

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-95-R-04

FEBRUARY 6, 1995

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, JR.,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRUNI,	"	, DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JERRY BRUCE CAIN,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manager

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. City Council Meeting of January 16, 1995
- City Council Meeting of January 23, 1995

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas

Cm. Casso stated that on the minutes of January 16, 1995 on item 32 the people who voted for this item on the motion awarding a 3% pay increase in the City Manager's salary needs

to be corrected to read that it was six (6) members **FOR** and two (2) **AGAINST**, Cm. Casso and Cm. Guerra who voted against.

Cm. Casso stated that the only reason he had voted against this item was because of the peso devaluation.

Also items No. 16 and No. 17 on the January 16th meeting, Cm. Guerra was noted as voting **ABSTAIN** and he had voted **AGAINST** on both items.

On the meeting of January 23rd, Cm. Casso stated that he had a problem with the debate on the fire, the sprinkler debate item under **Communications** on page 5.

He quoted, "What I said was that we should start debating the fire safety issue and introduce an ordinance requiring all future warehouses to have sprinkler systems, therefore what I wanted staff to do was do some research concerning the added cost per square foot associated with sprinklers systems."

Cm. Bruni had brought up the hypothetical question of who would be liable, the city or the county if all our equipment would be tied up fighting a fire here in the city limits.

Mayor Ramirez said that most of the fires outside the city limits are brush fires so we don't really have much to worry about.

Motion to correct the minutes of January 16th and 23rd.

Moved : Cm. Casso

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to move up item X.(a) - Communications for discussion at this time.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Street Improvements Project 55; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the Street Paving Assessment Roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this Ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 20th day of March 1995.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to reimburse D. & R. Development in the amount of \$36,182.50, to cover the cost of oversizing an 8" wastewater line to 12", enabling the City to service Tejas II and III, the area north of Tejas III and the residential area south of San Lorenzo.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Amending Chapter 5.5, Article I. Ambulances of the Code of Ordinances by amending Section 5.5.28(a) to standardize rates to conform to new codes for ambulance rates and charges as determined by medicare; deleting Section 5.5-28(c) Mobile Intensive Care Unit Charge; and amending Section 5.5-28(2) to add new medications and their cost; providing for publication and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Mayor Protem Moreno stated that on page 15 of the ordinance it mentions that the city will not collect from patient services other than whatever medicare approves. In other words, that they will take benefits assigned as the term is used. She requested that they add that adjustments to the account will be made so that they don't show those accounts to be past due. She added that sometimes they don't bill people, but in the account it shows as if they owe money.

Mr. Vargas stated that they will look into it and address through the computer system.

Cm. Guerra asked if this ordinance would affect what we normally charge private patients when we go and pick them up and take them to the hospital.

Mr. Vargas stated that what this ordinance is attempting to do is to standardized the billing definitions that medicare/medicaid are using, because they have changed what they allowed are to be charged. They have combined several different services into one billing code and what we are trying to do is be consistent with that code so that it makes it easier to file the claims with medicare/medicaid. It is not making a change in the total cost, it's grouping them differently because medicaid is grouping them differently in the code.

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance #95-O-023, #95-O-025, #95-O-028, #95-O-030, #95-O-031, #95-O-032, #95-O-033, #95-O-034, #95-O-035, #95-O-036, #95-O-037, #95-O-038, and #95-O-039.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 95-0-023 Closing as a public easement that section of Flores and San Augustin Avenues between Zaragoza Street and that section of property formerly known as Water Street, also known as the 100 Block of Flores and San Augustin Avenues, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 95-0-025 Amending Ordinance No. 94-0-049 passed on March 7, 1994, to adjust the fair market value of a property formerly known as Vicente Street between Bartlett and Jarvis Avenues, also known as the 2200 Block of Vicente Street to reflect the value of the retained easement as further described in Exhibit "A". (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 95-0-028 Closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 53 and fixing a lien and charge. (Unanimous City Council)

Cm. Bruni stated that it was called to his attention that the residents in Towne East are still complaining about a company owned by Mr. Gallegos a cement plant, the Javalina. He asked what the status was on the problem that the city has and is experiencing on Hwg. 59. He said it was also called to his attention that Mr. Gallegos has retained an attorney to file a motion or file some kind of legal proceedings where he can continue working on Hwg. 59. Being that Towne East is in his district, he had received several calls of residents that were upset that apparently Mr. Gallegos is violating an order by the city to cease and decess operation there. Mr. Bruni wanted to know what staff had done to correct the problem and what the status is right now.

Jerry Cain, Assistant City Attorney, stated that a suit has been filed and there has been no hearing date set on the suit. It's a suit for a temporary injunction and for a permanent injunction. At this point they are waiting to get a court date. They have been told by Mr. Gallegos' attorney that a notice of deposition is going to be issued tomorrow for the City Manager and there will some discovery undertaken apparently. We also were told by his attorney that he would like to have this matter reviewed, on a review or re-application, as the case may be by the Planning and Zoning Commission with the idea that perhaps this time they can gain an approval. They want to present certain people as witnesses that were not heard at previous P&Z Commission hearings.

Cm. Bruni stated that the people of Towne East were adamantly against Mr. Gallegos doing business there. He was instructed by the City of Laredo to cease and decess operation on January 21st and he is still operating there as of five o'clock today. Under those circumstances, the City of Laredo can't be doing business with an individual that violates our codes, ordinances, direct initiatives and our direct order.

Mayor Ramirez stated that before making any motions he wanted to make it perfectly clear as to the entities that are being either proposed to be disqualified or not disqualified. He asked that the Counselor refer to this issue because it was to his understanding that the property that is being cited and is currently under litigation is under the name of Javalina Ready Mix and this particular contract which is a separate operation, is under Pete Gallegos Paving Company.

Jerry Bruce Cain, Assist. City Attorney, stated that he has not seen the contract.

Mayor Ramirez asked the attorney if he had an authority to differentiate two separately legal entities.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that as a point of information what's before the City Council is the final reading on the ordinance for the improvement district, not the award of the contract. The award of the contract was made at the last council meeting.

Mayor Ramirez stated he knows it has already been awarded, but that he just wanted for the record to

awarded, but that he just wanted for the record to ask if we could make that distinction between ownerships and companies, because there is something that was addressed previously, but not done specifically. They are two incorporated entities in which there is an individual that is involved in both entities and there is a difference there.

Mr. Vargas stated that it is under legal review, because they are two different companies granted the same principle.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we are assuming that, that he doesn't know if we have checked with the Secretary of State to see how they are registered under the corporate names to see who the officers and stockholders are.

Mr. Vargas stated that he was basing his comments on conversation that he had with Pete Gallegos, Jr.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the contract was awarded at last Monday's meeting and that this is just simply the final assessment for the project.

Cm. Bruni made a motion to table this item until it is cleared up as to who the principles are, what's going on legally, and until we find out on what direction this is going.

Motion to table ordinance 95-0-028.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Casso

Mr. Vargas stated that he would not recommend tabling the ordinance, because what this does is that it sets the assessment for the participation of the individuals that are going to be paying. That if the council had a concern with the awarding of the contract that has already been made, we have not issued an order to proceed and that we can approach that from that prospective to get a legal opinion with regards to what we can legally do to a contract that has been awarded. Mr. Vargas said that tabling this particular ordinance would not accomplish anything, all it would do is basically not put into effective the assessment aspect of the paving district. He said that it has nothing to do with the awarding of the construction, they are two separate issues.

Cm. Casso asked Mr. Vargas what is it we can do? He pointed out that Mr. Gallegos has a right to make a living, however, can he still obey the law? He is not above the law and is he going to comply? If he is not going to comply we should not be awarding him millions of dollars worth of contracts.

Mr. Vargas stated that the council had granted him 90 days to cease the operation at that location, when the contract was awarded he still had time left and our indications were that he was going to relocate that business. Since then, that has not happened, we have followed up by filing a motion for a temporary injunction and a permanent injunction and are following the due process of the law to reflect the council's decision, but that we do have to follow a legal procedure.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we cannot rush the law in a haste to create a judgement, the law is there and he is exercising his right under the law, but we are enforcing the law and we have taken the necessary steps to make sure that our interests as a city are protected through the law.

He recommended to the second of the motion to reconsider his motion to table, as this is an assessment and not the contract itself. He said all this would do would be to throw out the process of fixing the necessary lien so that the citizens can get their streets paved.

Cm. Casso stated that we need to address this issue if not, we just don't want to do business with him.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there is a policy, that if we are in litigation with vendors or contractors that we do not do business with them. We have delayed other contracts because of that in the past, but we can bring that up for reconsideration.

Cm. Bruni asked for a full report on the ongoing status between the City, Mr. Gallegos' and his attorneys to know exactly where we stand so he can report to his constituents.

(The second was reconsidered by Cm. Casso and was withdrawn, and also, the maker of the motion withdrew his motion to table.)

Motion to close the public hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 53 and approving fixing a lien and charge.

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

9. 95-0-030 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.4524 acres out of Porcion 36, Abstract 410 and 473, as further described in attached Metes and Bounds on Exhibit "A", located at Sierra Vista Road, east of U.S. Highway 83, of the City of Laredo, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date. (Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Motion to approve.

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

10. 95-0-031 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 40.725 acres out of Porcion 26, Abstract 282, and Survey 1021, Abstract 64, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located east of McPherson Road, south of Del Mar Boulevard, and northwest of the Laredo International Airport, from A-G (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family District); providing for pub. and effective date. (Louis H. Bruni)

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

11. 95-0-032 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 10.0 acres out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located on Highway 59, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve.

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

12. 95-0-033 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 8.70 acres out of Abstract 654,

Survey 1022, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located on the Bob Bullock Inner Loop north of Highway 59, from A-G (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve.

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

13. 95-0-034 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 253, Eastern Division, located at 419 Lane Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso)

Motion to approve.

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

14. 95-0-035 Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Housing Park on Lots 1 through 12, Block 2, out of Calton Gardens Mims Subdivision, located at the west 100 block of Calton Road, in the City of Laredo, known as the Hacienda Mobile Home Park; Providing for publication and effective date. (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

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

15. 95-0-036 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 24.1632 acres out of Porcion 25, Abstract 50, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Del Mar Boulevard extension and west of the proposed extension of the Inner Loop, from A-G (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 95-O-037 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 40.8800 acres out of Porcion 25, Abstract 50, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located north of the Del Mar Boulevard extension and west of the proposed extension of the Inner Loop, from A-G (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 95-O-038 Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Housing Park on the north half of Block 22 out of Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5200 Yearly Avenue, City of Laredo, and known as the Cole Trailer Park; Providing for publication and effective date. (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 95-O-039 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.743 acres out of Abstract 317, Survey 1026, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located at 1002 West Calton Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

19. 95-R-012 Appointing the nominees of Councilmembers Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso, Cecilia May Moreno, and Jerry Perez to be their representatives on the Laredo Commission for Women.

Motion appointing the nominees of Councilmembers Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso, Cecilia May Moreno, and Jerry Perez to be their representatives on the Laredo Commission for Women as follows.

District III Councilmember
Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso 1. Arlene Rash Aldridge

District IV Councilmember 1. Blanca Nalaschi
Cecilia May Moreno

District VII Councilmember 1. Camille Whitworth
Jerry Perez

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

20. 95-R-013 Supporting the continued enhancement of the Lake Casa Blanca State Park by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Motion supporting the continued enhancement of the Lake Casa Blanca State Park by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

21. 95-R-014 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the acceptance of 3.7977 acres of land deeded to the City of Laredo by Sally Hosea, Charles L. Franklin and Elaine Franklin Davis which is located east of the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Tomas Rodriguez, Director of Utilities, made the presentation before the City Council.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the acceptance of 3.7977 acres of land deeded to the City of Laredo by Sally Hosea, Charles L. Franklin and Elaine Franklin Davis which is located east of the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 95-R-015 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the acceptance of assignment of 155.5 acre feet of Class "A" Water Rights from the 1,400 acre feet deeded to the City of Laredo by Dr. Wright in payment of water availability charges in connection

with platting of Colonia Los Obispos Unit III; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to Municipal use and to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the acceptance of assignment of 155.5 acre feet of Class "A" Water Rights from the 1,400 acre feet deeded to the City of Laredo by Dr. Wright in payment of water availability charges in connection with platting of Colonia Los Obispos Unit III; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to Municipal use and to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 95-R-016 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a supplemental grant from the Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$224,438.00, for the period March 1, 1995 through August 31, 1995.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a supplemental grant from the Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority in the amount of \$224,438.00, for the period March 1, 1995 through August 31, 1995.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 95-R-017 Authorizing the City Manager to accept conveyance of 13.25 acre feet of Class A Irrigation use Water Rights under Claim No. 1696 from Patricia B. Sanditen in payment of water availability charges in connection with platting of Samlon Joint Venture; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to municipal use, establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept conveyance of 13.25 acre feet of Class A Irrigation

use Water Rights under Claim No. 1696 from Patricia B. Sanditen in payment of water availability charges in connection with platting of Samlon Joint Venture; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to municipal use, establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 95-R-018 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$24,198.00, with the City Designating \$16,133.00, in matching funds for a total of \$40,331.00, for third year funding of a Gang Investigation Program for a twelve month period beginning October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$24,198.00, with the City Designating \$16,133.00, in matching funds for a total of \$40,331.00, for third year funding of a Gang Investigation Program for a twelve month period beginning October 1, 1995, through September 30, 1996.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 95-R-019 Incorporating into the Street Closing/ Sales Policy Handbook, as Section 8, specific provisions for the sale and/or lease of street right-of-way where encroachments upon public right-of-way are in existence, and authorizing the City Manager, by a separate ordinance, to execute all necessary documents for the conveyance thereof.

Motion incorporating into the Street Closing/Sales Policy Handbook, as Section 8, specific provisions for the sale and/or lease of street right-of-way where encroachments upon public right-of-way are in existence, and authorizing the City Manager, by a separate ordinance, to execute all necessary documents for the conveyance thereof.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. 95-R-020 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00, with the City designating \$1,750.00, for a total of \$36,750.00, for the formation of a Binational Environmental Plan for the City of Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00, with the City designating \$1,750.00 for a total of \$36,750.00, for the formation of a Binational Environmental Plan for the City of Laredo, Texas and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. 95-R-021 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Water Rights Sales Agreement between the City of Laredo and Santa Maria Irrigation District, Cameron County No. 4, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-817, for the purchase of 100 acre feet of Municipal Water Rights; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Mayor Pro-tem Moreno asked about the status on water rights as to how the city is doing.

Mr. Vargas stated that we are in excellent shape.

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, stated that we own approximately 39,000 acre feet and last year we used approximately 33,000 which is where we wanted to be at approximately 15% above what we are using. He pointed out that in essence they are banking about 14,040 acres of municipal water rights that were deeded to us. We have these in our possession and we are using them in our Certificate of Adjudication, when this developer develops a plan, he already has this water rights he can credit these too.

We are investing an average of approximately \$1.2 million a year.

Mayor Ramirez asked about the status on the plant expansion.

Mr. Rodriguez elaborated on the plant expansion, he said it's going from 38 to 68 million in the filtration, as well as the Phase II which is the raw water intake structure which is being designed. For next year, the high service pumps which are pumping off portable water to the distribution system will put us up to the year 2001 at current growth and demand.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Water Rights Sales Agreement between the City of Laredo and Santa Maria Irrigation District, Cameron County No. 4, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-817, for the purchase of 100 acre feet of Municipal Water Rights; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. 95-R-022 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Water Rights Sales Agreement between the City of Laredo and Alejandro Ramon, Jr., Delia Ramon Martinez and Belia Ramon de Gutierrez, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2795, for the purchase of 52 acre feet of Class "B" Water Rights; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to municipal use, to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Water Rights Sales Agreement between the City of Laredo and Alejandro Ramon, Jr., Delia Ramon Martinez and Belia Ramon de Gutierrez, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2795, for the purchase of 52 acre feet of Class "B" Water Rights; authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for their conversion to municipal use, to establish a diversion point and to amend the City of Laredo's Certificate of Adjudication #23-3997.

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

30. 95-R-024 Accepting an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget revision in the amount of \$9,899.00, for the HIV Care Consortia (Ryan White) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion accepting an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget revision in the amount of \$9,899.00, for the HIV Care Consortia (Ryan White) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

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

VIII. MOTIONS

31. Approval of a General Fund contract with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995, in the amount of \$8,500.00, contingent upon RGISC providing proof of their tax exempt status under IRS form 501 (c) (3).

Mr. Vargas made some comments in reference to the City Charter which provides that when the budget is approved no additional entities be given monies during the fiscal year once the budget has been approved unless they have an existing contract with the city. The exception in this case, was that there was discussion with regards to this particular entity and a motion made by the City Council when the budget was adopted, however his recommendation to the council was that he would not recommend a similar treatment in the future, because the City Charter provides for closure of entities at the time the budget is approved. He reminded the council that a motion was made that council would consider funding this agency if they were to obtain matching monies from the EPA. This entity has gone to the Meadows Foundation and they have indicated that they would provide funding if the city would provide a match, that the reason that this item is in the agenda, however they are not a 5.01(c)(3) organization, that is why this consideration is contingent on

that and if they cannot get that certification we cannot follow through until that certification is obtained.

Mayor Ramirez stated that basically we are honoring our commitment made during budget to fund this organization. He added that for the future we should consider that if we do recognize requests like this for our next fiscal year, that we set a dollar limit that would be considered for contracting for those organizations contingent on the prerequisites that they have.

Motion to approve a General Fund contract with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 1994 through September 30, 1995, in the amount of \$8,500.00, contingent upon RGISC providing proof of their tax exempt status under IRS form 501 (c) (3).

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
Cm. Castaneda

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Slavin, Nevins and Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$17,975.00, to conduct a salary survey, and analyze and recommend improvements to the City's salary administrative policies.

Cw. Moreno stated that this expenditure should be deferred for later that she thinks something could be done in house. She added that not only is it an expenditure, but it could also be more money that we would be looking to spend once this survey came in.

Mr. Vargas stated that what they are recommending is that they prorate the cost of the two existing departments depending on their payroll amount. They were following up on council directive that they review the pay plan and classification plan in order to update and address certain concerns that have come over the last years.

Mayor Ramirez spoke on the steps taken to short term liquidity problem that Mexico is facing and stated that we recognize it. He said that the 1982 crisis is much more different than the one we recently experienced and that President Clinton has helped alleviate the short term liquidity problems and has placed Mexico for the long term in a better position for growth as a country. He added that before we try to retrench too far back and over react to the situation that we take it one step at a time and recognize that very definite steps have been taken at level that we have no control over, but that this is one item that we do have direct control over, that can wait since we are rolling

into mid term of our fiscal year and suggested that this item be not be considered at this time.

Motion to defer indefinitely and be looked at the next budget.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, Courtesy Ford, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$58,517.85, for the purchase of three full size utility vehicles, one for the Fire Department, and two for the Airport Police; and Gillespie Ford, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$19,174.40, for the purchase of one mid-size utility vehicle for the Engineering Department.

Motion to award contract to the low bidders, Courtesy Ford, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$58,517.85 for the purchase of three full size utility vehicles, one for the Fire Department, and two for the Airport Police; and Gillespie Ford, in the amount of \$19,174.40, for the purchase of one mid-size utility vehicle for the Engineering Department.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorize the purchase of radio equipment for the Police and Fire Departments in the amount of \$37,445.29, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments - Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Motion to authorize the purchase of radio equipment for the Police and Fire Departments in the amounts of \$37,445.29, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments - Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Authorize the purchase of four police package patrol units in the amount of \$65,744.64, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments -Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force.

Motion to authorize the purchase of four police package patrol units in the amount of \$65,744.64, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments -Cooperative Purchasing Program, for the Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Ferrara Firefighting Equipment, Baton Rouge, LA., in the amount of \$11,237.48, for furnishing various equipment (power saw, fire hose, air bag system) to the Fire Department.

Motion award a contract to the low bidder, Ferrara Firefighting Equipment, in the amount of \$11,237.48, for furnishing various equipment to the Fire Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. Award of a contract to Duro Test, Fairfield, NJ., in the amount of \$10,010.00, and Industrial Lamp Supply, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$8,984.00, for the purchase of high quality, low maintenance traffic signal lamps.

Motion to award a contract to Duro Test, Fairfield, NJ., in the amount of \$10,010.00, and Industrial Lamp Supply, in the amount of \$8,984.00, for the purchase of high quality, low maintenance traffic signal lamps.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

38. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$19,069.00, for the purchase of one uniloaders for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion to award a contract to the sole bidder, Nueces Power Equipment, in the amount of \$19,069.00 for the purchase of one uniloaders for the Parks and Recreation Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

39. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Holt Company of Texas, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$41,727.00, for the purchase of one backhoe/loader for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidder, Holt Company of Texas, in the amount of \$41,727.00 for the purchase of one backhoe/loader for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 40. Award of a four month office supply contract to the Low Bidder, Executive World, Laredo, Texas, for providing general office supplies for all city departments.

Motion to award a four month office supply contract to the low bidder, Executive World, for providing general office supplies for all city departments.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 41. Award of an annual contract to the Low Bidders, DPS Industries, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas (\$142,316.00), Baychem, Odem, Texas (\$51,600.00), FE3, Celina, Texas (\$36,000.00), Boliden Intertrade, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (\$30,190.80), Davis Water waste Industries, Inc., Tallevast, Florida (\$29,455.00), Sweetwater Technologies, Temecula, California (\$23,400.00), Skyhawk Chemicals, Houston, Texas (\$19,900.00), La Roche Industries, Seabrook, Texas (\$13,000.00), and APG Lime Company, New Braunfels, Texas (\$4,268.40), for the purchase of chemicals on an as needed basis for the Utilities Department.

Motion to award annual contract to the low bidders, DPS Industries, (\$142,316.00), Baychem, Odem, Texas (\$51,600.00, FE3 (\$36,000.00), Boliden Intertrade, Inc., (\$30,190.80), Davis Water waste Industries, (\$29,455.00), Sweetwater Technologies, (\$23,400.00), Skyhawk Chemicals, (\$19,900.00), La Roche Industries, (\$13,000.00) and APG Lime Company, (\$4,268.40), for the purchase of chemicals on an as needed basis for the Utilities Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 42. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, Hollywood Gardens Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$119,240.00, for providing ground maintenance services for the Utilities Department and the Bridge System.

Cm. Casso asked why where there any other bids, and public notices on the newspapers. He said he knows people who are interested in bidding on this item.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Agent, stated that they were advertised in the newspaper, he did not have the exact dates, but he can get that information for Cm. Casso. In addition to publicizing in the newspaper they sent bid notices to eight or ten vendors that are in the vendors list, they do give them the opportunity to bid and they welcome more bids,

but on this particular contract only one bidder came in. In previous years only two or three bidders have been able to comply with our insurance requirements.

Mayor Protem Moreno suggested to staff that they review and consider other areas for private contracting such as the Zacate Creek maintenance.

Motion to award a contract to the sole bidder, Hollywood Gardens Company, in the amount of \$119,240.00 for providing ground maintenance services for the Utilities Department and the Bridge System.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Award of an annual concessions contract to J & A Restaurant, Laredo, Texas for the exclusive rights to sell food items at the Benavides Softball Complex.

Motion to award an annual concession contract to J & A Restaurant for the exclusive rights to sell food items at the Benavides Softball Complex.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Union Metal Corporation, DeSoto, Texas, in the amount of \$14,525.00, for the purchase of seven traffic signal mast arm assemblies for installation at the intersections of Springfield/Mann Road and Meadow/Plum Street.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidder, Union Metal Corporation, in the amount of \$14,525.00, for the purchase of seven traffic signal mast arm assemblies for installation at the intersection of Springfield/Mann Road and Meadow/Plum Street.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Becker Fire Equipment Company, Casper, WY., in the amount of \$599,443.00, for the purchase of one tele-squirt, aerial fire truck, and one 1250 gallons per minute (GPM) fire pumper truck.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidder, Becker Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$599,443.00.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

46. Award of a contract to the Next Lowest Responsible Bidders, M.G. Builders and Juan M. Gonzalez for concrete and gypsum board construction for the South Laredo Affordable Housing Project.

Motion to award a contract to the next lowest responsible bidders, M.G. Builders and Juan M. Gonzalez for concrete and gypsum board construction for the South Laredo Affordable housing Project.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

47. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Price Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$1,891,982.36, for the McPherson Road Extension (from Shiloh Drive to 1,600 feet north of the Inner Loop) EDA Project No. 08-01-02878, North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Improvements Projects.

Cm. Bruni stated that this is one of our city contractors caught violating a city ordinance and was fined. He asked if this contractor had paid his fine.

Mr. Vargas stated the he is current with whatever he owes. He stated that what is basically done is that they run all the contractors through a review where if they have any debts or taxes pending.

Phyllis Colon, Tax Assessor/Collector Director, stated that there was some disagreement about who's fault some of the problems were. They sat down, worked out an agreement, they came with funds, paid off and are interested in working with the city in the future.

Cm. Bruni had a point of concern that if contractors keep violating our ordinances, he doesn't see how a contractor that works for the city violates our own city ordinances. He asked that the we keep a close look on city contractors that keep violating our ordinances.

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Price Construction, in the amount of \$1,891,982.36, for the McPherson Road Extension.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

48. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$40,000.00, to the engineering contract with Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) Austin, Texas, for additional engineering and surveying services for the Wastewater System Map Update and Master Plan for the City of Laredo in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission requirements.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$40,000.00 to the engineering contract with Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM) for additional engineering and surveying services for the Wastewater System Map Update and Master Plan for the City of Laredo in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission requirements.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$67,000.00, to the engineering contract for the Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 52 (47 Blocks) with Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for additional engineering services to provide surveys, design and the preparation of plans and specifications for the replacement of waterlines on 29 City Blocks in conjunction with the Street Recycling Project.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$67,000.00, to the engineering contract for the Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 52 (47 Blocks) with Foster Engineering Company, for additional engineering services to provide surveys, design and the preparation of plans and specifications for the replacement of waterlines on 29 City Blocks in conjunction with the Street Recycling Project.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$46,250.00, to the Del Mar Boulevard Reconstruction from McPherson Road to the Inner Loop being constructed by City forces (Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department).

Motion to approve change order no. 1, an increase of \$46,250.00, to the Del Mar Boulevard Reconstruction from McPherson Road to the Inner Loop being constructed by City forces (Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department).

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Reddy Engineers & Contractors, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$4,559,024.00, for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 3 Million Gallons per day to 6 Million Gallons per day.

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, made the presentation before the City Council in reference to this contract.

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Reddy Engineers & Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$4,559,024.00, for the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion from 3 Million Gallons per day to 6 Million Gallons per day.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Guerra requested from staff a listing of engineering contracting costs and separating the outside firms from the local firms.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

52. Authorization from the City Council to cancel the second City Council meeting in February (February 21, 1995) and defer all agenda items to the third meeting in February (February 27, 1995) as a result of the activities associated with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Festivities.

Motion to authorize to cancel the second City Council meeting in February (February 21, 1995) and defer all agenda items to the third meeting in February (February 27, 1995) as a result of the activities associated with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Festivities.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem Moreno was chairing the meeting while the Mayor was out temporarily)

53. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the Financial Advisory Contract with First Southwest Company to include the arbitrage rebate investment services in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to amend the Financial Advisory Contract with the First Southwest Company to include the arbitrage rebate investment services in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem Moreno was chairing the meeting while the Mayor was out temporarily.)

54. Presentation of the City of Laredo 1993-1994 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo

Finance Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Gonzalez, Farias, & Guerra.

Mr. Vargas presented a written report to the Mayor and City Council as audited by the independent audit firm of Gonzalez, Farias, and Guerra. He stated that the report was presented to the Audit Committee. The audit is an audit without exception which means that they found no inconsistencies in the audit. We ended last year with revenues that exceeded our projected amount, our expenditures were below what was authorized in the budget by the City Council.

Ms. G.G. Flores, accounting partner of Gonzalez, Farias, and Guerra, introduced the persons who were involved with the audit work done for the City of Laredo who were Michelle Jackson, Audit Manager; Eloy Rodriguez, Audit Senior; Eloy Gutierrez, Staff Auditor; and Leticia Rodela, Staff Auditor.

Ms. Flores made the presentation before the City Council and elaborated on the requirements that the City Charter which require that the city have an annual audit conducted by an Independent Certified Public Accountant. The objective of an audit is to provide a reasonable basis for expressing an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. In providing a base for the expression of such an opinion they obtained an understanding of the internal control structure and the assessed control risk. Tests were performed of accounting records, responses to inquiries, by obtaining collaboration matter to inspection, observation, confirmation and certain other procedures ordinarily performed during an audit.

She added that they do not express an opinion on the internal control structure. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the City of Laredo, Texas was prepared by the City's Financial Services Department. This report is 273 pages, this was a monumental task and they commended the Financial Services Department for their hard work and dedication. The financial statements are the responsibility of the city's management. Their responsibilities as auditors is to express an opinion on the general purpose financial statements based on their audit. In their opinion, the general purpose financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the City of Laredo, Texas as of September 30, 1994 and the results of its operations and cash

flows for the year then ended. They issued an unqualified opinion and what this means is that in their judgment the resources and obligations of the City of Laredo are fairly presented in all material respects as of September 30, 1994. They have met with the Council's Audit Committee and have covered the financial statements and the letter to management, some of the financial statements highlights that they covered at the Audit Committee meeting were that the total general fund balance as of September 30, 1994 was \$12,439,371.00, the total general fund balance as of September 30, 1993 was \$9,490,754.00 an increase of \$2,939,617.00 or 30.9% this fund balance represents approximately two and a half months operating expenditures, average monthly expenditures, operating expenditures in 1994 were \$3.3 million, general fund revenues increased in 1994 by \$5,512,381.00 or 13.42% of 1993 levels. General fund expenditures increased in 1994 by \$2,872,036.00 or 7.5% of 1993 levels, the economic condition of the City of Laredo during fiscal year 1994 surpassed 1993. Air traffic increased by 14%, sales tax collections increased by 8.98%, water connections increased by 5.3%, property tax levy increased by 12.5%, bridge revenues increased by 8.75%, franchise receipts increased by 6.28 and the general fund balance increased by 30.9%.

The city's 1993 financial report received a Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. It is the sixth certificate awarded to the City of Laredo.

NOTE: For the record, there was no audit report turned in to the Office of the City Secretary for public inspection and review.

Cm. Casso stated that he had asked Mr. Richard Perez why it is the they are not receiving copies of the unaudited financial statements. He was told that the Finance Director made a unilateral decision not to do that anymore, that he was going to be issuing reports every quarter. He requested that a monthly report or at least the next 90 days until the crisis passes. He also requested a portfolio of the fund balance from staff.

Jesus Nava, Assistant City Manager, stated that a copy will be given to him, plus a copy of the investment policies.

Cm. Casso asked on the fund balance of the general fund, what are they projecting to have at the end of the fiscal year?

Mr. Vargas explained that they were recommending to council a draw down of \$2 million over the course of the year to end up at approximately ten and a half million dollars at the end of

the fiscal year. He added that on previous meetings the council had given direction that certain monies be earmarked for specific uses, those projects haven't come on line or whatever, so when we tell you the exact amount of unobligated reserve, we reduce that amount. That's why you have two different figures, the unobligated and the restricted as well. You combine the two and you come up with the total amount that's available.

Motion to accept the audit report as presented by the auditing firm of Gonzalez, Farias, and Guerra.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

55. Presentation by Vince Cantu of Border Beverage, Inc., regarding a special promotion to raise funds to build a party pavilion at Thomas Swimming Pool with possible action.

Mr. Vince Cantu, General Manager of Border Beverage, Inc., made a presentation to the council requesting permission to proceed with possible fundraisers to build a pavilion at the Thomas Swimming Pool.

Mr. Vargas stated that the proposal is that fundraising activities be made to construct a pavilion at the Thomas Park Swimming Pool to house festivities or activities there and perhaps charge for the rent for the pavilion itself. The request was that in return for those fundraising activities, that Mr. Cantu would be seeking the right to place some kind of advertising on the pavilion.

Motion to grant Border Beverage, Inc. permission to proceed with building a party pavilion at the Thomas Swimming Pool.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

Cm. Castaneda recommended to council that as part of their motion that they direct staff to incorporate the policy in regards to how the signage is going to be.

Second to the motion concurred with the amendment.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Presentation by Betty Flores of the Laredo National Bank on the status of the "Gateway to Mexico" trademark.

Mrs. Betty Flores from the Laredo National Bank introduced Rene Gonzalez, Mercurio Martinez III, Albert Lowry, Joey

Lopez, Alfredo Pellegrin, and Daniel Gomez. Mrs. Flores stated that they represent 239 years that they have lived in Laredo, and therefore are very proud to call themselves Laredoans. In 1990 they started to find out how the Laredo National Bank got ownership for the City of Laredo for the trademark "Gateway to Mexico" especially in light of the fact that many cities around us were using it and just suddenly on the border. So consequently, back in 1990 they started to look at the possibility of filing that. She was before the City Council again in 1991 when they received approval to use the TM or SM which indicated their intention to claim service mark to that right, five years and a few thousand dollars later, it gives them the great pleasure to give the council the registration and the registration number 1,861,243 for the gateway marked "Gateway to Mexico" which was registered on November 1, 1994 notice of registration should be given by displaying in proximity to the mark the words registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the "R" or Registered U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Ms. Flores concluded by saying that the registration term is for ten (10) years, but it will be cancelled if the declaration showing continuance used of the mark is not filed between November 1, 1999 and November 1, 2000.

She stated that they have it on file, will use it and that she appreciated the fact that they will be promoting it in all correspondence.

Mrs. Flores presented the Mayor with the official United States of America Certificate of Registration.

At this time Cm. Casso stated he had some items for discussion under communications.

Mayor Ramirez stated that if they are items for detailed discussions and topics of general discussion, that he was warned by our Counsel that we are strained from the intent of our open meeting act by bringing in a varied number of subjects and discussing them in great length under communications and would request that the Councilmembers start to put, because you are allowed to place items on the agenda, that they be placed on the agenda for discussions. He will allow for comments about events and specific time certain events that are to be held in the future by way of communications or general instructions for items to be placed on the agenda for discussion at a later date.

- b. Cm. Cardenas reminded the Mayor, the City Council and public about a press conference tomorrow (February 7th) concerning the Texas Louisiana League at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, the name of the team will be announced and the introduction of the baseball manager will also be announced.

- c. Cm. Castaneda thanked and acknowledged the Administration for attending the grand opening of the U.S. Bar Coding. He stated that Mr. Vargas and the rest of the staff had worked very hard to make sure that we maintained the postal contract here in Laredo which is about \$6,500,000.00 impact in this community providing over 300 plus jobs.
- d. Cm. Casso wanted to make a comment about the Performance Report publication on Sunday's newspaper. He wanted staff to let him know how much it cost and why his phone number was not included.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that his number was left out because they did not have it available, they had sent him a form and that he had given direction not to give out his home phone number.

Cm. Casso stated for the record, "I have a city line at home and its 712-8683." He stated that they should have asked him and that it should be corrected.

He also asked why was is that they did not let them say something to their constituents, that they used to do it in the past, but that now they don't.

Mr. Vargas stated that it has never been that practice with that document and added that this document is a staff report.

Cm. Casso stated that it is a propaganda report.

Mayor Ramirez stated that if it is propaganda and if he finds any information that is false or misleading, that he bring this to their attention so they can make the necessary corrections.

Cm. Casso stated that the building permit figures are inaccurate, because there are many people that are not taking out building permits.

Mayor Ramirez stated, "Councilman... what I'd like for you to do because again for the record these are communications... that if you do have those kinds of complaints I prefer that you put them in writing and submit them to the City Manager and just send me copies."

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

- 56. Request by Mayor and City Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Request by Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the ad-valorem tax collections during the peso devaluation crisis.

Cm. Casso wanted to know from staff what was the city's plan for tax relief and how is it going to affect our cash flow during this economic times.

Phyllis Colon, Tax Assessor-Collector, stated that all taxes are assessed and collected according to state law and this council has followed all procedures along with staff to see that the taxes that we have in place, that are in place, are done according to state law. In addition to that, the City Charter is very clear that we cannot make any exceptions or allowances on how we collect them, they must be done according to state law.

Mrs. Colon added that they do work with people and if they come in, they try to help them. The collections have been very good so that she doesn't think the economic problem has affected the collections at this point. She cautioned anyone about trying to make exceptions for any particular group of people because this will land them in a lawsuit. She continued by saying that if they are going to give a break of some type they have to go straight across the board for everybody. For the 1994 taxes we are already way beyond that point and the collection process will continue. What happened in 1995 will take place in July, August and September and that will be the council's decision.

Mrs. Colon referred to Section 7.03 of the City Charter which does say that no one including the City Council, the administrator, or anyone has the right to make any exception on the collection of the tax. That they must be timely, they are due October 1st, in this case October 1, 1994, paid in full by January 31st and if they are not paid, then they are turned over for delinquent collections, and attorneys then take complete control of the role as of July 1st.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning Laredo's health indicators.

Cm. Casso wanted the Health Department to give a report and monitor something similar to the Business Border Indicators that TAMIU is being issuing almost every month on building permits and crossing. He pointed out that he had a list of many diseases and health problems that are not being addressed and in fact, getting worst. He quoted death statistics on heart diseases, diabetics, tuberculosis, salmonella, hepatitis, prenatal care, the aid virus, rabies epidemics, etc., added that our river is highly contaminated, the sewage plant in Nuevo Laredo is only going to address 70% of the wastewater and not the other hazardous materials.

There is creek pollution, creeks are on line, in some cases sewer lines are discharging into the creeks, the Manadas Creek has a special problem with chemicals and metals, hazardous materials spills, and we care to admit there is no tracking, there is no inspection in warehouses, there is no awareness certification, we don't have any epidemiological studies of public servants exposed to hazardous fumes or materials. He wanted for staff to start graphing this issues and show if we are going backwards or forward, if it's improving for health here in the border, and maybe compare to different border cities like Brownsville, Del Rio, El Paso, and maybe out of state.

Jerry Robinson, Health Director, stated that he understands the councilman's concern, the health indicators that we do have for Laredo and Webb County are nothing but alarming. He understands how he would like to know what is happening and what we are trying to do and that he would be more than happy to produce such a report, whether the report would be good on a monthly basis or some other basis, they will look into that. He stated it is timely, because there is a lot of public concerned about our health status, environment and what we are trying to do about the environment. They are targeting a lot of effort specific to problems that Cm. Casso has pointed out, some of the problems get lost because of the overall picture, because of public's concern to illustrate that point. He elaborated on tuberculosis figures at state and national average and on very effective tuberculosis programs, added that it's going to be very difficult to make a reduction on rates here if we did not work with our Sister City, Nuevo Laredo, where the rates there by estimate are 9 to 10 times the rate of the State of Texas. There are grant funds from the federal government, there is a Binational Tuberculosis Control Program and there is a lot of effort through the Health Department specifically on prenatal care, because not many years ago our statistics were terrible for infant deaths and early childhood deaths beyond the infant stage prior to that.

We have made a significant difference, that has occurred, we are now better than the state and the national average. It took years of effort and years of getting funds together to bring those things about. On environmental areas they are starting some testing programs. They do look at the statistics, they do look at what's happening, and they do target resources.

A report such as what Cm. Casso is requesting would be helpful to everybody, to the council in general to look at those issues, he will work on a report such as this and bring back to council.

B. Request by Councilmember Cecilia May Moreno

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the addition of 25-30 blocks of streets needing curb and gutter be included on Project 58, and the development of a Project 59 to include 50-60 streets needing curb and gutter and the development of a program to provide curb and gutters to the remaining streets in the City.

Cw. Moreno stated that they had received a report from staff that listed about 29 streets that have not been addressed for needing curb and gutter, that is, that they have not been assigned to a project and there are 21 streets that they recommend need not just curb/gutter, but complete reconstruction.

Motion to instruct staff to add 29 blocks that need curb/gutter to project 58 the ones addressed on the report and instruct staff to prepare project 59 for funding during the budget year during our next budget to include those 21 blocks that need the construction.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno asked that these projects be identified by streets and block number so that they can look at them and see if there are any street on their districts that have been left out.

C. Request by Councilmember Jerry Perez

1. Presentation by Judge Hector Liendo concerning the results of the clean-up of trash and graffiti campaign in conjunction with Code Enforcement Division.

Motion to table for the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

1. Report concerning the findings of the Ad Hoc Concession Committee.

Cm. Cardenas stated that on December they met with the management of Volume Services who operates at West Martin Field in references to complaints and grievances that were being reported and they were asked to correct the deficiencies. At that time Mr. Dovalina informed them that

due to the fact that the City Council was going to award a baseball contract to the Texas Louisiana League, they would have to void or cancel the contract with Volume Services in regards to West Martin Field. At this time Mr. Barnhill is waiting for a letter from the city where it states that we are going to cancel the contract with Volume Services in reference to West Martin Field.

Larry Dovalina, Civic Center Director, stated there is a clause in the contract where after a year in the existing contract you can cancel for the sake of convenience. He stated that there might be a cost for the capital equipment involved.

Motion to send a letter to Volume Services where it states that we are going to void or cancel the contract with them in reference to West Martin Field.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For : 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem Moreno was chairing the meeting while the Mayor was out temporarily.)

Cw. Moreno stated that since we went to this contract the Civic Center has been loosing business, somehow it is not serving the needs of the community and that it is not what the people needed.

Mayor Ramirez elaborated on how they ended up having this contract. There was an organization here that suggested that we contract our services because we had no business being in the concession business. We said that we were open to ideas, we were willing to look at this and we looked at it and it does not work, we have come to that point where the realization is set in throughout the community that this is not a feasible way of handling our concessions, and in particular our services at the Civic Center. He concluded, "So how do we address that bigger question?"

Mr. Dovalina answered that in the discussions that have been held at the different meetings with the Ad Hoc Concession Committee, the discussions have mostly been trying to resolve customer service issues, in particular people that are dissatisfied for one reason or another with either the type of service that they got or whether the prices are too high, or whether they need adjustments. He added that as in all things, there is always a period of adjustment that you go through when you start something different and in this case we knew we were bucking tradition and that traditionally people had done certain things in relation to the functions that they held and that there was going to be some resistance to that. Over the course of time, the issues will be resolved if we can get the contractor to upgrade his

performance as far as customer service which is the basic complaint that council is getting now.

Cw. Moreno asked how long will we continue to believe this?

Mr. Dovalina said that we specifically addressed several issues, one of them relating to staffing, of having adequate staffing at the functions so that people would be served in the appropriate amount of time.

Cw. Moreno stated that the real issue is that people want to be able to bring their things, it is not what Mr. Dovalina is saying.

Mr. Dovalina answered that it is a public building, it is a public issue and basically you have to get a consensus from the council as to what policies you want to allow to occur there.

Cw. Moreno stated that she was hoping that this was what the Ad Hoc Committee would have addressed, because this has been problem.

Mr. Dovalina stated they are taking the systematic approach.

Mayor Ramirez stated that this leads to the next step, as to whether it is cost effective or not for the current contractor to continue providing their services within that facility.

Cm. Cardenas informed the Council that there were about 19 events that were cancelled, they were complaints in regards to Volume Services and at that meeting they instructed Mr. Dovalina to conduct a survey as far as the rates and that by next month Mr. Dovalina will have some information on that.

Note: Mayor Pro-tem chaired the meeting at this time.

Cm. Castaneda stated that the 19 events that they are talking about are the ones that have come forward, that he concurred with Mayor Protem Moreno and the fact that the eventual outcome would be that we go back to part of the tradition that we had before. He added that he has been having alot of discussions in his district regarding this particular issue. Cm. Castaneda concluded by saying that he would back Cw. Moreno in trying to make sure that we follow that direction.

Jesus Nava, Assistant City Attorney, stated that during the budget process, that we go back and visit the Civic Center and we'll also bring up the fact that we do continue to subsidize that operation out of the hotel motel fund which would be fine if that's what the council wants to do, but that ultimately when the discussions come up that we clear, do we subsidize and to what amount?

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

57. Public hearing concerning the approval of an amendment to the 1994-1995 Fire Department Budget by deleting the Fire Department Radio Technician position and adding one Fire Fighter position beginning February 13, 1995; and decreasing Expense Line Item No. 101-2410-521-110 from \$8,118,260.00 to \$8,092,755.09; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the 1995-1996 Fire Department Budget by deleting the Fire Department Radio Technician position and adding one Fire Fighter position beginning February 13, 1995; and decreasing Expense Line Item No. 101-2410-521-110 from \$8,118,260.00 to \$8,092,755.09.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Protem Moreno was chairing the meeting while the Mayor was out temporarily).

Mr. Juan Ramon Barrera spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

(Mayor Ramirez returned at this time.)

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

58. Public hearing concerning the approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget revision in the amount of \$9,899.00, for the HIV Care Consortia (Ryan White) Project of the City of Laredo for the period beginning April 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget revision in the amount of \$9,899.00, for the HIV Care Consortia (Ryan White) Project of the City of Laredo for the period beginning April 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4051 from \$163,205 to \$173,104, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6096 from \$163,205 to \$173,104.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Juan Ramon Barrera spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 59. Public hearing concerning the approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo 1995-1996 Annual Budget to transfer \$1,000,000.00, from the General Fund Reserve to the Police Department Building Fund; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing an amendment to the Adopted FY 1994-1995 Annual Budget and Program Of Services by approving the transfer of \$1 million from the Unappropriated General Fund Balance to the new Police Station Project Budget for the purpose of constructing a new Police Building.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Juan Ramon Barrera spoke in favor.

Mr. Adolfo Kahn stated that he was not against the approval of the amendment if it is legal and asked the City Attorney if it is within the City Charter to amend the city budget when there is no emergency.

Cw. Moreno stated that they should have made reference or listed what the general fund balance is.

Cm. Guerra made a statement that he was not against building the new Police Department, but that he has a big problem over the cost overrun of a million dollars.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Cm. Guerra perceives it as a million dollar overrun and that frankly it is not. He

explained that it's a million under the obligations that the voters have assumed to build this. That they recognized that the amount that we went out to the voters to build this facility was more than what we went out for, but we had prepared ourselves like we are preparing ourselves for eventually a convention center, with money in the bank to reduce the long term debt of our citizens to build this kind of facilities and we had purposely set aside a million dollars almost four years ago to specifically compliment whatever after analysis and studies as to the size of a police headquarters that we needed for the present and future growth that this would compliment that to reduce the burden of general obligation certificates that would be asked to the voters. This is not a cost overrun that we have here, in fact we have saved the taxpayers money out of their property tax valuation, because we have found resources prior to us going to the voters to compliment what the voters approved. He concluded by saying it is not a cost overrun.

Mr. Vargas stated that we always knew that the project would cost more than \$4.8 million, but that's all the council decided to ask the community because the council had set aside money already for the construction.

Cm. Guerra was of the opinion that they should send this back to the drawing board and tell whoever is in charge of designing it to give us a building for \$4.8 million.

Cw. Moreno stated that there was always discussion about the fact that this would be a \$6.8 million project. All of the members that were in the council at that point have always known that there was \$2 million set aside for it, even before she came on the council, that money was there and they would always hear about it. She added that for all of them that were on the council they always knew that it was intended to borrow the amount above that and that it was never intended to be just the \$4.8 million.

Cm. Casso had a concern with the \$1 million draw down and spoke in reference to other items in this agenda in particular a \$5.8 million dollar contract and a change order for approximately half a million. He had questions on the bond proceeds, contingency of \$400,000.00, the contingency plan and his question was, why are you going to draw it down by \$1 million when you only need to draw it by half a million?

Mr. Vargas explained that they still have the architect and engineering fees that are not part of the construction contract that have already been approved by the council which is approximately \$375,000.00, but there is still equipment that you are going to have to purchase that is not part of the construction contract. They have taken all these issues into consideration and made the determination that in fact we

need the million dollars. Mr. Vargas explained that the contingency is if for items that were not anticipated at this point and time that might happen in a building of that size and magnitude. In awarding the contract they will minimize any contingency because what we are awarding is what we need and want. Mr. Vargas stated that the contingency plans were obviously based on projections, because we don't know what the future is, they will never get projections that are 100% on the money, adjustments will be done where necessary but that the funding sources should also be considered.

Cm. Casso wanted to know what the total project will be. Is it going to cost \$5.8 million or \$6.8 million with construction and everything to fully equip that building.

Mr. Vargas stated that they have included every cost with the exception of the equipment and what they are going to try and do is to find seizure monies to buy a great deal of the equipment. There is about \$400,000.00 in equipment that is not included. There approximately \$245,000.00 that's in the process of being turned over to the city. Equipment has not been contemplated in this project today.

Mr. Kahn read a letter from the Taxpayers League on the city conditions, unemployment filings and stated that yet with all this unemployment filings our city administration continues to spend the tax dollars at accelerated and unsurpassed level. He added, "who could have imagined spending \$6 million on our new police station building considering our voters only approved \$4.6 million." Spending more than the approved amount by the voters is misleading and deceiving the voters because they were let to believe that the amount would be spent on the building. He asked that council consider that the City Hall Building cost only \$3 million yet we are spending almost \$6 million on the police building, there is no doubt that the our policemen need the best equipment for fighting crime, we must think of our safety and provide them with the greatest possible advantage when their personal lifes are on the line. A new building with fountains, marble flooring, outside plaza, court yards, elevated walkways, and a luxurious ceramic map of the Rio Grande for the police department cannot be understood. He said that we need to spend our limited money and address the fact that we are in economic down trend and that they should act responsibly and prudently. He further asked where is the additional \$1 million needed for the police station coming from? The monies should be more prudently spent on repairing infrastructure, water treatment, utilities, drainage, or how about not just spending these extra monies and saving this as cushion against our declining economy. A budget of \$4.6 million should be amply sufficient to build a new police station considering the square footage area that it will have. He compared J.B. Alexander School with the police building and asked how is it that the police station can cost

twice as much. He concluded by quoting, "This out of control insane spending has got to stop. There exists only a limited number of taxpayers in our community with a limited ability to pay taxes."

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Casso

Cm. Guerra

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez, Cw. Moreno, Cm. Castaneda, Cm. G. Perez, and Cm. Cardenas

60. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Don Krueger Construction Company, Victoria, Texas, in the amount of \$5,849,700.00, for the New Laredo Police Station. (1994 "A" Bond Issue Project)

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Don Krueger Construction Company, in the amount of \$5,849,700.00, for the New Laredo Police Station (1994 "A" Bond Issue Project)

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Cm. Cardenas

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Castaneda

Cm. Casso

Cw. Moreno

Cm. Guerra

Cm. Perez

Cm. G. Perez

61. Approval of change order no. 1, a net decrease of \$496,943.00, to the construction contract with Don Krueger Construction Company, Victoria, Texas, for the New Laredo Police Station. (1994 "A" Bond Issue Project)

Motion to approve change order no. 1, a net decrease of \$496,943.00, to the construction contract with Don Krueger Construction Company, for the New Laredo Police Station. (1994 "A" Bond Issue Project)

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5

Against: 3

Abstain: 0

Cm. G. Perez	Cm. Bruni
Cw. Moreno	Cm. Casso
Cm. Perez	Cm. Guerra
Cm. Cardenas	
Cm. Castaneda	

62. Public hearing concerning the use of the land adjacent to the Rio Grande and located in the flood plain for the construction of the Deerfield Recreational Complex adjacent to the Deerfield Middle School.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Jim Brown of Frontera Associates made the presentation before the council. He read in the record the comments in reference to the application as submitted to the State of Texas for a grant funding to construct the Deerfield Recreational Complex in the northwest part of Laredo. The park size is approximately 58.5764 acres of which Quail Creek Subdivision is donating 20.3400 acres, Ranch Viejo Subdivision donating 15.2179 acres, Deerfield Subdivision is donating 8.3147 acres and the United Independent School District set aside for the Deerfield Middle School 14.0738 acres. The project budget is estimated to be \$1,000,000.00 of which \$921,722.00 will be for actual construction. The project is located in northwest Laredo adjacent to the Rio Grande River, part of the project is located in flood zone A-21 with elevations at 406 ft. to 405 ft. elevation, flood zone B with elevations of 405 ft. For comparison, this relates to the Los Dos Laredos Park. They are looking at 391 ft. above elevation to 390 ft. above elevation. The project proposes to:

- (A) Design a park to allow the 500 year storms to flow through the area without significantly impacting the development or the lives of the citizens.
- (B) The plan further proposes that the appropriate city staff will remove all goals from within the floodplain before flood waters breach the normal channel and replace the same after the flood water recede back to normal.
- (C) The plans call for closure of the park after upon notice of possible flooding.
- (D) The plan proposes all major capital expenditures to be constructed above the 500 year flood frequency line. They are two (2) each lighted little league fields; (2) each tennis courts; (2) each basketball courts; (2) each playground modules and (1) each amphi theater.

- (E) The plan further proposes to leave all lands within the area designated below the 500 year frequency line to either be reserved as natural areas for equal study projects for school children and all other interested citizens and for playing field with removable goals.

The playing fields in that area consist of one (1) each football field; seven (7) each adult soccer fields; and one (1) each youth soccer field also, internal streets, people moving facilities, and parking facilities. As far as the record is concern, they have discussed this project with all federal authorities including the International Boundary Water Commission prior to the submission and the design. They feel that they have covered all the areas of the requirements under the Executive Order.

He concluded by saying for the record that there was an exhibit in the foyer of City Hall since the day of the posting of the notice of this public hearing indicating the park, the development of the park, and the flood lines as it reflects the area.

Mayor Ramirez asked that maybe some of those adult fields could be reduced to incorporate some basketball courts and/or volleyball courts in that area in addition to some of those soccer fields.

Juan Ramon Barrera spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE MASS TRANSIT BOARD

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

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

63. Request for Executive Session under V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss pending litigation, Roberto Sanchez, Jr. v. Transit Management Company of Laredo, Cause No. L-93-141.

Motion to go into executive session under V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 to discuss pending litigation, Roberto

Sanchez, Jr. v. Transit Management Company of Laredo, Cause No. L-93-141.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Ramirez announced that no formal was taken.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed in settling this case through our legal counsel.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Motion to recess as City Council and Convene as the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

64. Authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the remodeling/renovations of the Treviño Building, located at the corner of Lincoln and San Augustin Streets in downtown Laredo, to house the offices of the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Economic Development Center, at an estimated materials cost of \$36,500.00.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the remodeling/renovations of the Trevino Building, located at the corner of Lincoln and San Augustin Streets in downtown Laredo, to house the offices of the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Economic Development Center, at an estimated materials cost of \$36,500.00.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Conventions and Visitors Bureau and convene as the City Council.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

At this time Victoria Singer De Reyes was formally welcomed as the new Conventions and Visitors Bureau Director.


XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Time: 8:13 p.m.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. G. Perez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 43 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1995. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary II

MINUTES APPROVED ON: March 20, 1995

CORRECTIONS: ON PAGE 5, SECOND PARAGRAPH THE WORD AUTOMATICALLY SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ADAMANTLY.