsored by Cm. Eliseo Valdez, Jr.)**

This item was discussed and action taken with item #61.

**B. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni**

1. Discussion and possible action on the bidding process of the City of Laredo.

No action on this item, time had ran out.

2. Status report on the Chacon Creek Interceptor Project, with possible action.

No action on this item, time had ran out.

3. Status report on the Casa Verde Acres Development to include the entrance Road, with possible action. Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, gave the following report:

- 1 - On August 19, 1996 - Council directed staff to meet with weekly with the residents of Casa Verde Road. Since then, meetings were held August 21 and 30; September 11, 13, 23; and October 30, 1996.
- 2 - In order to determine ownership, a comparison of the tax roll information was done on site with the property owners/residents of the area.
- 3 - In order to request a determination of this project by HUD, income verification was needed. A meeting was scheduled with Marco Garcia to meet with the property owners.
- 4 - On August 21, 1996 staff met with 5 owners during the evening. They agrees to provide family income verification by August 30, 1996.
- 5 - On August 30, 1996 the information was not received.
- 6 - September 11, 1996, staff again met with 4 other residents of the project area requesting their assistance to provide to provide income data.
- 7 - September 13, 1996, staff met with Marco Garcia who indicated that 3 to 4 families residing in the 38 acre-tract appear to be low/moderate income. An additional 5 to 6 families reside within the remaining 100 acres.
- 8 - On September 13, 1996, by memo to Mr. Florencio Peña, staff reports of a meeting held with Mr. Tom Brown,

- Texas Water Development Board (TWD) and Fernando Roman, Acting Utilities Director to discuss possible TWD assistance for the Casa Verde Project. MR. Brown indicated that step 1 would be to de-annex and comply with strict restrictions in order to qualify for a maximum of \$260,000.
- 9 - On September 23, 1996, certified letters, and thru personal delivery, were sent to those who had not responded (6). The letters requested income to determine eligibility for HUD assistance. Two (2) weeks were given for the residents to respond.
  - 10 - September 26, 1996, staff received response from 2 to 6. Traffic count was also requested by Roberto Murillo from TxDOT.
  - 11 - October 11, 1996, compiled results based on all responses received after October 4, 1996.
  - 12 - October 16, 1996, five (5) responses were received, however, did not meet low/moderate criteria. OF the 11 families residing at the site, only 2 families met the low/moderate criteria based on income form provided by staff.

Therefore, based on the requirement of 51% low/moderate benefit, this criteria could not be used for qualifying this project. However, staff in an effort to look for possible assistance for the Casa Verde residents, submitted a request to HUD to use the slum and blight national objectives.

On November 25, 1996, Messrs. John Maldonado, CPD Director, Richard Lopez, CPD Manager, and Nathan Ratner, CPD Representative, provided a verbal response to the City's request and informed staff that this project would not qualify.

However, on a positive note, \$500,000 has been projected for appropriation for this program under the Capital Improvement Project for fiscal year 2001. Design and engineering set at \$50,000 while materials and construction estimated at \$450,000.

Cm. Bruni stated that the safety issues, the wastewater issue and the turning lanes in front of the access road are the issues that need to be resolved, the blinking light is a problem and needs to be resolved.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Manager, reported that in reference to turning lane, they are working with TxDOT on this issue, it is a joint effort, they are trying to help them erase those lines, so they can go ahead and place the turning lanes. In reference to the requested flasher they are going to receive the ones that TxDot had on the Jacaman Road that are not being used, to move them to Casa Verde Road, this is in progress already, but he cannot give an exact date on it.

Roberto Murrillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that they did

get the equipment from TxDot, however they do need extra funding to do the installation because they have to use a contractor. He understands they will be placing an item on the agenda for the transfer of funds at a later date, so as soon as they get that they will start the project. They can do the turning lane and the blinking light by the end of the year.

Cm. Bruni stated he was out at the county park and noticed that the county personnel had bladed the road only to the county/city property line and it was not bladed all the way to the back of the property and they had not placed the oil base emulsion and wants to know when that road will be fixed.

Mr. Guerra stated they will fix the road by Friday. He emphasized that they were in agreement with the county that they would do all the road one time and then they city would do all the road the next time, but they did not do our road this time.

4. Status report on the Santos Trailer Park, with possible action.

No action on this item, meeting time had ran out.

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

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the Zamudio Warehouse located on Taylor Street as it relates to compliance with City Ordinances and hazardous materials handling and storage procedures. No action on this item, meeting time had ran out.

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

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the Interim City Manager's work performance over the last five months with possible Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

Motion to go into Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 concerning the Interim City Manager's work performance over the last five months .

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor Ramirez announced that no formal action was taken in executive session.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the termination and possible re-instatement of Mr. Jesus Nava as the Assistant City Manager, with possible Executive Session as authorized

by Texas Government Code, Section 551.074.

Mr. Nava requested that the discussion be held in open session.

The following persons voiced their support for Mr. Nava: Mr. Landin from the Firefighters Association, Elizabeth J. Gill, Mike J. Urdiales, Alice Y. Acosta, Viviana Frank, Frank Rotnofsky, Anselmo Castro, Jr.-Chairman of the Board of The Laredo Center for the Arts, Ann Vela, John Arndt, Robert Huber representing 83 signatures from the Villa del Sol Subdivision and Homeowners Association, and Victoria Ramos representing 125 signatures from various areas and La Azteca neighborhood.

Motion to give Mr. Nava a vote of confidence.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a right-of-way maintenance crew for the Public Works Department to maintain double frontage lots, and a request for a study for the need for additional traffic signage on Shiloh and International Boulevards.

Tony Hernandez and Gene Belmares appeared before the Council requesting speed signs to be placed to provide for speed reduction. They stated that speed humps or signage has been requested for the past 6 years be placed along Shiloh and International Boulevards. He asked that something be done immediately.

Cm. Guerra wants that a meeting be setup within the next couple of days with Mr. Belmares, Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Florencio Pena and the Traffic Director to see if they can come up with a solution on this issue.

Cw. Moreno suggested and supported that the city take a position on the stripping which can be done by staff, also that additional signs be placed to slow down traffic.

Cm. Alvarado asked that Mr. Landin look into this situation.

Motion to waive the rules of order and extend the meeting another 30 minutes. (time 11:30)

Cm. Alvarado went on record as saying that he concurred with Cm. Guerra that staff explore all the different ideas and explore all available avenues to see if they can find a solution.

Mr. Landin stated that the school has proper signage, he can

take care of stripping of the area this week, he can also put additional "slow" signs and put more speed limit signs, but that is a major arterial and they cannot put speed humps even if council approves them because we will be liable. He added he will take care of those things in his department that can be resolved by taking appropriate action.

**E. Requests by Councilmember Mario Alvarado**

1. Request for a study with recommendation from staff on setting up a guardrail at the dead-end of San Ignacio Avenue at Burnside.

Mr. John Arndt spoke a traffic accident that occurred due to lack of signage in the area.

Motion to instruct staff to build a barrier or setting up a guardrail at the dead-end of San Ignacio Avenue at Burnside.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Request for study from traffic department on setting up stop signs along Rancho Viejo Road and Bristol Road to slow down the speed.

This item was tabled, council ran out of meeting time.

3. Follow up on the request for the legal department concerning resolution of union membership, collection, and direct deduction of union dues.

This item was tabled, council ran out of meeting time.

**F. Requests by Councilmember Consuelo Montalvo**

1. Presentation by Alejandro Arreguin concerning building permit fees.

This item was tabled, council ran out of meeting time.

**XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

71. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a flower and gift shop on Lots 7 and 8, Block 601, Eastern Division, located at 1001 and 1008 Chihuahua St. This zone change is being initiated by Ricardo and Rosa Maria de Anda.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a conditional use permit for a flower and gift shop, on lots 7 and 8, Block

601, Eastern Division, located at 1002 and 1008 Chihuahua St. providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing the property owner, spoke in favor of issuing a conditional use permit for this flower shop.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

72. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 817, Eastern Division, located at 1501 thru 1511 Market Street, from R-0 which is (Residential/ Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District). This zone change is being initiated by Guadalupe and Armida Moreno. This is an appeal from a recommendation by the P&Z Commission for a B-1 zoning at this site.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 817, Eastern Division, located at 1501 thru 1511 Market Street, from R-0 which is (Residential/ Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing Guadalupe Moreno & Mr. Salinas, spoke of the zone change request and was appealing that it be a B-3 as originally applied for.

Mr. Guadalupe Moreno, Jr. stated that the purpose of the zone change was to be able to expand the laundry mat.

Mr. Ken Livingston spoke against the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing; follow staff's and P&Z

recommendation; and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 1                      Abstain: 0  
 Cm. Valdez

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Casso

73. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Sexually Oriented Business on Lot 9, Block 1, Tejas Industrial Park, Unit V, located at 8307 San Lorenzo Drive. This Special Use Permit is being initiated by Jose Salvador Tellez.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Sexually Oriented Business on Lot 9, Block 1, Tejas Industrial Park, Unit V, located at 8307 San Lorenzo Drive; providing for publication and effective

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Bob Peterson, President of Melton Truck Lines, spoke against the Special Use Permit stating that it would endanger the safety of the area.

Mrs. Marcia Jovel spoke against the Special Use Permit.

Jose S. Tellez, attorney representing the investors, spoke in favor of the request.

Motion to close the public hearing and table for the next council meeting to be posted with an executive session discussion.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Guerra  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to extend the meeting until 11:30 P.M.

Moved : Cm. Casso  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

74. Public hearing adopting an Annual Budget for 1996-1997 for the new special revenue fund "Mineral Leases Fund", and Amending General Fund budget to reflect such change in the accounting for proceeds from mineral leases revenues. City

Council approved the creation of a fund to account for the proceeds of revenues derived from bonuses, delay rentals, and royalties from mineral leases of City land.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Adopting an Annual Budget for fiscal year 1997 for Mineral Leases Fund, and amending General Fund budget to reflect changes in the accounting for proceeds from mineral leases revenues.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

75. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 annual budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the General Fund by \$260,000 for Flood Protection Planning, by transferring appropriated city funds in the amount of \$47,500 for the project, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said budget.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 annual budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the General Fund by \$260,000 for Flood Protection Planning, by transferring appropriated city funds in the amount of \$47,500 for the project, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0





There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

78. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$142,492 for the neural tube defect project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997; and increasing revenue line item no. 226-0000-323-4053 from \$0 to \$142,492, and increasing expenditure line item no. 226-6052 from \$0 to \$142,492.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$142,492 for the neural tube defect project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997; and increasing revenue line item no. 226-0000-323-4053 from \$0 to \$142,492, and increasing expenditure line item no. 226-6052 from \$0 to \$142,492.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

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: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

79. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget of the West Martin Field Fund to reflect the projected revenues and expenses required to execute a contract with the Nuevo Laredo Tecolotes baseball team to play 20 games at West Martin Field during the 1997 Mexican League baseball season. Projected revenues are \$193,090 and projected expenses are \$187,614.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget of the West Martin Field Fund to reflect the projected revenues and expenses required to execute a contract with the Nuevo Laredo Tecolotes baseball team to play 20 games at West Martin Field during the 1997 Mexican League baseball season. Projected revenues are \$193,090 and projected expenses are \$187,614.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION**

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

- 80. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of kitchen cabinets at the Jose A. Flores Apartments. Bids are being requested on the finished cabinets only, with the Housing Corporation maintenance staff being responsible for their installation. Bids will be received on December 20, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 6, 1997.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of kitchen cabinets at the Jose A. Flores Apartments.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

- 81. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of the vehicles approved in this year's fiscal budget. The vehicles authorized include:

- a. (1) - 1/2 ton truck,
- b. (1) - cargo van,

Bid pricing will be secured on conventional and compressed natural gas (CNG) engines. Funding is available in the department's capital outlay budget. Bids will be received on December 23, 1996 with a tentative bid award for January 6, 1997.

Motion to approve bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of the vehicles approved in this year's fiscal budget. The vehicles authorized include:

- a. (1) - 1/2 ton truck,
- b. (1) - cargo van,

Bid pricing will be secured on conventional and compressed natural gas (CNG) engines.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 8

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

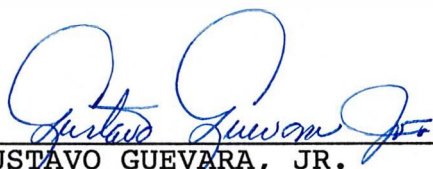
Moved : Cm. Bruni  
 Second: Cw. Montalvo  
 For: 5

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

(Mayor Ramirez, Cw. Moreno, and Cm Perez were not present)

Adjournment time: 12:15 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 44 ARE TRUE COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 1996. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

  
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 GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
 CITY SECRETARY

Minutes approved on: January 6, 1997