

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-95-R-26

SEPTEMBER 18, 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
JESUS NAVA, ASST. CITY MANAGER
FAUSTO SOSA, CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENCES:

Peter Vargas, City Manager
Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and move up item #43 for discussion.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno and Cm. Castaneda were not present)

Cm. Blas Castaneda came in at 5:36 p.m. and Cw. Moreno joined the council meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and move up item #27 for discussion and action at this time.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

2. Second reading of an ordinance amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances, specifically to amend section 31-138 which provides for Water Rate charges by increasing the minimum rate from \$7.00 to \$7.50 for residential, increasing the minimum rate from \$7.00 to \$11.00 for commercial, and increasing the escalating rate structure by \$0.05 cents for commercial customers within the city limits; increasing the fire hydrant rate from \$1.10 to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons and increasing the minimum monthly rate; amending Section 31-140 by increasing the Industrial Mining rate from \$1.75 to \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons; and increasing the outside the city limit rate from one and a half times to twice the established rate; providing for publication and providing for an effective date. (As Amended)

Mr. William W. Allen spoke on items #2 and #3. He stated that these ordinances need only an introduction and one reading and that a second reading is not necessary.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Second reading of an ordinance amending Section 31-92(A) pertaining to the schedule of sewer rates of chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances by increasing the minimum rate from \$5.00 to \$5.50 for residential customers; and from \$6.00 to \$10.00 for commercial customers; and increasing the escalating rate structure by \$0.15 cents for commercial customers; and increasing the outside the City limit rate from one and a half times to twice the established rate; providing for publication and providing for effective date. (As Amended)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Water Supply Contract between the City of Laredo and James Haynes Industrial Park for the construction of a water and sewer line to extend service from the nearest facilities of the City to the James Haynes Industrial Park Phase II.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Providing for the submission of proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Laredo to the voters on Tuesday, November 7, 1995; ordering said election; directing the publication of the election notice for the submission of said amendments in a newspaper of general circulation; designating polling places; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract with the Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint special election with the City of Laredo.

Mr. Allen said at the time that presentations were made to the City Council in reference to the City Charter he appeared and made a suggestion of one of the sections, which he was advised was approved and it was not in there. This was a provision under Section 11, Article 11 of the Texas Constitution which states, that no member of a governing body can be appointed in the event of a vacancy, it must be done by an election. The charter that was passed under Mr. Tatangelo said they can appoint within 30 days, which is completely contrary to the state law and does not say nothing about the State Constitution.

Mr. Bill Allen spoke on observations he had noticed as follows:

- (1) He asked that the terminology specified be used in all the City Charter. He was speaking of the term "all members of the Council " on **Section 2.01 - COMPOSITION ELIGIBILITY AND TERMS.**
- (2) He spoke of **Section 5.02 - JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT** which states that it must be an attorney as appointee.

Gustavo Guevara, City Secretary, clarified that this section was removed on a previous meeting and it now stays as it was before.

- (3) Mr. Allen spoke in reference to **Section 6.16** in which inserted is a new section **CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** which states, **The City Council is hereby authorized to issue Certificates of Obligation in accordance with State laws** and the only problem with this is that it eliminates the **Section 6.16 SALE OF BONDS**, which states, **Before bonds are sold they shall be submitted to and approved by the Attorney General of Texas in the manner and with the effect provided by the laws of the State of Texas.**, he questioned if the sale of bonds is not approved anymore?

Fausto Sosa, City Attorney, stated that this has not changed that is the same.

- (4) He mentioned that on **Section 9.02 CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION** an insertion of words needs to be added where it says **The Commission shall make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council on all matters**

affecting the physical development of the City, shall be consulted on the comprehensive plan, the implementation thereof and shall exercise all other responsibilities as may be provided by law.

Mr. Allen states that there is nobody proofreading these amendments. He added there are other major provisions such as **Section 10.06 BALLOTS FOR ORDINANCES AND CHARTER AMENDMENTS** which provides that each amendment shall be voted by itself, but on the back of this provision on **Section 12.06 SUBMISSION OF CHARTER TO ELECTION** it says and it misleads the voters entirely. It says that it should be adopted in its entirety and shall be voted as a whole and shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Laredo at an election to be held for that purpose. **Section 9.04** of the Local Government Code and the Charter provides just the opposite, if this charter is printed in its entirety, the public is going to think they have one vote.

Mr. Sosa stated that this was discussed with Mr. Allen and Mr. Guevara and what they will do is group together clerical grammatical changes and an individual vote on each item.

Mr. Allen also said that **Section 12.04** prohibits certain activities by city employees in regard to an election and on Section (b) on Penalties it says the City Council shall refer to the Municipal Court Judge to prescribe a fine to be imposed upon conviction of any of the provisions of Paragraphs (1) through (5). He said that in accordance to State Law one cannot impose fines to a Municipal Court Judge.

Mr. Trinidad Silva expressed his concerns in reference to charter amendments.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to amend section 6.06 - **Council Action on Budget** to change the words "ten days" to read "two days".

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Bill Allen to do amendment preparation and proof reading and get together with City Attorney.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading #95-0-187, #95-0-188, #95-0-189, #95-0-190, #95-0-191, #95-0-192, #95-0-193, #95-0-194, #95-0-195, #95-0-196, #95-0-197, #95-0-198, #95-0-199, #95-0-200, #95-0-201, #95-0-202, #95-0-203, #95-0-204, and #95-0-207.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 6. 95-0-187 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a release of Leasehold Agreement with the Estate of Paul W. Reynolds effective July 31, 1995, for approximately 37,975 square feet of land located at the Laredo International Airport; providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a release of Leasehold Agreement with the Estate of Paul W. Reynolds effective July 31, 1995, for approximately 37,975 square feet of land located at the Laredo International Airport; providing for publication and effective date.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 7. 95-0-188 Establishing the fair market value of the "surface only" of a certain City property described as being a tract of land containing 0.0450 of an acre (1,958.49 square feet) more or less, comprised of a portion of Lot No. 1D, Block No. 99, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Ms. Paula Ruiz for the sale of the herein described property and providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Cw. Moreno asked that when this kind of proposals are presented, that the price per square foot be included, instead of giving the total amount money that will be paid for the property.

Ms. Francis Villarreal, State Certified Appraiser, and that she is an independent appraiser. That in appraising the Webb County Appraisal District has a mass appraisal and they appraise different, and still try to arrive at market value, appraisals are done every three years, so only every three years do they change their values. They group similar properties and they give those similar properties a

certain value. For example, they may take a street and say from this street to that street it's all \$4.50 a sq.ft. She added that her value is different than from what the tax values are in some instances it's higher and in some lower.

Cw. Moreno stated that she thinks that anyway they should know what the difference is, whether they are charging a lower or higher amount based on their assessed evaluations. That they should know that it is not similar to what is on the tax rolls.

Mrs. Villarreal answered that on the tax rolls no property that she has appraised is owned by the city or is actually assessed by any value on the tax rolls.

Cw. Moreno stated that what she is saying is that they should know how the land around there is being taxed at and asked that this be included as part of the procedure and requested that from now on, these proposals come with the cost of per square foot cost on the land.

Motion establishing the fair market value for the "surface only" of a certain City property described as being a tract of land containing 0.0450 of an acre (1,958.49 square feet) more or less, comprised of a portion of Lot No. 1D, Block No. 99, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Ms. Paula Ruiz for the sale of the herein described property and providing for effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 95-0-189 Establishing the fair market value of the "surface only" of a certain City property formerly known as that section of Mercer Street between Texas Avenue and Highway 83, also formerly known as the 2600 block of Mercer Street, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Ms. Christina Gloria and Ms. Cecilia Mendoza de Vela for the sale of the herein described property and providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion establishing the fair market value of the "surface only" of a certain City property formerly known as that section of Mercer Street between Texas Avenue and Highway 83, also formerly known as the 2600 block of Mercer Street, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Ms. Christina Gloria and Ms. Cecilia Mendoza de Vela for the sale of the herein described property and providing for effective date.

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

- 9. 95-0-190 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contractual agreement with Border Beverage, Inc., a Texas Corporation, whereby Border Beverage, Inc., will construct, dedicate and donate a Recreational Pavilion at the Thomas Pool located at 4410 Thomas Avenue in return for naming the Pavilion the "Lite Up Laredo" Pavilion, and granting Border Beverage, Inc., exclusive rights to furnish its non-alcoholic beverage products for a five-year period at all City sponsored events held at the Thomas Pool which involve the use of the Pavilion; providing for an effective date. (As Amended)
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contractual agreement with Border Beverage, Inc., a Texas Corporation, whereby Border Beverage, Inc., will construct, dedicate and donate a Recreational Pavilion at the Thomas Pool located at 4410 Thomas avenue in return for naming the Pavilion the "Lite Up Laredo" Pavilion, and granting Border Beverage, Inc., exclusive rights to furnish its non-alcoholic beverage products for a five-year period at all City sponsored events held at the Thomas Pool which involve the use of the Pavilion; providing for an effective date.

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

- 10. 95-0-191 Rescinding Ordinance No. 95-0-162 closing as a public easement that section of Orilla Avenue between Island Street and the north property line of Lot 1, Block 1006 of the Modern Industrial Park, Section II, also known as the 5300 Block of Orilla Avenue, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, due to incorrect

property description and pending acquisition negotiations, and providing for an effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion rescinding Ordinance No. 95-0-162 closing as a public easement that section of Orilla Avenue between Island Street and the north property line of Lot 1, Block 1006 of the Modern Industrial Park, Section II, also known as the 5300 Block of Orilla Avenue, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, due to incorrect property description and pending acquisition negotiations, and providing for an effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 95-0-192 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.4139 acres out of Lot 3, Block 1, further described by metes and bounds, on Exhibit "A", located at 7200 McPherson Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-0 (Residential Office District) providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.4139 acres out of Lot 3, Block 1, further described by metes and bounds, on Exhibit "A", located at 7200 McPherson Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-0 (Residential Office District) providing for publication and effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 95-0-193 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.50 acres, out of Porcion 20, Abstract 277, further described by metes and bounds on Exhibit "A", located at I.H. 35 North, 3/4 miles south of Milo, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 11.50 acres, out of Porcion 20, Abstract 277, further described by metes and bounds on Exhibit "A" located at I.H. 35 North, 3/4 miles south of Milo, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial

District) providing for publication and effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 95-0-194 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning E 53' of Lot 5, and E 53' of Lot 7, Block 987, Western Division, located at 3916 Convent, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District), providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning E 53' of Lot 5, and E 53' of lot 7, Block 987, Western Division, located at 3916 Convent, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District), providing for publication and effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 95-0-195 Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-95 Annual Budget by increasing the Police Trust Fund revenues and expenditures by \$27,925, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the City of Laredo's 1994-95 Annual Budget by increasing the Police Trust Fund revenues and expenditures by \$27,925, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 95-0-196 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget revision in the amount of \$24,260.00, for the Tuberculosis Jail Outreach Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 1995, through January 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4062 from \$45,882.00 to \$70,142.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6016 from \$45,882.00 to \$70,142.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve an amendment to the contract with

the Texas Department of Health and a budget revision in the amount of \$24,260.00, for the Tuberculosis Jail Outreach Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 1995, through January 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4062 from \$45,882.00 to \$70,142.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 2260-6016 from \$45,882.00 to \$70,142.00.

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

- 16. 95-0-197 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$333,348.00, consisting of \$249,324.00 in funds and \$84,024.00, in State direct assistance, for the Comprehensive Public Health Services Regional Programming of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4033 from \$0 to \$249,324.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6021 from \$0 to \$249,324.00.
 (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$333,348.00, consisting of \$249,324.00 in funds and \$84,024.00, in State direct assistance for the Comprehensive Public Health Services Regional Programming of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4033 from \$0 to \$249,324.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6021 from \$0 to \$249,324.00.

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

- 17. 95-0-198 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$2,034.00, for the Immunization Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4040 from \$0 to \$2,034.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6025 from \$0 to \$2,034.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve an amendment to the contract with

Hypertension Education and Assistance Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-000-323-4036 from \$0 to \$127,240.00 and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6027 from \$0 to \$127,240.00

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 95-O-201 Amending Section 31-92(B)(4) and adding Section 31-92(B)(5) of the Code of Ordinances to require the owner/developer who conveys water rights pursuant to 31-92(B)(4) to pay for all costs and fees associated with the conversion to municipal water use as well as all costs and fees associated with the amendment of the City's certificate of adjudication No. 23-3997 and further prohibiting the use of water rights to pay for capital improvement contribution fees.

Motion amending Section 31-92(B)(4) and adding Section 31-92(B)(5) of the Code of Ordinances to require the owner/developer who conveys water rights pursuant to 31-92(B)(4) to pay for all costs and fees associated with the conversion to municipal water use as well all costs and fees associated with the amendment of the City's certificate of adjudication No. 23-3997 and further prohibiting the use of water rights to pay for capital improvement contribution fees.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 95-O-202 Amending the City of Laredo 1994-1995 annual budget in the amount of \$18,002.00 for a grant awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program to be used for enhancing and continuing the Environmental Education Program for the period from September 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996.
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the City of Laredo 1994-1995 annual budget in the amount of \$18,002.00 for a grant awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program to be used for enhancing and continuing the Environmental Education Program for

the period from September 1, 1995 through May 31, 1996.

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

22. 95-0-203 Amending the City of Laredo 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$26,576.00 for a grant awarded by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, used oil grants section, to be used for enhancing and continuing the used oil collection and recycling program for the period from August 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the City of Laredo 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$26,576.00 for a grant awarded by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, used oil grants section, to be used for enhancing and continuing the used oil collection and recycling program for the period from August 1, 1995 through August 31, 1996.

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

23. 95-0-204 Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-95 Annual Budget by increasing estimated revenues and expenditures by \$3,000,000.00 in the Capital Improvements Project and Civic Center Funds, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget by increasing estimated revenues and expenditures by \$3,000,000.00 in Capital Improvements Project and Civic Center Funds, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

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

24. 95-0-207 Providing for the levy and collection of General and Special Ad Valorem and Alcoholic Beverage taxes for the City of Laredo for the Tax Year 1995 and the Fiscal Year 1995-1996. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion providing for the levy and collection of General and Special Ad Valorem and Alcoholic Beverage taxes for the City of Laredo for the Tax Year 1995 and the Fiscal Year 1995-1996.

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

VI. RESOLUTIONS

25. 95-R-131 Adopting the Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, to adhere with the consolidated submission for community planning and development program requirements (24 CFR, Part 91) as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition to receiving federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and other HUD funded programs as identified.

Erasmio Villarreal of Community Development made the presentation before the City Council.

Motion adopting the Citizen Participation Plan, as amended, to adhere with the consolidated submission for community planning and development program requirements (24 CFR, Part 91) as set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a condition to receiving federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program, the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and other HUD funded programs.

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

26. 95-R-132 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$56,234.00, for the Woman and Children Program, CORE Public Health Functions, of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$56,234.00, for the Women and Children Program, CORE Public Health Functions, of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period

items will be purchased through the State of Texas - General Services Commission, Catalog Sales Program.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Award of a contract to the Sole Source Vendor, Duncan Industries, Harrison, Arkansas, in an amount of \$19,788.80, for the purchase of parking meters.

Motion to award a contract to the sole source vendor, Duncan Industries, Harrison, Arkansas, in the amount of \$19,788.80, for the purchase of parking meters.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$45,570.00, to the Low Bidder, J & A Pharmacy of Laredo, Texas, to provide prescription services to clients of the City of Laredo Health Department's HIV/AIDS Program for the period beginning October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996.

Motion to award contract in an amount not to exceed \$45,570.00, to the low bidder, J & A Pharmacy of Laredo, Texas to provide prescription services to clients of the City of Laredo Health Department's HIV/AIDS Program for the period beginning October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Sempco X-Ray, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$22,425.00, for the purchase of portable x-ray equipment for the Health Department.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidder, Sempco X-Ray, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$22,425.00, for the purchase of portable x-ray equipment for the Health Department.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, Carlos Castillo Construction Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$51,642.00, for the site work, foundation, and erection of a pre-engineering steel warehouse building to be located at the Fleet Maintenance and Traffic Safety facilities.

Motion to award a contract to the sole bidder, Carlos Castillo Construction Company, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$51,642.00, for the site work, foundation, and erection of a pre-engineering steel warehouse building to be located at the Fleet Maintenance and Traffic Safety facilities.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 34. Award of a contract to the Lowest Bidder Meeting Specifications, Easy Drive, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$12,000.00, for the purchase of surveying equipment for the Engineering Department.

Motion to award a contract to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Easy Drive, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$12,000.00, for the purchase of surveying equipment for the Engineering Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 35. Authorize the purchase of 2,600 used oil containers in the amount of \$12,584.00, from Volks-Tech Industries, Kyle, Texas, through the State of Texas - General Services Commission, for use by the Public Works Department to promote the recycling of used motor oil.

Motion to authorize the purchase of 2,600 used oil containers in the amount of \$12,584.00, from Volks-Tech Industries, through the State of Texas - General Services Commission, for use by the Public Works Department to promote the recycling of used motor oil.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 36. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Dominguez Development and Construction, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$92,900.00, for the Cigarroa Outdoor Recreation Complex Press Box, Restrooms and Bathhouse/Dressing Rooms Buildings Project.

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Dominguez Development and Construction, in the amount of \$92,900.00, for the Cigarroa Outdoor Recreation Complex Press Box, Restrooms and Bathhouse/Dressing Rooms Building Project.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. Approval of change order no. 8, an increase of \$28,417.40, to the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 47 (36 Blocks) construction contract with Ramex Construction, Inc., Houston, Texas, to add sanitary sewer improvements on two blocks: Canada Avenue between Milk and Diaz, and on Diaz Street between Canada and New York.

Motion to approve change order no. 8, an increase of \$28,417.40, to the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 47 (36 Blocks) construction contract with Ramex Construction, Inc., Houston, Texas, to add sanitary sewer improvements on two blocks: Canada Avenue between Milk and Diaz, and on Diaz Street between Canada and New York.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Approval of amendment no. 2, an increase of \$59,426.00, to the engineering contract with Frontera Associates International, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for additional services to the Chacon Creek Wastewater Interceptor Project to conduct an Endangered Plant Survey, Cultural Resource Investigation, and abandon an additional 13 lift stations.

Motion to approve amendment no. 2, an increase of \$59,426.00, to the engineering contract with Frontera Associates International, Inc. for additional services to the Chacon Creek Wastewater Interceptor Project to conduct an Endangered Plant Survey, Cultural Resource Investigation, and abandon an additional 13 lift stations.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Award of an engineering contract to the Sanchez Corporation, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$13,887.00, to provide surveys, design, and prepare plans and specifications for sanitary sewer improvements on Guatemozin Street and on Springfield Road.

Motion to award an engineering contract to the Sanchez Corporation, for an amount not to exceed \$13,886.00, to provide surveys, design, and prepare plans and specifications for sanitary sewer improvements on Guatemozin Street and on Springfield Road.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

40. Presentation by Administrative Services Director Florencio Pena, and City Council acceptance of the study conducted by RWL Group, regarding the City's Health Benefits Program.

Florencio Pena, Administrative Services Director, made the presentation before council.

Cw. Moreno asked if we keep personal liability in health insurance monies separate?

Mr. Florencio Pena, Administrative Services, answered that they do.

Mayor Ramirez clarified, whether there is a line item for liability and a line for health insurance or if they mingle all the monies that come in from different departments for the liability insurance?

Mr. Pena stated that they do not intermingle, general liability is general liability, workers' compensation is separate. They have a fund balance for health insurance, they do not have for worker's comp because we are fully insured and we get billed by TML.

Motion to accept the study conducted by RWL regarding the City's Health Benefit Program.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Vendor Agreements with the Texas Migrant Council, Child Care Management Services, to continue operating the Department of Community Development's Child Development Program for Fiscal Year 1995-1996 at La Ladrillera and South Laredo Child Development Centers.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Vendor Agreements with the Texas Migrant Council, Child Care Management Services, to continue operating the Department of Community Development's Child Development Program for Fiscal Year 1995-1996 at La Ladrillera and South Laredo Child Development Centers.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

42. Authorizing the City Manager to sell six surplus vehicles to our Sister City, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico,

Motion authorizing the City Manager to sell six surplus vehicles to our Sister City, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Presentation by the City's financial advisors, First Southwest Company pertaining to the financial outlook of the City of Laredo Waterworks System and Sewer System Revenue Bonds.

Mr. Raul Villaseñor from First Southwest Company made the presentation before the council.

Cm. Guerra asked Mr. Villaseñor why is Standard & Poor's Bonding going from a stable trend to a negative trend?

Mr. Villaseñor answered that the debt that the city issues is rated by a number of rating agencies. They do that because obviously that is essential to the marketing of these bonds. In the middle of August, Standard & Poor's wrote to the city and indicated that there were some trends in both water and wastewater system that in their opinion were not satisfactory with maintaining the existing ratings and the stable outlook which they had provided on both systems. He added that they periodically have bonds of the city rated particularly when they are issuing new bonds. With respect to these two issues, because these are two revenue bonds, and they have not issued revenue bonds in some time. They have periodic reviews that they provide and for utilities systems those periodic reviews are on a two year cycle. Every two years they will make a comprehensive review of the revenue bonds that are outstanding. The trends obviously, once they relate to liquidity systems in the systems and also, to the rate structure and whether it can or cannot support the capital improvement program that is provided to the rating agency on an annual basis along with other financial data that the city normally provides the rating agencies as a requirement for them to keep the ratings outstanding.

He added that if Cm. Guerra is asking why would they send the letter, obviously (1) that the rate structure is not such that it can generate the revenue to continue to support those systems and provide the liquidity and the security for the bond holders and (2) that given the capital improvement program they would foresee that rate increases would have to be adopted on a fairly regular basis to continue to support the capital improvement programs level.

Cm. Guerra asked how much total debt should a city such as Laredo carry, in including Certificates of Obligation Bonds,

bonds supported by the property tax base and revenue backed bonds? Is there any formula that any city should use?

Mr. Villasenor stated one of the factors that most cities use is obviously, is part of the process of this rating process. There is no formula, generally what the rating agencies are looking for certainly, is the ease with which the elected officials can adopt either tax increases, if you are issuing Certificates of Obligation and secondly, what's the mood of the electorate. Are they approving bond issues generally to authorize you to issue debt and therefore, impose the tax. These are kind of general guidelines, there are no hard and fast percentages that represent upper or even lower limits. What the rating agencies are looking for is what sort of planning is going on, is there some plan effort both through capital improvement programs and budgeting process that can demonstrate to them that you are taking a methodical approach to the issuance of debt and the expansion of systems fixing the streets and infrastructure projects that are important.

Cm. Guerra asked should an enterprise account like the water system that generates ongoing revenues require a minimum fund balance to keep the bond trend from going from stable to negative?

Mr. Villasenor answered that it clearly does because that is one of the major issues for the change in the outlook rating from stable to negative because the fund balance is the cushion that provides the liquidity in the system, it is the cushion that the rating agencies look for to help you alleviate any one time events that may occurs that impact revenues in the negative way. He added that the action council took at the previous meeting on the introduction of the ordinance was one in which they impacted the rate structure which is very important and is critical to the ongoing requirements for capital improvements in either system and they did affect the transfer of funds from the general funds to each of those funds so that those could raise their fund balances.

Cm. Guerra said that he is sure that they have already studied the rate structure which is going to be voted on tonight, and asked Mr. Villasenor, if in his expert opinion he feels that it will be adequate to service the needs.

Mr. Villaseñor stated that they went further than that, that they actually talked with the analyst that provided the bases for the change and the outlook. They spoke to him and explained what the council was considering, and he thought it was a positive move. They do not want to leave the impression with the council that it is the only thing they will have to do, they might have to come and do other things, either related to rate structure or to the fund balance, but he thought it was a good move and a move in the right

direction. When the outlook is changed, and it has changed from stable to negative, you now go on an annual comprehensive review cycle, so you will be watched much more closely.

Cw. Moreno asked what should we know about the issuance of short term debt?

Mr. Villaseñor explained that a short term debt is part of the debt structure that the rating agencies probably look most critically at, then the long term debt, because short term debt can have a very dramatic impact on operations and maintenance. Rating agencies do have a standard for short term debt and they typically do not like to see short term debt represent anymore than 15% to 20% of your total debt for that particular system or systems because short term debt can have a dramatic impact on your day to day operations from one year to the next. They prefer long term debt because they know you can plan for that and you can advertise it over a much longer period of time. Typically, utilities are issuing short term debt referred to as commercial paper, the rates on that commercial paper are adjusted sometimes every 90 days.

Cm. Casso asked what is our bond rate right now?

Mr. Villaseñor stated that it depends what debt he is talking about, the debt that they are referring right now is the water and sewer system debt.

Mr. Villaseñor stated that the waterworks system debt is rated BBB+ on its own, that's not insured, which means that the underlining of the system is BBB+ with a negative outlook. The negative outlook was just imposed on August 14th.

Cm. Casso asked what is the additional interest cost associated with triple B versus having triple A-? Is there quit a difference in points or not?

Mr. Villaseñor answered yes, you will find that the debt issue at the triple B level whether triple B+ or triple B on its own would be a much expensive debt than a debt that is issued as triple A. He explained that if they went back to issuing revenue debt, which he thinks we can do that any time soon, what they would do would be look at the underline rating of system in this case BBB+ for the water system and A- for the wastewater system. They would typically provide an economic analysis to the city as we approach the sale date and what they do is look at the economic analysis of what the debt would cost if they issue it at either these two ratings and what it would cost if they buy bond insurance which takes you to the triple A rated level. It is a simple economic decision, either it benefits you or it doesn't and most of

the time when you are rated Triple B or in the low A categories, it going to benefit.

Mayor Ramirez stated for the record, "that all our debt is insured, triple A."

Com. Casso asked Mr. Villasenor if he thinks that we are going to have to increase the rates over the next five years and if he thinks so, by what figure would it have to be increased.

Mr. Villaseñor stated he is doing two things, one is that you have a capital improvements program that you have to support and have to finance in some way. The council has opted to finance that debt with combination certificates of obligation and revenue debt. The ultimate backing of that debt is obviously the tax base, but you are adjusting rates every time you issue that debt so that the revenue systems both water and wastewater at least provide enough money to make the debt service payments.

He added it is difficult for him to say and predict that rates may have to be increased by certain percentage over the next five years, if all of a sudden the council decides to shrink back the capital improvements program. That is what is driving this thing the capital improvement program is driving the necessity for the increasing of the rates. Mr. Villasenor did say that if we issue no other debts over the next few years, we still need to see some level of rate increase just to bring that revenue system up to a level that at the very least provides a stable rating again, but also enhances that revenue system.

Com. Casso asked if he agreed with the proposal that staff is recommending right now, with the overall changes that staff incorporated.

Mr. Villasenor answered that they do, and that in speaking with the rating analyst on Friday he was very positive about the move that the Council has set to take, but again, that is not the end of what they are going to need to do. He concluded by saying that they will be working with staff to provide them with other ideas in the next few months.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mr. Jesus Hernandez spoke on a personal item dealing with the delay of a building permit for his property.

Mayor Ramirez referred him to Mrs. Marina Sukup due to the fact that communications is solely for the purpose of announcements and not personal items.

- B. Mayor Ramirez announced that a press release was sent out to the local media to advise that the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration, on Friday September 15th, approved an airport improvement grant in the amount of \$2 million for the reconstruction of a portion of Runway 17/L35 at the Laredo International Airport. He added that reconstruction of this runway is necessary to reduce airport noise impact on residential areas located south of the airport and to provide for future airport capacity. In approving Laredo's grant DOT and FAA cited that the project will provide the necessary infrastructure improvements due to increase air cargo and passenger facility activity at the Laredo International Airport and believe that the project is a success of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The city is currently bids for the reconstruction of this runway which is approximately 2,000 ft. and also soliciting an alternative bid for the reconstruction of the remainder of the runway.

Mayor Ramirez also acknowledged that the FAA funding is 90%, while the city's airport fund which is an enterprise fund will be providing the remaining 10%. He acknowledged support and recognized the efforts of Transportation, Secretary Federico Pena, U.S. Senator Phil Gram, and Kay Baily Hutchinson. He concluded by saying that the project, when constructed, will be approximately \$13 million.

- C. Cm. Casso stated that he had received a press release from the Public Information Officer on the girl that was shot at Memorial Middle School. That same evening he witnessed that on the same evening Cw. Cecilia Moreno, Cm. Perez with Police Chief were making an announcement on the hot line. He would like to the remind the council that back on April 3, 1995 Councilman Bruni placed an item on the agenda which stated, **"Discussion and possible action concerning the establishment of a weapons watch line hot line to provide students with a way of anonymously informing local law enforcement of guns, knives and other weapons on school campuses.** Also, on the minutes it also states that Cm. Bruni makes reference to the same issue pertaining to a hotline for students and what the City of Corpus Christi is doing that has had some success. At that time Mayor Ramirez mentions that we already have a crime stop program and encourages the use of it. He said that this item was brought up six months ago, and that the Chief of Police sat in the audience and did not tell this council that we don't have a weapons watch hotline. He added that he should have come to the council and told them that it didn't exist because when it was said that there was a crimestoppers program that was not the "weapons watch hotline". He stated that Chief Martinez should have told them that they did not have a weapons watch hotline and should have told the Mayor that something should have done at this time. Mr. Bruni brought this issue before council, nobody said anything and six months later the girl dies which is tragic. What upsets

him is that this issue was already discussed on April 3rd and maybe it could have been prevented, if this weapons watch hotline had been established maybe this tragedy would have been prevented. He said that this issue was discussed six months ago and feels that if this council would have taken action that maybe this could have been prevented. He said that whenever Cm. Guerra, Cm. Bruni and himself bring something before this body of government that many times they are ignored because it came from them. He concluded that Police Chief was playing politics with this issue, he should have come before the council and said that the hotline does not exist, that he should have corrected the Mayor and that something should have been done then, instead they waited six months.

Mayor Ramirez stated that this was a regrettable incident and that Cm. Casso is correct that they should not use this as a political football because it did cost somebody's life. Mayor Ramirez said that he was eluding to the crimestoppers program that they have tried to setup at the schools. He added that they do have something available now in addition to the crimestopper's number where people can call to report anonymously weapons of any nature. He added that in the end the responsibility as a community falls back on parenting and its only the commitment and involvement of the parents that can help alleviate this problem. That all they can do as a government is try to help different entities, in particular the schools districts, in dealing with this situation.

- D. Cm. Cardenas stated that there is people in the El Cuatro Neighbor area that are being mislead that Zaragoza Street is going to be closed next week. He wanted to inform the people of El Cuatro that Zaragoza is not going to be closed and when that time comes for closing this street, he will personally inform them that they are getting ready to close the street, but for the time being he would like to let them know that it is not being closed.

X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

A. Request By Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Discussion and possible action regarding violations of the truck route ordinance. Co-sponsored by Councilman Joe A. Guerra.

Cm. Bruni stated that it was called to his attention by several mall operators that they have incurred thousands of dollars in damage by truck trailers that are parked in restricted parking lots. Also, that it seems to him that there is no enforcement of the truck ordinance, there are 18

wheelers that are driving through residential areas using Saunders, Del Mar Blvd., McPherson, Bartlett, and Malinche to take shortcuts to get to IH 35 and to get to other parts of the truck route. His concern is that in the last couple of days the San Antonio newspaper announced that a new era starts when mexican truckers can operate in American Border states, so his concern is that if we are having problems now with the American truckers here in Laredo and we can't seem to make sure that they stay in the truck route, we are going to have bigger problems when the mexican rigs come in. We will have bigger problems with enforcement pertaining to truck weight and also enforcement of them staying in the truck routes.

Cm. Bruni asked what are we doing in terms of policing the truck trailers that are misusing the residential areas. He pointed an incident that occurred where he spotted an 18 wheeler while he was going on Bartlett Street. He called the Police Department and told them that he was going to follow this 18 wheeler until the police unit would pull him over. He followed the trailer all the way on Bartlett, then north on Meadow and says that he then called PD to advise them where he was going, finally after all this doing he went on Saunders and hit a massive traffic jam, so his effort was not a great success.

His concern is that after endangering our neighborhoods in passing through the schools, that the sad thing about this was that while he was making all the phone calls, two PD cars passed right by in the residential areas, and neither one even bother to look or cite tractor trailer. What he says we need to do is set some kind of policy that when they are violating our ordinances that they immediately be pulled over and be cited, also get the driver out of the vehicle and tow the 18 wheeler to some import lot, where it will have an effect on the company, in order for them to respect the ordinances. He concluded by saying that they need to aggressively pursue these 18 wheelers that are doing this.

Mayor Ramirez suggested that we look into amending our ordinance for fines and penalties to include immediate impounding and that a pound be set for 18 wheelers.

Chief Martinez stated that he will look into this complaint after listening to the tape and will get together with Cm. Bruni to get the exact time of the incident.

Mayor Ramirez suggested to impose a stiff fine on the spot, or that these trailers get towed.

Motion that the legal staff look into the ordinance to put more teeth into the truck route violations in order to have a more aggressive solution and that it be brought before

council the first meeting in October.

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

B. Request By Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso

Motion to waive the rules of order and wait until the end of the meeting to discuss the following item.

Moved : Cm. Casso
 Second: Cm. Bruni
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

1. Request for Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to consider the position of Health Benefits Coordinator of the Administrative Services Department of the City of Laredo.

Motion to go into Executive Session as authorized by the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to consider the position of Health Benefits Coordinator of the Administrative Services Department of the City of Laredo.

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

Mayor Ramirez asked that the City Attorney, the Internal Auditor Judy Baber, Investigator Almazan, and Jesus Nava, Asst. City Manager be present in this executive session.

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

Motion that the council and the Mayor sponsor an item that deals specifically with:
 (1) a listing of all positions that handle any cash within the city administration, and
 (2) what administrative steps are taken to reconcile these accounts and how often. Plus the policy and procedures for the depositing of these transactions into the bank.

Mayor Ramirez asked that this item be placed as a discussion and possible action item.

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

C. Request By Councilmember Blas Castaneda

- 1. Discussion and possible action concerning the establishment of a bomb squad.

Police Chief J.L. Martinez stated that they are already in the process of buying a dog with a scent for bombs in the amount of approximately \$10,000 and that the training for a dog handler and trainer would take about three or four months.

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 45. Public hearing soliciting public comments on the Environmental Information Documents for the proposed construction of a 60 Million Gallon per Day Raw Water Intake Structure prepared by the consultant, NRS Consulting Engineers, Harlingen, Texas.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, made the presentation.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 46. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$56,234.00, for the Woman and Children Program, CORE Public Health Functions, of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$56,234.00, for the Woman and Children Program, CORE Public Health Functions, of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996, and increasing Revenue line item No. 226-0000-323-4069 from \$0 to \$56,234.00, and increasing Expenditure line item No. 226-6033 from \$0 to \$56,234.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

47. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,333.00, to Southwest Constructors, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the Demolition of Block 49, Western Division for the Laredo Intermodal Transit Center.

Motion to accept the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,333.00, to Southwest Constructors, Inc., Austin, Texas, for the Demolition of Block 49, western Division for the Laredo Intermodal Transit Center.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Mass Transit Board and convene as the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIII. 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. G. Perez
 Second: Cm. Cardenas

