

(Cw. Moreno came in at this time 5:33 p.m.)

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a transfer of a portion of a drainage easement in Las Brisas Phase 2.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Declaring the necessity for, and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets, and setting a public hearing for Paving Assessment Project 44.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cw. Aldridge came in at this time: 5:36 p.m.)

5. Approving a lease with Paul W. Reynolds for an approximate 37,975 square feet of land located west of Americity Savings & Loan on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of commercial development.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Closing as a public easement that section of Loring Avenue between Taylor Street and the original north City Limits, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cm. Perales came in at this time: 5:40 p.m.)

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading on ordinance #93-O-013, #93-O-014, #93-O-015, #93-O-016, #93-O-017, #93-O-018, #93-O-019, #93-O-020, #93-O-021, #93-O-022 and #93-O-023.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 93-O-013 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Jalapeno Festival Association, Inc., for and on behalf of the City of Laredo, for approximately 9.0 acres at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of hosting the 1993 Jalapeno Festival. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 93-O-014 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association of Laredo, a Texas non-profit corporation, for approximately 13 acres of land located at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of the 1993 WBCA Carnival.
 (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 93-O-015 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Border Area Nutrition Council, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, for the approximate 481 square feet constituting Room #24 of Building S-1, located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport, to be used for the purpose of office space. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 93-O-016 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Antonio Gutierrez for the approximate 400 square feet constituting Building 1340, located at 4113 North Jarvis, at the Laredo International Airport, for use as storage space.
 (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 93-O-017 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with M. J. Muhlenbruch, Inc., for the approximate 2,952 square feet constituting Section #2 of Building 170, located at 5103 Maher Avenue, at the Laredo International Airport; for use as air cargo and office space. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 93-O-018 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Richard R. Mendez, for an approximate five acres of land, located on the southeast side of the Laredo International Airport; for use as a golf driving range. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 93-O-019 Closing the hearing on Project 43 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)

Mr. Bill Haynes appeared before the City Council protesting the enhancement value to his property on Orilla street.

Mr. Vargas stated that he had sent Mr. Haynes a letter on January 26, 1993 addressing his concerns of the meeting of January 11, 1993.

Mrs. Frances Villarreal, appraiser reaffirmed the enhanced value.

Mrs. Frances Villarreal, appraiser consultant to the City of Laredo, stated that she found the parcels are suitable for building since there is a building in one of the parcels; they are not in the flood zone; the buildings can be built under or close to the electric lines; and that the building department will issue a building permit on those parcels. She reaffirmed that the parcels of land are enhanceable in the values that were assessed.

Mr. Angelo Ferrazano from Community Department stated that Benny Salinas was willing to issue a building permit to build warehouses on the parcels of land owned by Mr. Haynes and Mrs. Reece.

Mr. Vargas stated that the appraisal evidence that was presented indicated that in fact this piece of property meets the same test that all of the properties have been submitted to and assessments have been made. He added that in the future, if in fact Mr. Haynes is interested in property swap that we can consider to look into that, but as far as whether to assess or not assess the property the staff's position is that it has met the test for

increase or enhancement evaluation and therefore it should be assessed.

Motion to table action on project 43 for the February 16th meeting and bring copies of the appraisals on Mr. Haynes property. Staff was instructed to bring a summary of the two projects that we are doing in-house (Project 42 & 43); the time that council designated staff to do these two projects. Staff was also instructed a paving report on Project 35 & 37 on what the time period has been and the delays that have been involved plus the reasons for these delays.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 93-O-020 An ordinance amending Section 24-83 of Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo, authorizing the Historic District/Landmark Board to designate locally significant historic sites and structures; establishing criteria for such designation; setting forth procedures and other provisions relating thereto; adding two additional Board members; and establishing an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 93-O-021 Amending the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Fund Budget for FY 1992-1993 by: (1) increasing the following revenue line items - FAA Grant Proceeds from \$342,000 to \$666,000, Airport Capital Improvement Proceeds from \$38,000 to \$74,002, and (2) increasing the following expenditure line items Pavement Improvements from \$380,000 to \$740,002, and to authorize the City Manager to implements such projects. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 93-O-022 Amending certain sections of the Subdivision Ordinance, Chapter 2, Submission of a Subdivision Plat; rescinding Chapter 5, Section 5-8, Filing Fee; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 93-O-023 Establishing rates, rules, and procedures for the use of the Public Access Center, its equipment and personnel. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and take items 51, 53A, 53B and 53(D)3 for discussion and action at this time.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

18. 93-R-004 Accepting the conveyance of 98 acre feet of municipal water rights from Ted S. Scibienski in payment for water availability charges, in connection with the platting of International Commerce Center Units 1 and 2.

Motion accepting the conveyance of 98 acre feet of municipal water rights from Ted S. Scibienski in payment for water availability charges, in connection with the platting of International Commerce Center Units 1 and 2.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Cw. Aldridge not present)

19. 93-R-005 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 1,493.75 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights from Milton E. Wentz, Jr., Jeanine D. Wentz, William Charles Wentz, Diane W. Burdette, and David E. Wentz, for the sum of \$430,200.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 1,493.75 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water

rights from Milton E. Wentz, Jr., Jeanine d. Wentz, William Charles Wentz, Diane W. Burdette and David E. Wentz, for the sum of \$430,200.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Cw. Aldridge not present)

20. 93-R-006 Authorizing the City Manager to make an application for amendment of Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-8, involving the transfer of 760 acre feet of Class "B" water rights from William F. Renfrow, Jr., and Warren J. North, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Dr. William Frank Renfrow, deceased, to the City, their conversion to municipal use, to establish place of use, to establish diversion point.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make an application for amendment of Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-8 involving the transfer of 760 acre feet of Class "B" water rights.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Cw. Aldridge not present)

21. 93-R-007 Declaring the public necessity to acquire part of Lots 3, 5, and 7, Block 960, all in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, needed for the Anna Truck Route Project; and authorizing the staff to pay fair market value for the acquisition of these properties.

Motion declaring the public necessity to acquire part of Lots 3, 5, and 7, Block 960, all in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas needed for the Anna Truck Route Project; and authorizing the staff to pay fair market value for the acquisition of these properties.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
(Cw. Aldridge not present)

VIII. MOTIONS

22. Award of a contract in the amount of \$17,925.12 to the Low Bidder, Vallen Safety Supply Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of twelve sets of breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$17,925.12 to the low bidder, Vallen Safety Supply Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of twelve sets of breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of a contract in the amount of \$28,844.00 to the Low Bidder, Ferrara Firefighting Equipment, New Braunfels, Texas, for the purchase of forty-four sets of protective clothing for the Fire Department.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$28,844.00 to the low bidder, Ferrara Firefighting Equipment, New Braunfels, Texas for the purchase of forty-four sets of protective clothing for the Fire Department.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Authorizing the purchase of six mobile radios, twenty-four portable radios, twenty-four battery chargers, and twelve speaker microphones for the Fire Department, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, in the amount of \$31,150.

Motion authorizing the purchase of six mobile radios, twenty-four portable radios, twenty-four battery chargers, and twelve speaker microphones for the Fire Department, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments, in the amount of \$31,150.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Southwest Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$44,340, for the purchase of light bars, sirens, and shields for the Police and Fire Departments.

Motion to award of a contract to the low bidder, Southwest Public Safety, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$44,340, for the purchase of lights bars, sirens, and shields for the Police and Fire Departments.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of a contract in the amount of \$29,944.00 to the Low Bidder, Alamo Cycle Plex, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of four motorcycles for the Police Department.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$29,944.00 to the low bidder, Alamo Cycle Plex, San Antonio, Texas for the purchase of four motorcycles for the Police Department.

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

Against: Abstain: 0

27. Award of a contract in the amount of \$29,620.60 to the Low Bidder, Texas State Distributors, Inc., Beaumont, Texas, for the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$29,620.60 to the low bidder, Texas State Distributors, Inc., Beaumont, Texas, for the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of a contract in the amount of \$5,387.64 to the Low Bidder, International Supply Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of one pipe cutter for the Utilities Department, Water Distribution Division.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$5,387.64 to the low bidder, International Supply Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of one pipe cutter for the Utilities Department, Water Distribution Division.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award of a contract in the amount of \$13,349.00 to the Low Bidder, Snap On Tools, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of a wheel alignment system for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$13,349.00 to the low bidder, Snap On Tools, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of a wheel alignment system for the Fleet Maintenance Division.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidder, Laurel Battery Company, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$10,796.91, for the purchase of automotive batteries for City vehicles.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the low bidder, Laurel Battery Company, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$10,796.91, for the purchase of automotive batteries for City vehicles.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Award of a contract in the amount of \$8,300, to the Low Bidder Meeting Specifications, Prime Equipment Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of four ground pounders for the Utilities Department.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$8,300 to the low bidder meeting specifications, Prime Equipment Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of four ground pounders for the Utilities Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Award of a contract in the amount of \$8,980, to the Sole Bidder, Watson Distributing Co., Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of a three-wheel Cushman vehicle for the Traffic Safety Parking Division.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$8,980, to the sole bidder, Watson Distributing Co., Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of a three-wheel Cushman vehicle for the Traffic Safety Parking Division.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Award of a contract in the amount of \$256,578, to the Low Bidder, Kuenstler Machinery Co., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of three vacuum type street sweepers for the Public Works Department.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$256,578, to the low bidder, Kuenstler Machinery Co., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of three vacuum type street sweepers for the Public Works Department.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidder Meeting Specifications, Davis McAllen Pipe and Supply Co., Laredo,

Texas, in the estimated amount of \$49,098.80, for the purchase of fire hydrants.

Motion to award an annual supply contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, Davis McAllen Pipe and Supply Co., Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$49,098.80, for the purchase of fire hydrants.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award of an engineering contract to Juarez Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$103,600, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 48 (37 Blocks).

Motion to amend paving projects 35, 36, and 37 to include curb and gutter for some blocks and to proceed to add 3 to 5 streets per project. Cw. Moreno also reminded staff that the 1500 block of Frost was not identified as needing curb and gutter.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to award of an engineering contract to Juarez Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$103,600, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 48.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain; 0

36. Award of an engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$114,800, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 49 (41 Blocks).

Motion to award engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$114,800, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 49.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Award of an engineering contract to Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$106,400, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990

Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 50 (38 Blocks).

Motion to award an engineering contract to Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$106,400, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 50.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of an engineering contract to Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$62,500, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the Asbestos Abatement Project for the City of Laredo Health Department Complex located at 2600 Cedar.

Motion to award an engineering contract to Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc., San Antonio, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Approval of change order no. 5, a decrease of \$8,961.20, acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$137,447.71 to Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction, Inc., Mercedes, Texas, for the Zacate Creek North Interceptor Phase 2 Project.

Motion to approve change order no. 5, a decrease of \$8,961.20, acceptance of the project, and approve of final payment in the amount of \$137,447.71 to Jimmy Closner & Sons Construction, Inc., Mercedes, Texas for the Zacate Creek.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$28,060, to the construction contract with Ramex Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas, for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 39 (46 Blocks).

Motion to approve change order no. 1, an increase of \$28,060, to the construction contract with Ramex Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 39.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez stepped out momentarily and Mayor Pro-Tem

Castaneda chaired the meeting at this time.

41. Award of construction contract to the Low Bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$431,588.60, for the Calton Road Drainage Improvements Project.

Motion to award construction contract to the low bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Inc., Houston, Texas in the amount of \$431,588.60.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$133,610, to the construction contract with Landmark Structures, Inc., Keller, Texas, for the Northwest Laredo Elevated Water Storage Tank and Water Improvements EDA Project No. 08-01-02788.

Motion to approve change order no. 2, an increase of \$133,610, to the construction contract with Landmark Structures, Inc., Keller, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain; 0

43. Approval of change order no. 1, to extend the construction contract time, with no change to the contract amount, to the construction contract with McLean Construction Company, Killeen, Texas, for the Major Water Distribution Mains in North Laredo Project.

Motion to approve change order no. 1, to extend the construction contract time, with no change to the contract amount, to the construction contract with Mcleans Construction Company,

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Award of an engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$49,500, for a feasibility study for a fire fighting training facility.

Motion to award an engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

Motion to approve the revised City of Laredo Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Authorizing the acquisition of approximately 1.3120 acres being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee Abstract 280, also by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr. to Samuel Bratton, for the Mines Road Widening Project, Los Minerales Tract 18-1 (with possible executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(f)).

Motion authorizing the acquisition of approximately 1.3120 acres being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee Abstract 280, also by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr. to Samuel Bratton, for the Mines Road Widening Project, Los Minerales Tract 18-1.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Discussion and update concerning the median on Del Mar Boulevard at San Dario with possible action.

Motion to proceed with the plans that the city has to establish dedicated left hand turn pockets both east-bound and west-bound that would allow access to Guerra's Exxon by westbound traffic.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

51. Recognizing Dr. Ken Wolfe for his contributions to historic preservation.

Dr. Ken Wolfe received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor and the City Council.

52. Presentation of applications for appointments by the Mayor and Councilmembers to the Youth Advisory Board of the City of Laredo.

Mrs. Cindy Collazo presented a list of applicants to the council of 150 students from various local schools. She asked that the council make their selections to the Youth Council. The Mayor and each Councilmember would appoint two members and an alternate to serve on the Youth Advisory

Board.

Cm. Castaneda recommended that they schedule a council meeting to designate the appointments of this committee. He added that they also extend an invitation to everyone that submitted an application so that the board members are identified and recognized for their participation.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

53. Requests by the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

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

Recognition of newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop James Tamayo for his dedicated service to the citizens of Laredo, and for his recent appointment to the Galveston-Houston Diocese as Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza.

Mayor Ramirez and Council presented a certificate of recognition to the newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop James Tamayo for his dedicated service to the citizens of Laredo, and for his recent appointment to the Galveston-Houston Diocese as Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza.

B. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda

Presentation by Martha Cavazos concerning traffic problems on I.H. 35.

Mrs. Martha Cavazos addressed the council on the unsafe conditions being created by the truck traffic on IH 35. She suggested traffic signs or lights to slow down the traffic due to the truck lining up going south to warn drivers of the backed up truck traffic.

Mr. Vargas stated that such signs are under design by the Texas Department of Transportation and will be placed in the inner loop and when there is a vehicle that sits over a particular loop system they will trigger a sign at that road indicating there is backup traffic.

The portable signs are available for temporary relief to caution and slow down the traffic. Mr. Vargas added that they had asked the Texas Department of Public Safety to also assign a highway cursor that has the elevated signals so that when people are driving they can see the problem ahead.

C. Requests from Councilmember Jose Perez

1. Update and report concerning the possibility of contracting services for maintenance of medians and other City properties; with possible action.

Cm. Perez requested uniformity on the maintenance of the medians and other city properties.

Mr. Vargas stated that there are several instances in which these properties are maintained at the homeowners association cost or the developers.

Cm. Perez stated that since we cannot go into private property then why we could not go to clean the Three Points which is public area.

Mr. Vargas stated that there is a lease for that property and one of the conditions of that lease is that the tenant who is occupying the property is responsible for the maintenance of that property.

Cm. Perez asked that they enforce the lease.

Motion to instruct staff to clean that area as soon as possible and if we have to enforce the lease to go ahead with the enforcement of force cleaning.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Update and report concerning facility usage between the City and other public entities; with possible action.

Motion to table this item indefinitely.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Update and report concerning the Tinaja Creek concrete channelization between New York and Pine; with possible action.

Mr. Amador Escudero, City Engineer, stated that they need to provide the culvert at Santa Clara for two (2) blocks and a culvert at Pecan for two (2) blocks in the earthen and concrete channelization project; that the engineering plans are completed; and that the acquisition of land was down to two properties.

4. Update and report concerning the South Meadow Reconstruction Project; with possible action.

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, stated that the schedule for the engineering plans from Chacon to Pine would be completed by the end of the month; construction would begin by mid April; the construction of drainage would be

completed by May; and the street improvements would be completed by June. He estimated a total of five months for its construction.

5. Update and report concerning the cleaning of Tinaja Creek Bridge at the 3100 Block of Chestnut and the cleaning of the two bridges on Century Drive; with possible action.

Mr. Vargas stated that we have to negotiate with the developers for the easement and the acquisition of the right-of-way or easements which is a time consuming process. Mr. Vargas added that they are expediting these projects.

Mrs. Collazo stated that they cited Mr. Zaffirini on the area to be cleaned and was given time by Municipal Court to survey and verify that the area was all his. Mrs. Collazo added that in the past one time he did clean it and the second time he did not at which time staff was instructed to go ahead and contact the Municipal Court Judge so that they could go ahead and ask Mr. Zaffirini if he was given time to resurvey the area. Mrs. Collazo stated that they will pursue this matter.

Joe Guerra, Director of Public Works, stated that they have started cleaning on the bridge at Chestnut on Friday and the bridges on Century last week. He said that they can only clean the top of the bridges. He continued by saying that they are working up to Canal Street and will finish with Tinaja Creek.

D. Requests from Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge

1. Request for a status report concerning the City's enforcement policy for stray animals.

Mr. Victor Oliveros, from the Health Department, stated that 6,500 stray dogs have been picked up 1992 which is 2,000 more than last year. He added that the Municipal Judges have been asked to be less lenient to violators in his department's citations. He said that they will be adding four more vehicles soon which will help with the problem.

Mr. Oliveros stated that vicious animal situation falls under a different set of rules that we don't have establish under our current ordinances. He added that the city ordinances are more lax than the state laws.

Motion to change or improve the dog ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Request for a status report concerning the signalization of the intersection of Green and Meadow Streets.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that they have conducted three traffic counts and their study shows that this intersection does not merit a traffic signal light. He mentioned the fact that this intersection presently has a flashing light.

Cw. Aldridge asked that a distance visibility marking be looked into along Meadow at this intersection.

3. Discussion concerning letter dated January 21, 1993 addressed to City representatives.

Cw. Aldridge read a letter to the council on her viewpoint concerning the Colombia Toll Road. She then introduced Mr. Rick Gray and Mr. Roger Moore, her attorneys from Austin.

Mr. Gray stated that they were here to protect the legal rights of Cw. Aldridge. He went on to say that several allegations and accusations were incorrect and that the council could be subject to legal action and fines. He advised council to take careful precaution on any actions against Cw. Aldridge.

Mayor Ramirez read a memorandum explaining the steps that the City has taken to voice its opinion on the Colombia Toll Road and its position in response to Cw. Aldridge's letter.

(No memorandum was submitted to the City Secretary's Office.)

Mayor Ramirez stated for the record, "Let me just for the record again...because its on the record and you can listen to all the City Council meetings we have had in the last two (2) years or almost three (3) that Cw. Aldridge has been a Councilmember and most of the Councilmembers that are present plus for a time Mayor Tatangelo and then I took over, that if you look at the record, we clearly stated first informals that the reason why the council... and I recommended that evening to the City Council that they not approve to support for Camino Falcon and it's on the record, but the reason why the council acted in such a manner was because it mere our comprehensive master plan for the first time in the history of this community to establish a comprehensive master plan of development for our region...and it's unfortunate that the people that are up here...elected by the people to represent the people have to have some other people to represent them in their conversation,

because it's gotten to this point of having to have a lawyer come up here and clear up something like this on the part of a member of this council. I have worked with close to 20 different members of this community on this council over the last ten years and never have I had to encounter such a problem as I had in dealing with this kinds of accusations that have been raised in this letter of January 21st on the part of Cw. Aldridge."

Motion to proceed with the agenda.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

E. Requests from Councilmember Eduardo Perales

1. Presentation by Edward Foster concerning his request to appear before the Board of Adjustment for an "administrative interpretation"; with discussion and possible action.

Motion to table for the February 16th meeting.

Moved: Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the extension of Del Mar Boulevard.

Mr. Jim Kazen, Executive Director of the For Year Foundation, spoke on the importance of upgrading the extension roads leading to the new proposed four year A & M University in Laredo. His concern if the water, sewer, and infrastructure will be ready and available when the new university is constructed and ready for classes. He asked the council take into consideration the roads leading to the proposed university.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, a member of the foundation, read a letter from Mr. Hector Garcia, President of the Four Year Foundation, on concern of extending the Del Mar Blvd. to the new university. It stated that the road is too narrow and in need of repairs.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, stated that as the project is developed, the roads will be improved and constructed to go along with the project construction pace.

Cm. Castaneda asked staff the he would like to see the possibility of exploring a written statement on seeing a commitment from us to develop the infrastructure needs.

Mayor Ramirez stated that it is imperative to extend Del Mar Blvd. and that mandatory assessment be considered to extend this road to the new university.

Motion to instruct staff to come up with a mandatory assessment plan and the cost estimates.

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

Against: Abstain:

F. Requests from Councilmember Jerry Perez

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the logos to be placed on the water tower located on the Mines Road; presentation by Albert Muller.

Mr. Albert Muller, from La Bota Ranch, appeared before the council to request council authorization to allow his family to paint a sign with "La Bota Ranch" on the south side of the northwest water tower.

Motion to allow Mr. Muller to paint the water tower at their cost.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Request for a status report concerning the proposed West Laredo overpass.

Mr. Vargas stated that earlier this evening the City Council approved a motion to grant a consulting contract to Wilbur Smith to do the feasibility study for a west Laredo overpass. He added that City Council during the budget discussions allocated \$25,000 for the feasibility study which is the first step for the construction of the an overpass over the railroad. He added this study is required by Federal Government.

G. Requests from Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

1. Request for a status report concerning the traffic study being performed at the intersection of San Eduardo Avenue and Scott Street.

Mr. Landin, Traffic Director, stated that the area in question has already been striped and cleared on San Eduardo.

2. Discussion concerning the "No Truck" traffic signs located on Zaragoza between Sta. Ursula and Convent.

There was no discussion or action taken on this item.

3. Discussion concerning the seating capacity of dance halls. (Presentation by Carny Guerra)

Mr. Carny Guerra stated that he has not been given an exact figure on the seating capacity to his dance hall and asked that the same figures be given to him as assessed to the other halls.

Mr. Benny Salinas, Building Director, stated that he did not have the panic door hardware, that his findings are in the office of the City Attorney. Mr. Salinas added that they had drafted an ordinance and forwarded to the Legal Department for review.

Mr. Vargas stated the reason that there is an occupancy limit is primary for the health and safety of the occupants that are in the building. He added that there has been difficulty because when the council approved the new ordinance the New Southern Building Code definitions there was that flexibility that was built in. He added that he thought there should be an amendment so that the Fire Marshall in conjunction with the Building Officials should recommend the criteria that's being used that is uniform to all buildings and that the health and welfare of the community should be safeguarded. Mr. Vargas stated this is the ordinance that Mr. Salinas had indicated, with an amendment that is forthcoming.

Mr. Salinas stated that the present capacity recommendation is 1,800 persons if he puts in his hardware, without his hardware its zero because he does not have emergency exits and with the new changes to the ordinance the capacity would go down to 1,287.

Mayor Ramirez asked that Mr. Guerra meet with our inspector and chief inspector and clear every point that needs to be cleared before the next event at this dance hall.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the Aldo Tatangelo Walkway on San Agustin. (Presentation by Dr. Hector Farias)

Dr. Farias spoke before the council on the problem surrounding the downtown traffic, specifically the streets on Zaragoza and Grant. He requested that council considers the traffic problem and to open the Aldo Tatangelo Walkway on San Agustin to thru traffic.

Cm. Perales was of the opinion that the street should be opened and that Aldo Tatangelo's name be added to another

park.

Motion to bring the item 53(G)5 up for discussion at this time.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo spoke against opening the Aldo Tatangelo Walkway to thru traffic and in regards to the park maintenance and the contribution that this park has made to the city.

Motion to open Aldo Tatangelo street to thru traffic.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 2

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge not present) Cm. Perez

Cw. Moreno

Cm. Castaneda

Cm. G. Perez

5. Request for a study concerning the possible removal of the parking meters located on Zaragoza Street between Sta. Ursula and San Agustin.

Motion to proceed to conduct a study for the removal of the parking meters located on Zaragoza Street between Sta. Ursula and San Agustin.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge not present)

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s).

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

54. Public hearing concerning closing the hearing on the Dellwood Park Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Improvements Assessment Project and fixing a lien and charge; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing on the Dellwood Park Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Improvements Assessment Project and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, City Appraisal Consultant, stated that she had made a study of the properties to be improved and that in her opinion the enhancements would improved by the values provided.

Ms. Cristina Arizola asked what was the time for construction of the project.

Mr. Armando Escudero, City Engineer, stated that the completion time was six months.

Mrs. Chapa also asked what was the fastest that this project would be completed, to which the reply was the same as Ms. Arizola's.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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MOTION

55. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Alvin E. Stock, Contractor, Eagle Pass, Texas, in the amount of \$395,411, for the Dellwood Park Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Alvin E. Stock, Contractor, Eagle Pass, Texas, in the amount of \$395,411 for the Dellwood Park Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

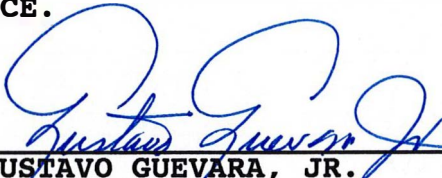
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was a 10:20 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 26 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS ON THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1993. 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

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

CORRECTIONS: