

**CITY OF LAREDO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**M-93-R-03**

**M I N U T E S**

**FEBRUARY 16, 1993**

**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 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,	MAYOR		
JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I	
JACINTO P. JUAREZ,	"	DISTRICT II	
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE,	"	DISTRICT III	
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	DISTRICT IV	
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	DISTRICT V	
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	DISTRICT VI	
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	DISTRICT VII	
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	DISTRICT VIII	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY		
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER		
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY		

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Regular City Council Meeting: February 1, 1993

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Castaneda was not present)

**V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

3. Approving a lease with the International Bank of Commerce/ Sanchez O'Brien, Joint Venture, for the approximate 26,965 square foot tract of land which includes 12,000 square feet

constituting the west section of Hangar #1309, at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of storage of corporate aircraft and related uses.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cm. Castaneda came in at this time: 5:33 p.m.)

4. Amending the lease agreement with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association authorized by Ordinance No. 92-0-236 for an approximate 32,500 square feet of land located at the corner of Thomas and Hillside at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of constructing a warehouse for storage of floats.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the sale of that section of Loring Avenue between Taylor Avenue and the original North City Limits to Gustavo T. Quintanilla, Arnulfo T. Quintanilla, and Ricardo Benavides.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a quitclaim deed to the owners of Lots 1, 3, 5, and 7, Block 960, Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; as part of the Anna Truck Route Project.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City of Laredo for the building formerly known as the Webb County Central Jury Room, more particularly described as Lots 9 and 10, Block 116, in the Western Division, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, together with all improvements located thereon for use as the new Municipal Court Building.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council (except Cw. Aldridge)  
(Cw. Aldridge opposed the introduction of this ordinance.)

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and move up items XI-C(1); XI-A(1); XI-F(1); and XI-C(4) for council consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading on ordinance #93-0-019, #93-0-024, #93-0-025, #93-0-026, #93-0-027 and #93-0-028.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez was not present)

8. 93-0-019 Closing the hearing on Project 43 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, City Land Appraisal Consultant, spoke on the enhancement values to the Haynes and Reeves properties confirming that in fact her original enhancement figures still stand.

Motion to accept Mrs. Villarreal's enhancement values and approve the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez was not present)

9. 93-0-024 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a transfer of a portion of a drainage easement located in Las Brisas Del Mar Subdivision, Phase II, and recorded in the Webb County Plat Records, Las Brisas Del Mar Subdivision, Phase II; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 93-0-025 Street Improvements Project 44; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the street paving assessment roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 5th day of April, 1993. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 93-0-026 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Paul W. Reynolds for the approximate 37,975



rights sales agreement for the purchase of 112.5 acre feet of Class A irrigation water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-242, from Ray Santiso for the sum of \$40,500.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 112.5 acre feet of Class A irrigation water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-242, from Ray Santiso for the sum of \$40,500.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 93-R-010 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 250 acre feet of Class A irrigation water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-289B, from Celia S. Santiso for the sum of \$90,000.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 250 acre feet of Class A irrigation water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-289B, from Celia S. Santiso for the sum of \$90,000.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 93-R-011 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 25 acre feet of Class B irrigation water rights from Juan Mercado for \$7,200.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 25 acre feet of Class B irrigation water rights from Juan Mercado for \$7,200.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 93-R-012 Authorizing the assignment of a lease between the City of Laredo and Americity Federal Savings Bank and its successor, American Federal Bank, to Pacific Southwest Bank.

Motion authorizing the assignment of a lease between the City of Laredo and Americity Federal Savings Bank and its successor, American Federal Bank, to Pacific Southwest Bank.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 93-R-013 Authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for funding of an Auto Theft Task Force in the amount of \$206,969 for a six month period dated March 1, 1993 through August 31, 1993.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority for funding of an Auto Theft Task Force in the amount of \$206,969 for a six month period dated March 1, 1993 through August 31, 1993.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 93-R-014 Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a service contract with the "Tecolotes De Los Dos Laredos" for the 1993 Mexican League baseball season.

Motion to approve with the amendment to leave out the words "and execute".

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. 93-R-015 Authorizing the submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration under the authority of Section 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, for the creation of an Economic Development Center and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents to further the same.

Motion authorizing the submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration under the authority of Section 302(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, for the creation of an Economic Development Center and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents to further the same.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VIII. MOTIONS

22. Approval for a refund of taxes in the amount of \$3,244.58 paid by The Laredo National Bank.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, explained to the council that this refund was due to an overpayment by the Laredo National Bank.

Motion to approve refund of taxes in the amount of \$3,244.58 paid by The Laredo National Bank.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Approval for a refund of taxes in the amount of \$1,606.13 paid by Gaspar Ambrose.

Motion to approve refund of taxes in the amount of \$1,606.13 paid by Gaspar Ambrose.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Award of six month supply contract to the Low Bidders, Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas (\$28,779.50), Tire Center Inc., San Antonio, Texas (\$35,977.60), and Federal Tire Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$2,144.87), to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles. Two identical bids were received for the truck and industrial tire section (\$23,842.24) from Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas and Columbia Wholesale, Laredo, Texas. The low bidder for this section will be determined by drawing lots.

Motion to award six month supply contract to the low bidders, Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas (\$28,779.50), Tire Center Inc., San Antonio, Texas (\$35,977.60), and Federal Tire Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$2,144.87), to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles.

The names to break the tie were drawn by the council and the following was the winning bidder for the truck and industrial tire section: Colombia Wholesale, Laredo, Texas

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Award of an annual service contract in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for providing electrical services for street lights and traffic signals to the Sole Bidder, Cantu Electric, Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Motion to award annual service contract in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for providing electrical services for street lights and traffic signals to the sole bidder, Cantu Electric Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidders, 4-G Asphalt, Laredo, Texas, Leyendecker Materials, Laredo, Texas, South Texas Utility, Mercedes, Texas, City Ready Mix, Laredo, Texas, and Laredo Ready Mix, Laredo, Texas, for supplying the City with public works materials. Identical bids were submitted by 4-G Asphalt and Leyendecker Materials for supplying asphalt oils. Lots to be drawn to determine the low bidder for this commodity.

Lots were drawn to determine the low bidder to break a tie in the supplying of asphalt oils with the winning bidder being: Leyendecker Materials.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the low bidders with the amendment to award the Hot Mix at the Job Site to 4-G Asphalt.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of resident project representative contract for construction inspection services to PSA Engineering, Dallas, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$51,500, for the Laredo International Airport Projects: (1) Reconstruction of Taxiway "E", (2) Joint Sealing of Runway 14-32, and (3) REIL and Distance Remaining Signs Installation Runway 17R-35L.

Motion to award of resident project representative contract for construction inspection services to PSA Engineering, Dallas, Texas for an amount not to exceed \$51,500 for the Laredo International Airport Projects: (1) Reconstruction of Taxiway "E", (2) Joint Sealing of Runway 14-32, and (3) REIL and Distance Remaining Signs Installation Runway 17R-35L.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Award of a surveying contract to Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$61,500, for Land Title Surveys and maps required for right-of-way acquisition for the Inner Loop.

Motion to award surveying contract to Foster Engineering



Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$61,500, for Land Title Survey and maps required for right-of-way acquisition for the Inner Loop.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Award of an engineering contract to Porrás 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 51 (38 Blocks).

Motion to award an engineering contract to Porrás 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 51 (38 Blocks).

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$326,415.20, for the construction of Sidewalks on Saunders Avenue (I.H. 35 to Arkansas on the north side) and Water Improvements Project.

Motion to award construction contract to the low bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$326,415.20 for the construction of Sidewalks on Saunders Avenue (I.H. 35 to Arkansas on the north side) and Water Improvements Project.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Authorizing the Department of Planning and Building Services to prepare a service plan for ten tracts for which a petition for annexation has been received and adopting a schedule for hearings and proceedings.

Motion authorizing the Department of Planning and Building Services to prepare a service plan for ten tracts for which a petition for annexation has been received and adopting a schedule for hearing and proceedings.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

32. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewed agreement for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 between the City of Laredo and the Gateway Community Health Centers, Inc., for the lease of building space.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewed agreement for Fiscal Year 1992-93 between the City of Laredo and the Gateway Community Health Centers, Inc., for the lease of building space.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

\*NOTE: This is an ordinance and should have been introduced, therefore, this ordinance will be introduced on March 1st.

33. Authorizing the submission of the Fiscal Year 1993 Emergency Shelter Grant application for \$48,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for homeless assistance and prevention activities to be administered by the Laredo-Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA); and the execution of the necessary documentation to further the same.

Motion authorizing the submission of the Fiscal Year 1993 Emergency Shelter Grant application for \$48,000 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for homeless assistance and prevention activities to be administered by the Laredo-Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA); and the execution of the necessary documentation to further the same.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Request for executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(e) to discuss pending litigation concerning The Hearst Corporation d/b/a Laredo Morning Times and David Davies, Plaintiffs vs. City of Laredo, Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., Blas Castaneda, Jose R. Perez, Cecilia M. Moreno, Eduardo Perales, Gerardo Perez, Felipe Cardenas, Jacinto P. Juarez, and Arlene Rash-Aldridge, Defendants.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, explained to the council that he brought this item to council to advise them of the pending litigation and that staff will prepare a response and report to the council at a later date.

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

35. Recognition of Retirees Manuel De Leon, Antonio J. Garcia, Jose Medrano, and Juan Salazar for their years of loyal and

dedicated service to the City of Laredo.

Motion to table for the meeting of March 1st.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

##### **A. Requests from Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.**

1. Presentation of the final report from the Ad-Hoc Convention Center Citizens Committee.

Mr. Abraham Rodriguez, Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Convention Center Committee, made a presentation before the council. He presented a written final report to the council on the proposed multi-purpose convention center. He stated that 3 basic questions were used to answer the necessity for a new convention center: (1) - to determine the Need; (2) - to determine its Financing; and (3) - to determine its location. Three chairpersons were named to each of the basic questions needed to be answered.

The Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Needs was Mr. Vicente Garza. Mr. Garza was responsible to determine the needs for a convention center. He explained all the needs and the reasons why it was determined that a new convention center was needed.

Mercurio Martinez, III was in charge of the Finance Subcommittee. The Finance Sub-Committee presented the following recommendations and financial mechanisms:

- 1 - That the city exercise use of the 5.25% Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax.
- 2 - The City Construction Reserve of 3.5 million dollars.
- 3 - The EDA 1.5 million dollar grant.
- 4 - The Meadows Foundation of 1.0 million dollar grant.
- 5 - Any other additional grant or grants and public or private contributions.

The Finance Subcommittee recommended that the city go ahead with the center project with the above financing mechanisms and that the site location be the Dillworth location which scored the most points of 112.8 points which was rated by our Site Selection Committee.

Linda Howland, Chairman of the Site Selection, explained the methods and how the selections were rated. She

stated that they analyzed the site with the most economic feasibility; the site providing the most functional layout and maximum type function; the site for greatest potential of economic development; and the site with the greatest potential for future expansion and also other secondary factors that would be studied if indeed would have tied. The six sites that were studied and rated were: Dillworth (112.8), Faskin (104.2), Killam (89.8), current civic center (86.4), airport site (80.8) and the Dye Property (31.8).

Motion to waive the rules of order and allow the citizens three minutes to make their presentations before the council.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Severo Flores, Santo Nino resident, stated that certain persons are discriminating the south Laredo area and that they should consider the south Laredo area for the new convention center.

Mr. Andres Sandoval, a citizen from the El Cuatro Neighborhood area, stated he was against the proposed north location but in favor of local center location.

Elsa Vega, representing concerned citizens of Laredo, stated that the council was not hearing their voices and that the people in south Laredo deserve something there also.

Mr. Jesus Hernandez, Chacon area resident, spoke in favor of the proposed civic center and that he will help promote the issue at its election.

Mr. Jorge Casiano Sr., of District IV, spoke against the proposed location of the new convention center and that the site should remain at its present location with new furbishing and expansion.

Mr. Fernando Cantu, President of the Hotel-Motel Association, requested that they be allowed a minority report at a later council meeting.

Mr. Fernando Alderete, a local designer, spoke against the north location.

Alberto P. Cardenas, Jr., as a current and future citizen who is concerned with Laredo's future, asked that the citizens and council consider the future for Laredo with easy access to traffic, no special interests, and added that this is our time for the youth of tomorrow. He

asked that council bring the rebirth for the best interest of City of Laredo.

Motion to accept the ad-hoc report and recommendations and authorize the City Manager to proceed and come back with a report and that the next three council meetings include public hearing for public comments.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Request by Aldo Tatangelo to address the City Council concerning the Colombia Bridge.

Aldo Tatangelo spoke the loss of revenues at the Colombia Bridge. The taxpayer is paying over 1 Million dollars in loses from the Colombia Bridge. We have no roads on either side and what are we doing about it after it was rushed by the Mexican officials. We have no choice but to build a road to the north.

Mayor Ramirez stated that he would take his suggestions into consideration, but with no consideration to build or allow a road to build to the north of the Colombia Bridge.

**B. Requests from Councilmember Jose Perez**

1. Status report with possible action concerning repairs of Fire Station No. 2.

Motion to table this item for the March 1st meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status report with possible action concerning roofing repairs and installation of a sprinkler system at the South Laredo Branch Library.

Motion to table this item for the March 1st meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Status report with possible action concerning the acquisition of personal computers for the South Laredo Branch Library.

Motion to table indefinitely.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the relocation of certain health programs to other offices at the Santo Nino Clinic.

Motion to table indefinitely.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**C. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez**

1. Presentation of an award to the City of Laredo by Carolyn Leyendecker, representing Crimestoppers.

Mr. Mike Obar and Mrs. Lucy Obar made the presentation to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Obar stated that they were proud of the impact on low crime levels achieved by Chief of Police J.L. Martinez and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Mayor Saul N. Ramirez and to the City Council in recognition to the success of the program by the city.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the establishment of a bus route from Jefferson all the way to Lyon Street.

Motion to table for the next Regular Council Meeting.

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

Against: 0

Abstain; 0

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the traffic situation around Milton Elementary School.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that the intersection of Montgomery and Arkansas does not warrant signalization, however it does warrant a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Martin and Montgomery to slow the traffic between Arkansas and Bartlett.

Motion to place a 3-way stop sign at the intersection of Martin and Montgomery.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez not present)

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the exercise track for the disabled.

Cm. Juarez stated that the one existing park area which is Ochoa Park was not a convenient place, instead a tract of land at the airport may be more favorable and that \$20,000 have been set aside for this for this purpose. However, the State Center is looking at this particular land site for the same purpose, one of the soccer fields is not being utilized to its maximum use and that this area could utilized for the disabled.

Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Parks Director, that they have been looking at this area for park development, but that the State Center was also interested in the same area. He added if we were moved to another area, we would have to pay for the area, and that this area is unbuildable therefore it is at no charge to the city.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with construction of the exercise field for disabled at no charge to the Parks and Recreation.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present)

**D. Requests from Councilmember Cecilia Moreno**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the Traffic Department's recommendation for a "No Parking/Tow-Away Zone" on the 3100, 3200, and 3300 blocks of Malinche and the 2000 block of Plum; on both sides of the indicated streets.

Cw. Moreno stated this is in front of Nixon High School where there have been many traffic problems. She stated that cars are parked on both sides and its very dangerous. She added that staff has looked into this matter and have the recommendation that this be no parking zones.

Motion to provide no parking zones on the 3100, 3200, and 3300 blocks of Malince and the 2000 block of Plum; on both sides.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Request for a more detailed time line for Paving Projects

42 and 43.

Mr. Vargas, City Manager, stated that staff will provide council with a report as part of the newsletter.

**E. Requests from Councilmember Eduardo Perales**

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

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Foster, appeared before the council requesting an administrative interpretation.

Motion to table until Legal Department can determine the administrative interpretation to see whether the Board of Adjustments has the authority or not to waive restrictions as to the size on signs for March 1st meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present)

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item XI.E(2) XI.E.(3), XI.C(3), and XI.C.(2).

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the extension of International Boulevard and Shiloh Drive.

Motion to instruct staff to study the extension of International Blvd to IH35 even if it's a simple two lane road and the cost.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez and Cm. Juarez were not present)

Carlos Mejia, of Mejia Engineering, stated that this is an active project of 120 acres consisting most of the area between Shiloh and IH 35. He added that he has met with P&Z, City Planner, and the State Highway Department to come up with a good location for an intersection and already have a tentative location selected. He added he will send letter to the City Manager pointing out the



four major problems which consists of: the funding or the financing of the construction of the bridge over Manadas Creek; the city contributing to the oversizing of the road; potential condemnation to the east; and MPO discussion of the intent of the interchange.

Mr. Vargas stated that Shiloh has been identified as a major thoroughfare in the MPO and is the present process of alignment and right-a-way acquisition and with its consistency with the State Highway Department and the interchange construction schedule.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning traffic problems on Lindenwood and other streets near Trautmann Elementary School.

Jim Herick, a resident of Sandy Lane, stated that there exists too much traffic and high speeds occurrence and wants a solution from the city.

Mr. Landin, Traffic Director, stated that on Lindenwood school flashers would be installed and other streets leading to Trautmann School with high traffic and will include 3-way and 4-way stop signs in the area.

Motion that staff prepare an ordinance to address the signage of Lindenwood, Eden, and Andrews for the proper flasher lights; 3-way stops and 4-way stops; and that the Engineering Department prepare a study on the possibility of opening the street from Trautmann to International Blvd.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. G. Perez was not present)

4. Request for an update concerning the extension of water and sewer lines on the Mines Road.

Motion to table for March 1st meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### **F. Requests from Councilmember Jerry Perez**

1. Presentation by the Union Pacific Railroad concerning a new railroad bridge in North Laredo.

Mr. Christopher Aadnesen, Sr. Asst. Vice-President for Field Operation for the Union Pacific Railroad, spoke on a proposed international bridge in the north Laredo area.

Mr. Tom T. Ogee, P.E., General Director Design Engineering Services of the Union Pacific Railroad, spoke on the design and construction location. The estimated cost of the project is \$30 million on the U.S. side for bridge, right-a-ways, and track with construction to begin in early 1994 and completion within three to four years.

2. Presentation by Michelle Jones concerning a truck driver's seminar.

Ms. Michelle Jones, with an insurance company from Corpus Christi, asked the city for their participation on the seminar with a representative. The seminar will include a safety manual and the laws governing truck drivers. It will be at the Civic Center and will be taught by them.

3. Presentation by Hector Liendo concerning a swimming pool in West Laredo.

Motion to table until the March 1st meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Public hearing concerning an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health, revising the budget for the HIV Care Consortia/HIV Insurance Assistance Project; and that an ordinance be introduced.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a contract amendment for the Ryan White HIV Care Consortia HIV Insurance Assistance Project with the Texas Department of Health for the period beginning April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993; and decreasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4049 from \$10,148 to \$51.00; and decreasing expenditure line item #226-6051-543-9761 from \$10,097 to \$0.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas



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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

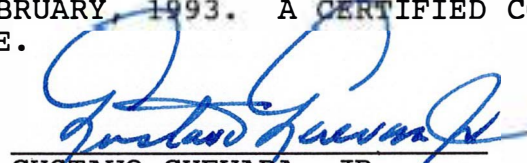
Moved : Cm. Juarez  
Second: Cm. Cardenas  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 10:45 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 20 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH 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: MARCH 1, 1993 with the corrections of item #12 & 38 of the meeting of February 16th to include who moved and second.