

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M-94-R-35**

**OCTOBER 3, 1994**

**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 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	
CARLOS R. VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JERRY CAIN,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY	

**ABSENCES:**

Jose Salvador Tellez, City Attorney

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. City Council Meeting of September 6, 1994  
Special City Council Meeting of September 15, 1994  
City Council Meeting of September 19, 1994  
City Council Meeting of September 26, 1994

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Section 2-16, which sets forth the Departments of the City; and Section 2-17 which sets forth the Divisions in each Department; adding two additional Departments being the Developmental Services Department, and the Management Information Systems Department; providing for publication and providing for effective date.

Peter Vargas presented the corrections to the ordinance.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 1994-A, in the amount of \$13,820,000.00 for the purpose of constructing and equipping the Main Municipal Police Station, constructing and permanently equipping three Fire Stations; constructing, installing and equipping a Fire Training Tower and Training Facility; constructing and equipping a New Main Municipal Library Building; constructing and equipping four Municipal Recreation Centers; constructing the West Laredo Overpass; and approving an official statement.

Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that he has been in contact with UISD Superintendent Barbosa and LISD Administrators on discussions of joining programs, but on the facilities, he said that Mr. Barbosa is interested but they have had only preliminary discussions.

Motion to postpone the sale of the bond issues for the four Recreational Centers and look at the possibility of having a joint project with the public school to having fifty recreational centers versus four center.

Moved : Cm. Casso  
 Second: Cm. Guerra  
 For: 2  
 Cm. Casso  
 Cm. Guerra

Against: 5  
 Cm. Perez  
 Cw. Moreno  
 Cm. Castaneda  
 Cm. G. Perez  
 Cm. Cardenas  
 Cm. Bruni

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except Cm. Casso and Cm. Guerra.

- 5. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Waterworks System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1994, in the principal amount of \$14,020,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Waterworks System, and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Sewer System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1994, in the principal amount of \$13,880,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Sewer System, and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 7. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Paving Assessment Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1994, in the principal amount of \$1,400,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for constructing and improving the City's Streets, to-wit: curbs, gutters and sidewalks and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project. **(Note: Action needs to be taken on item # 24 prior to action being initiated on this item.)**

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and move up item #24 for action at this time.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations, Series 1994, in the amount of \$2,815,000.00.

Motion to reduce each of the three reserve fund amounts in half of proposed amount by staff.

Mr. Vargas stated that these are the bond costs for issuing the bond and added that the bond cost is a negotiated amount with the underwriters and that's why this amount is listed



Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 94-O-190 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Mauricio A. Garcia for the use of West Martin Field to conduct and promote a live performance/concert by Luis Miguel;
1. Lease term is for four (4) days being October 24th, 1994, and ending on October 27th 1994; and
  2. Lease rent will be 8.25% of gross profits less taxes. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 94-O-191 Final 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 \$6.25 to \$7.00; and increasing the escalating rate structure by \$0.05 cents per user category for both Residential and Commercial Customers within the City Limits; providing for publication and effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 94-O-192 Final 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 \$4.44 to \$5.00 for Residential Customers; and from \$5.33 to \$6.00 for Commercial Customers; and increasing the maximum monthly Residential Rate from \$25.00 to \$29.90; and increasing the escalating rate structure by \$0.05 cents per user category for Residential Customers; and by \$0.10 per user category for Commercial Customers; providing for publication and providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 94-0-193 Approval of an amendment to the contract and budget for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department, decreasing funds from \$145,886.00 to \$130,659.00, for the period beginning July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994; and decreasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-132-4055 from \$145,886.00 to \$130,659.00; and decreasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6078 from \$145,886.00 to \$130,659.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 94-0-194 Approval of an amendment to the contract and budget for the Primary Health Care Services Program of the City of Laredo Health Department in the amount of \$127,240.00 for the period beginning September 1, 1994 through August 31, 1995 (State Fiscal Year 1994-1995); increasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-323-4036 from \$0 to \$127,240.00; and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6000 from \$0 to \$127,240.00. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 94-0-195 Amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 1993-1994 Auto Theft Fund Annual Budget in the amount of \$554,615.00 for a grant awarded by the Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, for third year funding of the Auto Theft Task Force for the period beginning September 1, 1994 through August 31, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 94-O-196 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 36.7980 acres out of Porcion 36, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located west of Highway 83 at the southwest corner of River Front Road and Brazos Road, of the City of Laredo, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 94-O-197 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 24.009 acres out of Porcion 36, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located West of Highway 83 and north of Santa Fe Subdivision Unit 1, of the City of Laredo, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 94-O-198 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the west part of Block 21, all of Block 31, all of Block 36, south part of Block 32, South part of Block 29, San Pedro Street Right-of-Way between Block 31 and the west part of Block 21, Naranjo Avenue Right-of-way between the south part of Block 29 and the south part of Block 32, totaling 50.7656 acres on the Laredo Airport Plat, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located in the Eastern Division, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.  
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 94-O-199 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the east 2/3 of Lot 7, Block 357, Eastern Division, located at 606 Lyon from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

(Unanimous City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 94-O-200 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.8587 acres out of Porcion 22, Abstract 277, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located north of Shiloh Drive and west of McPherson Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

(Councilmember Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 94-O-201 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.0250 acres out of Porcion 23, Abstract 277, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located south of Shiloh Drive and west of McPherson Road, of the City of Laredo, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

(Councilmember Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

22. 94-R-114 Authorizing the City Manager to renew an application for a training agreement with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.









31. Award of a contract to the **Lowest Bidder Meeting Specifications**, Cues, Orlando, Florida, in the estimated amount of \$70,947.00, for the purchase of a Sanitary and Storm Sewer T.V. Inspection System for the City's Illicit Connection Elimination Program, as part of NPDES Storm Water Program.

Motion to award contract to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Cues, in the estimated amount of \$70,947.00, for the purchase of a Sanitary and Storm Sewer T.V. Inspection System for the City's Illicit Connection Elimination Program.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of an annual supply contract to the **Low Bidder**, Protect Safety & Industrial Supply, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,413.05, for the purchase of industrial uniforms for various City departments.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the low bidder, Protect Safety & Industrial Supply, in the estimated amount of \$30,413.05.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of a six month supply contract to the **Low Bidder**, Gateway Uniform Service, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$20,928.05, for the purchase of uniforms for Bridge System personnel.

Motion to award of a six supply contract to the low bidder, Gateway Uniform Service in the estimated amount of \$20,928.05.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Award of an annual contract to the **Sole Bidder**, Rankin Automatic Transmission, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$108,285.00, for transmission repairs to the City's fleet.

Motion to award annual contract to the sole bidder, Rankin Automatic Transmission in the estimated of \$108,285.00 for transmission repairs of the City's fleet.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

35. Award of a six month supply contract to the Low Bidders, A to Z Tire & Battery, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$55,332.40, and Goodyear Tire Center, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,631.00, to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles.

Motion to award a six month supply contract to the low bidders, A to Z Tire & Battery, in the estimated amount of \$55,332.40, and Goodyear Tire Center, in the estimated amount of \$30,631.00 to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

36. Award of a contract to the Lowest Bidder Meeting Specifications, Laredo Peterbilt Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$69,500.00, for the purchase of a tractor and lowboy trailer combination for use by the Fleet Maintenance Division to move equipment to job sites for all City departments.

Motion to award a contract to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Laredo Peterbilt, Inc. in the amount of \$69,500.00.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

37. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, Huerta Floor Covering, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$13,673.00, for the purchase of vinyl composition tile, and Dal-Tile Corporation, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$10,969.20, for the purchase of ceramic tile to be used for the Health Department Building/Complex -Interior Furnishing Project, Phase II.

Motion to award contract to the low bidder, Huerta Floor Coverings, in the estimated amount of \$13,673.00.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

38. Approval of Amendment No. 2, an increase of \$2,908.00, to the architectural contract with Sepulveda Associates Architects, Laredo, Texas, for additional modifications to the drawings of Phase II of the construction of the South

Building, Levels 1 and 2, of the Interior Finish Contract of the City of Laredo Health Department Building Complex located at 2600 Cedar Street.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 2, an increase of \$2,908.00 to the architectural contract with Sepulveda Associates Architects.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Approval to reject the Sole Bid received for the Five (5) Neighborhood Parks in the City of Laredo, revise the construction plans, and re-bid the project.

Cm. Bruni suggested to staff that the parks should be let out on a per park basis.

Motion to reject the sole bid received for five (5) Neighborhood Parks in the City of Laredo, revise the construction plans, and re-bid the project.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Approval of Amendment No.1, an increase of \$4,973.75, to the construction inspection services contract with PSA Engineering, Dallas, Texas, for additional inspection services required for the Airfield Guidance Signs Upgrade, and Re-cable of Runway 17R-35L Edge Light System at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to approve Amendment No. 1, an increase of \$4,973.75 to the construction inspection services contract with PSA Engineering.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

41. Authorizing award of 1993 HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds of \$61,500.00 to the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services Inc., and \$61,500.00 to the Metro Affordable Housing Corporation and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of this action.

Motion authorizing the 1993 HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

funds of \$61,500.00 to the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., and \$61,500.00 to the Metro Addordable Housing Corporation and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of this action.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Presentation by Jesus Hernandez concerning Veterans Day Celebrations.

Mr. Hector Pulido, 23rd District Commander of the American Legion and representing the Parade Committee, invited the council to their Veterans Day Ceremonies and Parade scheduled for Friday November 11th at 10:30 which will start at St. Peters Plaza and will end at St. Agustine Plaza.

Mr. Jesus Hernandez asked that the city recognize the veterans on Saturday November 12th, he will work with Mr. Castillo on the planning of this event and would like that this recognition be repeated every year and that schools participate.

Cm. Castaneda gave a letter to Mr. Vargas regarding a respond on an item in the agenda, on the status of the library downtown. He stated the he had made some recommendations regarding the Children's Museum and that they did provide him with a repond on some points of interest.

He also encouraged councilmembers to make their nominations on their Youth Advisory Council.

## XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

### A. Request by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

1. Recognition of Rick Pulido and the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro) for receipt of the prestigious "Outstanding Achievement Award" awarded by the American Public Transit Association (APTA).

Mr. Rick Pulido along with staff members Joe Jackson, Joe Guerra, and Tim Omick were recognized by the Mayor and City Council in recognition for receipt of the prestigious

"Outstanding Achievement Award" awarded by the American Public Transit Association (APTA).

**B. Request by Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning Budget Workshop Procedures.

Cm. Casso asked if the workshops were special council meetings or not?

Mr. Vargas stated that it was a meeting of City Council called as far back as March when the council reviewed the budget calendar which was sent in the newsletter sent on a weekly basis on March 11, 1994, whereby they seek direction from council with regards to the entire budget calendar. They polled the City Council to indicate that the meeting date is acceptable, then posted the meeting as a meeting of the City Council and minutes were taken and recorded of the motions that were made at that meeting.

Cm. Casso asked if it was a special meeting and if we were in violation of the City Charter. He asked that the City Attorney elaborate on the issue concerning Section 2.07 of the City Charter.

Mr. Jerry Cain, Asst. City Attorney, stated that it is not that the City Council is in violation of the City Charter, this provision is merely a mechanism which the framers of this charter put in so that a City Council Special Meeting could be called if there is need for one and you don't have a general agreement of the councilmembers to meet as long as the council members are in general agreement and as long as they agreed to meet, and do meet, they can meet as many times as they want to.

Cm. Casso asked if they agreed back in March.

Mr. Vargas answered they agreed to meet, when the budget calendar was circulated to the council in March.

2. Status report concerning the four neighborhood recreation centers.

Cm. Casso had no comments since this issue was discussed earlier.

**C. Request by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra**

1. Request by Aldo Tatangelo to discuss
  - a) a possible police sub-station in downtown Laredo, and
  - b) the maintenance of the Aldo Tatangelo Day Care Center.







**XIII. 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

44. Motion awarding an annual supply contract to the Low Bidder, Leyendecker Oil, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of transport loads of low sulfur diesel fuel for the Transit System on an as needed basis.

Motion to award an annual supply contract to the low bidder, Leyendecker Oil, Inc. for the purchase of transport loads of low sulfur diesel for the Transit System on an as needed basis.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Request for Executive Session under V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 551.071, to discuss pending litigation, Transit Management Company of Laredo v. Robert Sanchez, Jr. Cause No. 04-93-0045-CV.

Motion to go into Executive Session under V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 551.071, to discuss pending litigation, Transit Management Company of Laredo v. Robert Sanchez, Jr., Cause No. 04-93-0045-CV.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with finalizing the payment on this settlement for this case.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez

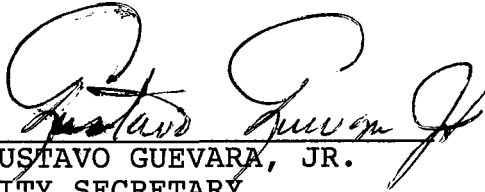
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 21 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 1994. 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: October 17, 1994

CORRECTIONS: