

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M94-R-43

DECEMBER 19, 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 H. BRUNI,	"	DISTRICT II	
ALFONSO PONCHO CASSO, JR.,	"	DISTRICT III	
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	DISTRICT IV	
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	DISTRICT V	
JOE A. GUERRA,	"	DISTRICT VI	
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	DISTRICT VIII	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY		
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER		
JERRY BRUCE CAIN,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY		

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Jerry Perez due to illness.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present.)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. City Council Meeting of December 5, 1994
Special City Council Meeting of December 12, 1994

Motion to approve the minutes as read.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno came in at this time, 5:37 p.m.

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move up items #47 and XI-(A)1 for presentation at this time.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the lease agreement entered into on April 12, 1987, approved by Ordinance No. 87-O-49, and as amended by Ordinance No. 87-O-96, between the City of Laredo and Francisco Jose Velasquez D/B/A City Trucking & Storage Company, in order to add Article IX, entitled Option to Purchase Lessee's Leasehold Interest; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment with Allaudin Creations, Inc., successor by an assignment from U.S. Bankruptcy Court, for the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, Case No. 88-00554-L-7, dated June 18, 1985, and approved by Ordinance No. 85-O-90, with O.M. International, Inc., in order to purchase Lessee's leasehold interest, establishing the purchase price of \$164,000.00, to Lessee's leasehold interest, and amending the description of the lease premises; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Tesoro Enterprises, Inc., by and through its owner Gerardo Canales, pertaining to the lease of two parking spaces to be used as a loading zone only, located at the northeast corner of Block 120 situated in the Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for a period of two years beginning January 3, 1995, and ending on January 3, 1997, at a cost of \$1,560.00 per year and authorizing the removal of two parking meters at said location.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Vicente Salcedo D/B/A "Hot Dog Express" for space B-1 (approximately

921.4 square feet) at the Mercado Square located at 501 Flores Avenue;

1. Lease term is for two years commencing February 1, 1995, and ending January 31, 1997, with an option of extending for a period of two years;
2. Monthly rent will be \$552.84 per month and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Laredo Center for the Arts being the Laredo Art League, the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Webb County Heritage Foundation for spaces in the building known as the Mercado Square; 1. Lease term is for one year commencing February 1, 1995, and ending January 31, 1996;
2. Monthly rent will be as follows: 1) Laredo Center for the Arts - \$4,000.00/month, 2) Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra - \$200.00, 3) Webb County Heritage Foundation - \$200.00; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and consider item #48 prior to consideration of item #8.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castañeda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances 94-O-249, 94-O-250, 94-O-251, 94-O-252, 94-O-253, 94-O-254, 94-O-255, 94-O-256, 94-O-257, 94-O-258, 94-O-259, 94-O-260, 94-O-261, 94-O-262, 94-O-263, 94-O-264, 94-O-265, 94-O-266, 94-O-267, 94-O-268, 94-O-269, and 94-O-270.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 94-O-242 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 53, Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5400 Springfield, of the City of Laredo, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.
(Unanimous City Council)

Property, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for effective date.
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the closing as a public easement that section of San Pedro Street between Meadow and Foster Avenues, and that section being the South 345.66 feet of Naranjo Avenue between Pappas and Bustamante Streets, situated within the City of Laredo's Airport Property, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for effective date.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 94-0-252 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Jose M. Ruiz, for that certain City property formerly known as the north 92.58 feet of Malinche Avenue, between Tinaja and Chacota Streets, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and also known as the 2600 Block of Malinche.
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Jose M. Ruiz, for that certain City property formerly known as the north 92.58 feet of Malinche Avenue, between Tinaja and Chacota Streets, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and also known as the 2600 Block of Malinche.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 94-0-253 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Jose Santos for approximately 4,612 square feet constituting Building #1112 located at 1603 East Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport;
1. Lease term is for one year commencing December 1, 1994, and ending November 30, 1995;
 2. Monthly rent will be \$900.00; providing for effective date. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Jose Santos for approximately 4,612

Motion approving of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget in the amount of \$120,843.00 for the Women and Children's Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4053 from \$0 to \$120,843.00; and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6006 from \$0 to \$120,843.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 94-O-256 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and two budgets in the amount of \$951,538.00 for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and the WIC Childhood Immunization Initiative Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4027 from \$0 to \$809,071.00, and 226-0000-323-4060 from \$0 to \$147,467; and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6007 from \$0 to \$809,071.00, and No. 226-6008 from \$0 to \$142,467.00. (City Council)

Motion approving of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and two budgets in the amount of \$951,538.00 for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program and the WIC Childhood Immunization Initiative Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995; and increasing Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4027 from \$0 to \$809,071.00, and 226-0000-323-4060 from \$0 to \$147,467; and increasing Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6007 from \$0 to \$809,071.00, and No. 226-6008 from \$0 to \$142,467.00.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 94-O-257 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 91.1583 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porciones 13 and 14, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the ITC Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service

Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 91.1538 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porciones 13 and 14, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the ITC Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 94-0-258 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 20.2763 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, situated in Porciones 13 and 14, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Garcia I Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 20.2763 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, situated in Porciones 13 and 14, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Garcia I Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 94-0-259 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 422.0878 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porcion 18, Abstract 21, Porcion 19, Abstract 47 and Survey 2143, Abstract 591, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Muller Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 24.6569 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in the San Isidro Ranch in Porciones 22 and 23, Abstract 47, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Salinas I Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. 94-0-264 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 512.78 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Survey 1196, Abstract 2938, Survey 1550, Abstract 496, and Survey 1022, Abstract 654, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Jacaman Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 512.78 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Survey 1196, Abstract 2938, Survey 1550, Abstract 496, and Survey 1022, Abstract 654, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Jacaman Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. 94-0-265 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 3.8616 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Share C of the Lino Flores Tract situated in Porcion 28, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Barrera Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing two additional parcels of territory constituting a total of 118.36 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porciones 31 and 32, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Dickenson Tract as Parcel A and the Bruni Tract as Parcel B, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Bruni)

28. 94-0-268 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing four additional parcels of land constituting a total acreage of 392.6476 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porciones 31, 32, 33 and 34, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Garcia II Tract as Parcel A, the Leyendecker I Tract as Parcel B, the Leyendecker II Tract as Parcel C, and the Gonzales Tract as Parcel D, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.
(Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing four additional parcels of land constituting a total acreage of 395.0895 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located out of Porciones 31, 32, 33 and 34, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Garcia II Tract as Parcel A, the Leyendecker I Tract as Parcel B, the Leyendecker II Tract as Parcel C, and the Gonzales Tract as Parcel D, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. 94-0-269 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 636.3489 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porcion 36, Abstract 473 and Porcion 37, Abstract 410, as further described by

Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Vimoso II Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 636.3489 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porcion 36, Abstract 473 and Porcion 37, Abstract 410, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Vimoso II Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. 94-O-270 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 199.75 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porcion 39, Abstract 250, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Trevino Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning. (Unanimous City Council)

Motion approving the altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 199.75 acres beginning at the existing City Limits, located in Porcion 39, Abstract 250, as further described by Metes and Bounds on Attachment "A", specifically, the Trevino Tract, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory and establishing the initial zoning.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

31. 94-R-145 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$50,000.00, at no cost to the City, for funding of the "El Protector" Traffic Education Program for the period of January 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995.

\$19,775.00, for the repair of the Water Treatment Plant's raw water intake pump #3.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of annual supply contracts to the Low Bidders, Noland Company, San Antonio, Texas (\$165,944.01), the Rohan Company, Laredo, Texas (\$87,700.26), and Davis McAllen Pipe & Supply, Laredo, Texas (\$24,860.50), for the purchase of water works materials for construction and repair projects by the Utilities Department-Water Operations.

Motion awarding of annual supply contracts to the Low Bidders, Noland Company, San Antonio, Texas (\$165,944.01), the Rohan Company, Laredo, Texas (\$87,700.26), and Davis McAllen Pipe & Supply, Laredo, Texas (\$24,860.50), for the purchase of water works materials for construction and repair projects by the Utilities Department-Water Operations.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to cancel the contract between the City of Laredo and Metales Reciclables, S.A. de C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to cancel the contract between the City of Laredo and Metales Reciclables, S.A. de C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Award of a professional engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$36,446.00, to G.G. Salinas Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to prepare plans and specifications including surveying, platting, design of street utilities, and storm drainage as required for a tract of land located north of Hillside Street, and East of Daugherty Avenue at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion awarding of a professional engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$36,446.00 to G.G. Salinas Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to prepare plan and specifications including surveying, platting, design of street utilities, and storm drainage as required for a tract of land located north of Hillside Street, and East of Daugherty Avenue at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$9,289.70, to Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Relighting of West Martin Field Project.

Motion on acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$9,289.70, to Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the Relighting of West Martin Field Project.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$148,500.00, to N.G. Painting, Inc., Kerrville, Texas, for the Painting of the 250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank located in the area of Fenwick Drive and Del Mar Boulevard.

Motion on acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$148,500.00, to N.G. Painting, Inc., Kerrville, Texas, for the Painting of the 250,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank located in the area of Fenwick Drive and Del Mar Boulevard.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Approval of Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$90,765.36, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$304,817.20, to Reddy Engineers and Contractors, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the Two (2) North Laredo Five (5) Million Gallon Ground Water Storage Tanks.

Motion approving of Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$90,765.36, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$304,817.20, to Reddy Engineers and Contractors, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the Two (2) North Laredo Five (5) Million Gallon Ground Water Storage Tanks.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Approval of Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$107,899.00, for the installation of a relief sanitary sewer line along Cleveland between Ejido Avenue, to the construction contract

with Ramex, Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 51 (41 Blocks).

Motion approving Change Order No. 1, an increase of \$107,899.00, for the installation of a relief sanitary sewer line along Cleveland between Ejido Avenue, to the construction contract with Ramex, Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, for the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 51 (41 Blocks).

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Approval of Change Order No. 2, an increase of \$13,127.50, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$41,283.71, to Price Construction Company, Big Spring, Texas, for the Calle del Norte Paving Improvements between Springfield and Mall del Norte.

Motion approving Change Order No. 2, an increase of \$13,127.50, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$41,283.71, to Price Construction Company, Big Spring, Texas, for the Calle del Norte Paving Improvements between Springfield and Mall del Norte.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

46. Presentation and approval of final design and final plans and specifications, and approval to advertise for bids for the Four (4) Neighborhood Recreation Centers.

Mr. Jim Brown from Frontera Associates International together with Mr. Dan Magee explained the plans and specifications for the four (4) neighborhood recreational centers.

Motion to approve the designs as presented by Frontera Associates International, Inc. for the four (4) neighborhood recreational centers.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: There were no plans submitted to the City Secretary for the record.

47. Presentation and approval of a design for a memorial monument to be placed at M.S. Ryan Elementary School in honor and remembrance of Amador Escudero, City Engineer.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, explained the design of the bronze memorial monument to be dedicated to Amador Escudero which will be placed at Ryan Elementary School.

Mrs. Escudero thanked the Mayor, Council, and Staff for this honor in remembrance to her husband.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Presentation of the Calton Gardens traffic circulation analysis as prepared by the City's Planning Department.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made a presentation on the analysis of traffic circulation in the Calton Gardens area. She explained that some of the problems are:

- (1) Inadequate right-of-way on Calton and Hillside Road to handle existing traffic, especially with increasing amounts of higher intensity uses.
- (2) Lack of coherent internal circulation plan for the area.
- (3) Inadequate access to several of the original tracts which are presently undeveloped.
- (4) Absent additional authorization from the City Council, the city cannot require platting of the original tracts or the dedication of right-of-way for access.
- (4) Protection of intact residential neighborhoods.

She stated that it was staff's recommendation to:

- (1) Adopt a traffic circulation plan for the Calton Garden Addition, including appropriate measures to secure right-of-way.
- (2) Provide authority for the city to secure right-of-way as a condition of building or limit the intensity of use through zoning.

Marina concluded by saying that staff's specific recommendations were:

- (1) Identify Maryland Street as a non-street, conveying to abutting owners as appropriate, and close and convey those portions of Canal Street east of Marcella and reserving an easement for maintenance or drainage channel.
- (2) Secure additional right-of-way at the intersection of Springfield with Hillside and Calton to provide adequate stacking and dedicated turning movements.
- (3) Establish an absolute minimum right-of-way along Canal Street west of Springfield abutting the drainage channel, but not less than 30 feet.

- (4) Require all new developments along Hillside and Calton to dedicate by plat or separate instrument, or to reserve right-of-way, trading for side and rear rights-of-way deemed no longer necessary.
- (5) Require platting of undivided original tracts abutting Gallagher north or Calton, and San Francisco south of Calton.
- (6) Require dedication of right-of-way from blocks 53 and 56 to connect Castañeda Court to Marcella and Springfield, and require dedication along Marcella on the east side of Block 57.
- (7) Terminate Aurora east of Block 50/51 and one block west of Haynes.

Cm. Castañeda raised a concern on acquiring additional right-of-way, he was totally opposed acquiring right-of-way on Hillside and concerned on acquiring right-of-way on Calton. He stated that along Calton many homes are almost at the edge of the street, there are no sidewalks, there are many children crossing the streets and it has very heavy traffic. He added that he does not have a problem on the undeveloped property and that people around the area are all taxpayers too, they are trying do the improvements on their homes that they did after the city did the right-of-way acquisition on Calton and now we are going to come back and affect some of those residents. The city needs to look at opening additional east/west and north/south arteries to balance out the traffic in that area, and that they should consider extending Bustamante across the creek to provide some access. He also recommended that council consider connecting San Francisco where it hits the creek to cross behind the H.E.B area to provide some access relief.

Ms. Sukup spoke in reference to the issues and stated they did not look at the Retama area. They do recommend that San Francisco be opened.

Mayor Ramirez asked that Marina look at the undeveloped land between Calton and Hillside and consider a north-south artery and to approach the landowners for right-of-ways.

Motion to send both items, Ordinance #94-0-242 and item #48 back to P&Z Commission for further review and consideration so that they come back with proper recommendations on other alternatives.

Moved : Cm. Castañeda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Authorizing the City Manager, through the Laredo Police Department, to implement the City's participation in the H.E.A.T. Program (Help End Auto Theft) in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Motion authorizing the City Manager, through the Laredo Police Department to implement the City's participation in the H.E.A.T. Program in conjunction with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Discussion concerning the possible acquisition of the Union National Bank Building with possible Executive Session pursuant to the Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property, to wit: Union National Bank Building located at 1100 Matamoros, and possible action.

Motion to waive and proceed with the agenda and discuss this item until the end of the meeting.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Bruni)

Note: Cm. Bruni filed an affidavit with the City Secretary stating that he has a substantial interest in a business entity or real property that may receive a special economic effect and that he shall abstain from any discussion, vote, or decision involving this business entity or real property and from any further participation in this matter as those terms are defined in Chapter 171 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to the Government Code Section 551.072 to deliberate regarding real property, to-wit: Union National Bank Building located at 1100 Matamoros and possible action.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1
(Cm. Bruni)

Mr. Frank Staggs asked if the council will deliberate any discussions in public and open discussion to the public.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that essentially what he wanted to do is give out information to council in regards to the values and seek direction from the council.

Mayor Ramirez stated that an issue like this would require public hearings. He added that the discussions they are having are preliminary and are dealing specifically with instructions that were given to staff to proceed with

appraisals of this property. He concluded by saying that as far as deliberations for any official action this evening, they will not be contemplating any of that at this time, that probably staff would be instructed to proceed with scheduling public hearings on this matter.

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

51. Approval of the Memorandum of Cooperative Intent between the City of Laredo, the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Turnpike Authority concerning the general roles each entity will play in the development of the innovative financing of the Laredo Northwest International Toll Bridge (Bridge 4).

Motion approving of the Memorandum of Cooperative Intent between the City of Laredo, the Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Turnpike Authority concerning the general roles each entity will play in the development of the innovative financing of the Laredo Northwest International Toll Bridge (Bridge 4).

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

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

1. Presentation by Mayor Homero Quiroga Davila from Cienega de Flores, N.L., Mexico, concerning the continuation of a "Sister Cities" agreement between his City and Laredo, Texas.

Mayor Ramirez presented the plaque to Mayor Davila who introduced the council and the delegation from Cienega de Flores as follows:

Professor Hector Benito Rios
 Councilman Alonzo Cardenas
 Councilwoman Nelly Trevino
 Councilwoman Emma Rodriguez
 Treasurer, Carlos Cardenas
 Secretary, Pedro Chavarria
 Councilman, Abelardo Trevino

Councilman, Carlos Marin Quiroga
Accountant, Miguel Angel Cardenas

Motion to approve the resolution to continue our sister city relationship with our sister city of Cienega de Flores, Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the community development blueprint for District III.

Cm. Casso wanted a map that shows the number of streets that are unpaved in his district, the number of streets that are paved, but that don't have curb and gutters, sidewalk plans, lighting plans, if there are any projects for affordable housing in his district for the next three (3) years.

Mayor Ramirez suggested that the same information be given the rest of the councilmembers for each of their districts.

2. Discussion concerning the rising costs of Right-of-Way acquisition throughout the City.

Cm. Casso's concern was that the city might have problems with an overpass where the inner loop is, where it intercepts with Highway 59, he stated for the record that he wants an overpass over Highway 59 and that he understands that there are some developers and landowners that do not want an overpass, because they don't want the city to by-pass their property.

He wanted to go on record as saying that we do need an overpass on this area.

3. Status report on the placement of traffic lights at
 - a) Market Street between Marcella Street and Meadow Avenue,
 - b) Meadow Avenue and Green Street or Meadow Avenue and Mercer Street;
 - c) Meadow Avenue and Galveston Street,
 - d) Seymour Street and Guerrero Street, and
 - e) Galveston Street and Springfield Avenue.

Cm. Casso stated he still has not received reports on the above items, especially item (b).

Mr. Landin, Traffic Director and Mr. Murillo, gave a written report to Cm. Casso and the rest of the council.

Note: No written report was given to the City Secretary for the record.

4. Status report on the placement of a four-way stop at the intersection of Hendricks Avenue and Fremont Street.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed to run the necessary traffic counts at the intersection of Hendricks and Fremont, Cedar and Lane to see if they warrant a four-way stop sign and bring a report to Cm. Casso.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Discussion and possible action concerning the drainage on Aldama Street at Louisiana Street, and on Stone Street at Green Street.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that on the Daiches School drainage the problem is at Loring. They paved both streets and in the intersection they left a drainage facility to drain across a swale from Green to Chacon across the school. When they finished that drainage there, they cleared the area across the school and the school was to keep it maintained so that the drainage would cross. We suggested at that time that perhaps they could construct some type of a valley gutter. The problem is that whenever the grass is not cut it hills up, then when there is big rain the water backs up unto the intersection and we are having problems there with the maintaining of that intersection.

Mr. Rivera stated that a standard five foot valley gutter would do to solve this problem.

Mayor Ramirez asked for a cost estimate on the project if the valley gutter is built and suggested that staff visit with the school superintendent with the cost estimate.

C. Request by Councilmember Blas Castaneda

1. Discussion and possible action concerning a request from the residents in the Chaparral and Westgate subdivisions to extend their fences to the edge of the Zacate Creek.

Cm. Castaneda stated that we are in the process of concreting this channalization there and the residents had signed a petition that was brought to council on a previous meetings. They have come back to see if there is a possibility of allowing them that once it is finished concreting the canal there could be a possibility of relocating their fences to the edge.

Motion to instruct staff to meet with residents along the creek between Canal Street and Hillside, the area of the channalization.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the parking of "travel vans" in fire lanes and other no parking areas around San Augustin Plaza.

Cm. Cardenas stated that he had been contacted by the taxicab owners who are concerned that travel vans are blocking the intersections, they have no permits, they pay no taxes and at times there is no parking for loading and unloading passengers. He stated he was asked by the taxicab owners if there is anything in the books that will help them try to solve this problem.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, stated that the vans should be licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission in order to transport from one destination to another. He added that they can actually do something which is to try to verify whether these vans are in essence actually licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission.

Mayor Ramirez stated the important thing here is whether they are licensed by the Railroad Commission or not because if they are advertising trips outside the City of Laredo they are in violation of the state law and if they are offering trips in the City of Laredo they are in violation of our taxicab ordinance.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

53. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget revision in the amount of \$9,908.00, for the Immunization Action Plan Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994; and that said ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and a budget revision in the amount of \$9,908.00, for the Immunization Action Plan Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1994, through December 31, 1994; and increasing

Revenue Line Item No. 226-0000-323-4040 from \$112,236.00 to 122,328.00, and Expenditure Line Item No. 226-6091 from \$112,328.00 to \$122,236.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

54. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for 1st year funding of the Speed/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$30,000.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for 1st year funding of the Speed/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

55. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$29,992.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation with the City designating \$16,150.00 for funding of the Driving While Intoxicated/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$29,992.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation with the City designating \$16,150.00 for funding of the Driving While Intoxicated/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Cm. Casso suggested that the council make plans to go into executive session in January to discuss overtime. He asked what the status was on the consultant that was going to come to take a look at the Police Department.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, stated that they had been in touch with Mr. Pat Murphy who is the consultant that was here. Mr. Murphy requested additional information, he sent a questionnaire and it has been filled out and sent back to him so that he can analyze it further. He should be coming back with some recommendations about what needs to be done and when an additional visit will be necessary. He stated they have not officially hired him, that after he makes this analysis he will possibly come back with a figure and they will be coming back to council with a contract.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

56. Public hearing concerning the introduction of an ordinance closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street

Improvements Project 52 and fixing a lien and charge; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 52 and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Castaneda was temporarily out.)

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, State Certified Appraiser, stated that after all factors were taken into consideration and studied it was her recommendation that properties would be enhanced by the value assessed, with only three exceptions as follows:

- 1) Parcel 46 at an assessment of \$694.40 there was no enhancement by the paving and she was recommending an adjustment of assessment of zero.
- 2) Parcel 164 was being assessed at \$190.00 enhancement was zero and is recommending an adjustment assessment of zero, and
- 3) Parcel 183 is being assessment \$4,164.00 is being enhanced by 75% and is recommending an adjustment of \$3,123.00.

Parcel 46 was a triangle with frontage on Santa Isabel and Lafayette was less than 1,000 sq. ft. too small to be buildable, therefore was not enhanced by the street improvements.

Parcel 164 has the 38' being assessed on the other side needed to construct a drainage creek just east of Arkansas, therefore this parcel was not enhanced in value and the assessment was reduced by the \$190.00.

Parcel 183 was the railroad at the rear of the block and it showed approximately 25% of the block with not enough depth to be buildable, therefore the 25% of the block was not enhanced by the street improvements and was recommending to be reduced to the new figure of \$3,123.00.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, made the presentation.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance and accept the assessment values.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 56a. Motion to award a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$1,579,930.00, for the Bond Street Paving Assessment Project 52 (47 Blocks).

Motion to table for January 3rd meeting.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

57. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$26,190.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for 5th year funding of the TRASER Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$26,190.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for 5th year funding of the TRASER Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

58. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$19,819.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of

Transportation with the City designating \$10,672.00 for funding of the Safety Belt Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 Annual Budget in the amount of \$19,819.00, for a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation with the City designating \$10,672.00 for funding of the Safety Belt Enforcement Program for the period of October 1, 1994, through September 30, 1995.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

59. Public hearing on approval of an amendment to the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 U.S. Customs Service Fund Budget in the amount of \$116,725.00, for an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs for the reimbursement of overtime for the period of January 1, 1995 through September 30, 1995; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo's 1994-1995 U.S. Customs Service Fund Budget in the amount of \$116,725.00, for an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs for the reimbursement of overtime for the period of January 1, 1995 through September 30, 1995.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

60. Public hearing on authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit to Sonat Exploration Company for Gas Extraction on 2.75 acres out of Porcion 33, A-3084, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located at the northeast corner of Los Presidentes Subdivision, Unit 7; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit to Sonat Exploration Company for a Gas Extraction Facility for a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 33, A-3084, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located east of Merida Drive and west of the proposed extension of the Inner Loop, in the northeast corner of Los Presidentes Subdivision, Unit 7, of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. David Kate representing Sonat Exploration Company was present to answer any questions on safety or any related issues. He stated that staff sent him a copy of the draft of the resolution approving the issuance of the building permit that will be presented for approval. He added the draft includes a restriction on the use of diesel generated power during the drilling place of operations and ask that staff consider dropping this restriction and allowing them to use conventional diesel generator power.

Cm. Bruni went on record as saying that they should allow Sonat to drill by the conventional means of diesel power engines versus electricity. He said that where the drill site is, there are no homes nearby.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated that they are recommending the special use permit, the issue of the generator is an issue of the drilling permit which will be before the council on January at this time the limitations are spacing limitations, signing and notification.

Mayor Ramirez asked that in reviewing the permit that they consider the request made by Cm. Bruni to use the conventional method of operating their engines.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

61. Public hearing on authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Home Park on Lot 6, Block 1, out of Kahn Subdivision, located east of Mines Road and north of Tejas II Industrial Park, known as Monique's Mobile Village; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Housing Park on Lot 6, Block 1, out of Kahn Subdivision, located east of Mines Road and north of Tejas II Industrial Park, City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, City Planner, made the presentation before the council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

62. Public hearing on amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning part of Block 9, and all of Blocks 10, 23, and 24, out of Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5001 San Dario from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning part of Block 9, and all of Blocks 10, 23, and 24,

out of Calton Gardens Subdivision, located at 5001 San Dario from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

63. Award of a contract to the Sole Supplier, M-B Signs, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$39,500.00, for the purchase of the existing inventory of bus benches, materials, and advertising contracts for the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro).

Motion to award contract to the Sole Supplier, M-B Signs, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$39,500.00, for the purchase of the existing inventory of bus benches, materials, and advertising contracts for the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro).

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

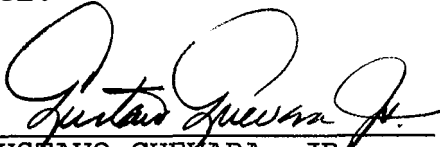
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. 94-RT-147 Authorizing the Laredo Municipal Transit System (El Metro) to enter into a Transportation Service Agreement with the Laredo Community College, for the period beginning January 11, 1995, through January 10, 1997; and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Laredo to execute all related documents.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 36 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 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

MINUTES APPROVED ON:

CORRECTIONS: