

**CITY OF LAREDO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**M-93-R-06**

**M I N U T E S**

**MARCH 1, 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	
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		
RAY RODRIGUEZ,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY		

**ABSENCES:**

Motion to excuse Cw. Cecilia May Moreno, District IV due to an out-of-town commitment.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Regular City Council Meeting: February 16, 1993  
Special City Council Meeting: February 22, 1993

Motion to approve with the correction of item #12 & #38 of the meeting of February 16th to include who moved and second.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Approving a lease with Sean Hoey d/b/a Allied Air Conditioning, for the approximate 2,500 square feet constituting Building #1341 and associated fenced-in yard area, located at 3917 N. Jarvis, for the purpose of an air conditioning maintenance station, at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Closing as a public easement that section of Ryan Street between Marcella and Sanders Avenues, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease agreement for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 between the City of Laredo and the Gateway Community Health Centers, Inc., for the continued use of space in three buildings.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

#### VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #93-0-029, #93-0-030, #93-0-031, #93-0-32, #93-0-034, #93-0-035, #93-0-036, #93-0-037, #93-0-038, #93-0-039, #93-0-040, #93-0-041, #93-0-042, #93-0-043, #93-0-044, #93-0-045, #93-0-046, #93-0-047, #93-0-048, #93-0-049, #93-0-050, and #93-0-051.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 93-0-029 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the International Bank of Commerce/Sanchez O'Brien Oil and Gas Corporation, Joint Venture, for the approximate 26,965 square foot tract of land which includes the approximate 12,000 square feet constituting the west section of Hangar #1309, located at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of storage of corporate aircraft and related uses. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. 93-O-030 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association, Inc., of Laredo, authorized by Ordinance No. 92-O-236, dated November 16, 1992, for the approximate 32,500 square feet of land located at the southwest corner of Thomas Avenue and Hillside Road at the Laredo International Airport, for the purpose of constructing a warehouse for the storage of floats. (City Council)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0
8. 93-O-031 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Gustavo T. Quintanilla, Arnulfo T. Quintanilla, and Ricardo Benavides for that certain City property formerly known as Loring Avenue between Taylor Street and the original North City Limits, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for effective date. (City Council)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0
9. 93-O-032 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, to an area located west of their west property line to the Rio Grande River; as part of the Anna Truck Route Project; and providing for effective date. (City Council)
- Motion to approve.
- Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0
10. 93-O-033 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 for a primary term of 15 years and five months, with one 5 year renewal option.  
(City Council, except Cw. Aldridge)

Motion to table this item.

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

11. 93-O-034 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.  
(City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

12. 93-O-035 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 4.8887 acre tract, further described in Exhibit A, located east of United South High School, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.  
(Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

13. 93-O-036 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 66.57 acre tract, further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, located east of United South High School, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

14. 93-O-037 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1, Lot 1, Ricardo Gomez Subdivision, located at 1403 Ejido from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

15. 93-O-038 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning an 8.0556 acre tract, further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, located east of O.W.K. Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Juarez)

Motion to approve.

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

16. 93-O-039 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 4.82 acre tract, further described by metes and bounds in Exhibit A, located on Spring Road across from Regency, from RSM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Perales)

Motion to approve.

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

17. 93-O-040 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 48, Calton Gardens Subdivision #2, located at the southwest corner of Springfield and Hillside, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District) providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Perales)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

18. 93-O-041 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1, Lot 2, Plantation II Subdivision, located on Country Club Boulevard, from RSM (Residential Suburban Multi-Family Residential District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Perales)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

19. 93-O-042 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 21, Lot 400, and Block 22, Lot 411, River View Estates 2C, located at 201 and 202 Allen Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

20. 93-O-043 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1A, Lots 3 and 4, Dellwood Commercial Subdivision, located on Mines Road, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

21. 93-O-044 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 4.2562 acre tract, further described in Exhibit A, located on Mines Road and Pellegrino, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) and B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

22. 93-O-045 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 48.5389 acre tract, further described in Exhibit A, located near the Rio Grande River off Mines Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 PUD (Single Family Residential Planned Unit Development District); providing for publication and effective date.  
(Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

23. 93-O-046 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1577, Lot 7, Eastern Division, located at 2620 Boulanger, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

24. 93-O-047 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1594, Lot 1, Eastern Division, located at 2601 Palo Blanco, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

25. 93-O-048 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1000, Lots 7 and 8, Eastern Division, located on the corner of Mercer Street and Buena Vista Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cw. Rash-Aldridge)

Motion to approve.

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

26. 93-O-049 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1209, Lots 10, 11, and 12, and the southwest part of Lot 9, Eastern Division, located at 401 Malinche, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 SUZD (Limited Business District Specific Use Zoning District); providing for publication and effective date.  
 (Cw. Rash-Aldridge)

Motion to approve.

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

27. 93-O-050 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 640, Lots 8, 9, and 10, Eastern Division, located at 1112 Gustavus, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cw. Moreno)

Motion to approve.

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

28. 93-O-051 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1021, Lot 2A, Western Division, located at 4101 San Dario, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Castaneda)

Motion to approve.

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

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

29. 93-R-018 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 98 acre feet of municipal use water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2695A, from Ted S. Scibienski, for the sum of \$70,560.



Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 98 acres feet of municipal use water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2695A, from Ted Scibienski, for the sum of \$70,560.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

30. 93-R-019 Accepting the conveyance of 44 acre feet of Class "A" water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2721, from North House Inc., in payment for water availability charges in connection with the platting of Quail Creek Subdivision Phase II.

Motion accepting the conveyance of 44 acre feet of Class "A" water rights, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2721, from North House Inc., in payment for water availability charges in connection with the platting of Quail Creek Subdivision Phase II.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

31. 93-R-020 Authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for 7th year funding of the Narcotic Trafficking Task Force Grant in the amount of \$1,264,114 for the period June 1, 1993 through May 31, 1994.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for 7th year funding of the Narcotic Trafficking Task Force Grant in the amount of \$1,264,114 from June 1, 1993 through May 31, 1994.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

32. 93-R-021 Approval of a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health and acceptance of funds in the amount of \$38,380 for the HIV (CTRPN) Program.

Motion to approve a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health and acceptance of funds in the amount of \$38,380 for the HIV (CTRPN) Program.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

33. 93-R-022 Accepting funds in the amount of \$112,328 from the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 to provide for the expansion of the Immunization Program at the City of Laredo Health Department.

Motion accepting funds in the amount of \$112,328 from the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 to provide for the expansion of the Immunization Program at the City of Laredo Health Department.

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

#### VIII. MOTIONS

34. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an instrument abandoning an easement located in Lots 2 and 3 of the Pellegrino Industrial Park.

Motion to table.

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

35. Award of an annual supply contract to the Sole Bidders, Ruiz Custom Meats Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$7,366.71) and Borden Inc., San Antonio, Texas (\$11,774.50) to supply meat and milk products for the Day Care Program.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the sole bidders, Ruiz Custom Meats, Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$7,366.71) and Borden Inc., San Antonio, Texas (\$11,774.50) to supply meat and milk products for the Day Care Program.

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

36. Request for authorization to reject all bids received for the purchase of two manufactured buildings for use as Police Department Substations, and to solicit new bids.

Motion to authorize to reject all bids received for the purchase of two manufactured buildings for use as Police Department Substations and to solicit new bids.

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

37. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, C.C.C. Conveyors, Inc., Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$24,785 for the purchase and installation of a baggage conveyor system for the Laredo International Airport Terminal.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidder, C.C.C. Conveyors, Inc., Dallas, Texas, in the amount of \$24,785.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of a six month supply contracts to the Low Bidders Meeting Specifications, Arquindequi Oil Co., Laredo, Texas (\$16,661.50) and Lone Star Lubricants Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$3,561.80) to supply lubricants for City vehicles and heavy equipment.

Motion to award a six month contracts to the low bidders meeting specifications, Arquindequi Oil Co., Laredo, Texas (\$16,661.50) and Lone Star Lubricants, Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$3,561.80) to supply lubricants for City vehicles and heavy equipment.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Award of a supply contract in the estimated amount of \$12,105 to the Low Bidder, Southwest Texas Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, for supplying ice for the Civic Center and West Martin Field operations.

Motion to award a supply contract in the estimated amount of \$12,105 to the low bidder, Southwest Texas Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Award of a contract in the amount of \$75,221 to the Sole Bidder, Ancira GMC Trucks and Motor Homes, Inc., Boerne, Texas, for the purchase of a customized motor home for use as a mobile police substation.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$75,221 to the sole bidder, Ancira GMC Trucks and Motor Homes, Inc., Boerne, Texas, for the purchase of a customized motor home for use as a mobile police substation.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

41. Approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$7,350, to the engineering contract with Juarez Engineering Co., Laredo, Texas, for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 38 (38 Blocks).

Motion to approve amendment no. 3, an increase of \$7,350 to the engineering contract with Juarez Engineering Company.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

42. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$3,300 to each of the engineering contracts for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Projects 48, 49, 50, and 51, to add three (3) existing paved streets to each contract for the design of curb and gutter improvements.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$3,300 to each of the engineering contracts for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Projects 48, 49, 50, and 51 to add three (3) existing paved streets to each contract for the design and curb and gutter improvements.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

43. Authorizing the sale of a surplus 1973 Fire Pumper to the Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Fire Department for \$4,000.

Motion to table this item for the March 15th meeting and to give the County of Webb the right of first refusal on the purchase of this equipment.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

44. Authorizing the submittal of the HOME Investment Partnership Program Description to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as application for the FY 93 HOME Entitlement Grant of \$820,000 and the execution of any and all documents resulting from such a submission.

Motion to authorize the submittal of the HOME Investment Partnership Program Description to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as application for the FY 93 HOME Entitlement Grant of \$820,000 and the execution of any and all documents resulting from such a submission.

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

#### **X. COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Ramirez recognized and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Manuel Bravo for his contributions to our community in the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association.

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item 47(E).

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

45. Recognition of Retirees Manuel De Leon, Jose Medrano, and Juan Salazar for their years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Laredo.

Recognition was made to Manuel De Leon and Juan Salazar for their years of service to the City of Laredo by the Mayor and Councilmembers.

Mr. Jose Medrano was not present.

46. Communication from the Honorable Municipal Court Judge Alvino "Ben" Morales regarding proposed lease space for the expansion of the Municipal Court.

Motion to table this item.

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

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

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

##### **A. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning recent gang violence in the city.

Cm. Castaneda stated that the city sees the gang violence as a community problem and not only as a school problem. He would like to see that the word goes out that we cannot single out a particular school and that the parents need to help with this situation. He publicly

urged the parents to please help out and not sit in the sidelines and watch what's happening, but more important bringing forth to our respective homes how they can help in the process in order to avoid the destruction of public property.

Cm. Perales stated that the juvenile office needs to be revamped at the state level and that we need to work with the juveniles. He added that the state has not done what it should to combat the youth involvement in drugs and that we need a year round recreation program to keep the youth busy and involved.

**B. Requests from Councilmember Jose Perez**

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

Fire Chief Mike Perez stated that the following work had been done:

- 1 - replaced the kitchen stove,
- 2 - repaired kitchen cabinets,
- 3 - repaired water heater,
- 4 - repaired ceiling above the shower room,
- 5 - repaired the overhead doors,
- 6 - repaired cracks on outside wall,
- 7 - fumigated for termites, and
- 8 - added security lighting.

All this work represented a total of \$4,500 of work and that the following work will be done during the rest of the budget year:

- 1 - Paint all of the outside walls, doors, and windows.
- 2 - Paint inside apparatus room.
- 3 - Do major repairs on air conditioning system.

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

Alfredo Castillo, Parks & Recreation Director, stated that he has received the roofing plans from Hickey & Associates today and that the Engineering Department will review the plans and within the next 10 days the bids will be let out.

Mr. Castillo stated that the sprinkler system will be completed by March 10th.

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

Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Parks & Recreation Director, stated

that they have already purchased one which is on its way and that he has asked for donations from various organizations for used computers.

4. Appointment of nominees to the Youth Advisory Committee.

Cm. Perez appointed the following:

- (1) Patricia Taboada ---- Cigarroa High
  - (2) Anna Laura Jaimes ---- Cigarroa Middle
- Alternate: Jo Ann Cuellar - Cigarroa High

Motion to accept Cm. Perez's appointees to the Youth Advisory Committee.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7                                      Against: 0                                      Abstain: 0

5. Request for a status report concerning the possible extension of bus service to the Santo Nino area.

Rick Pulido, Transit Director, stated that the requested route has been proposed due to their finding that it is merited and will take it to the Transportation Committee meeting of March 10th for their consideration.

**C. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez**

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

Cm. Juarez was requesting some type of bus route commencing at Jefferson and ending at Lyon and Arkansas for persons wishing to take north or south bound buses, instead of having to go all the way downtown for transfers.

Rick Pulido, Transit Director, stated that they are looking at possible east-west bus routes and will take recommendations to the Transportation Committee for consideration on March 10th.

2. Presentation by Ron Bartels, representing Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped.

Mr. Ron Bartels, representing Texas Industries for the Blind and Handicapped, made a presentation to council on the products and services provided by their agency and asked that the city work with them in employing persons with disabilities.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we would be more then happy to consider them for the Tecolotes games cleanup and Cm.

Juarez suggested that they can be utilized at the Civic Center without having to produce overtime on present manpower.

Motion to endorse a resolution such as the one provided by the City of Lubbock as shown in their packet.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**D. Requests from Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge**

1. Request for an update concerning the signalization of the intersection of Green and Meadow Streets.

Mr. Murillo of the Traffic Department stated that a traffic count and traffic reports had been taken and that it does not warrant signalization. He added that four way signs are not recommended for stopping the traffic on Meadow for its side streets. He recommended that over 500 vehicles and equal amount of traffic on both streets need to be present for this type of signs and that it is not present at this time.

He recommends law enforcement to slow the traffic during the letting out of school children and no parking zones at the intersections for good clearance when crossing.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the possibility of installing 3-way stop signs at the intersection of Stone and Chihuahua Streets.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that this intersection does not warrant a light on Stone and Chihuahua, but will take another count. He added that they will take a count on the traffic created by the exit of H.E.B. for a possible signal light. He did let the council know that it is not possible to provide signalization for private property exits.

3. Request by Aldo Tatangelo to address the City Council concerning Reyes Industries.

Motion to table the item.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Tatangelo appeared before the City Council at 7:00 p.m. He addressed an issue concerning Reyes Industries, Inc. a company which manufactures aluminum folding cots, duffel bags, chin straps, etc. for the military and



produces other products for GSA, Wal-Mart with possibilities of producing for K-Mart. His concern is that the present location at the airport is not adequate and is in need of a larger building, otherwise he must relocate to another city. He added that there is a present location that can serve his need, but the present renter is employing only 29 persons and asked to consider this building for Reyes Industries.

Mr. Vargas stated that his conversations with Mr. Reyes was that Mr. Reyes was not willing to make any long term lease agreements because of the nature of his business.

Motion to instruct staff to contact Mr. Reyes to try to make a new agreement or reagrreement.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**E. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales**

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

Mr. Ray Rodriguez, Assistant City Attorney, stated that there was no error made by the Planning & Zoning Commission in its interpretation and that no hardship case was shown either.

Mayor Ramirez suggested to Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Foster, that the petitioner should submit a letter expressing their concerns on the unnecessary hardships that are created on this property for possible Board of Adjustments appearance.

Motion to waive the rules of order and proceed with the agenda on item XI.47.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**F. Requests from Councilmember Jerry Perez**

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

Motion to table for the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Presentation by Armando Elizondo, representing the National Little League; with discussion and possible action.

Motion to table for the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

3. Presentation by John Bruce, Director of the Jobs Corps, concerning traffic on Santa Maria; with discussion and possible action.

Motion to table for the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

4. Presentation by Diana Perez concerning enforcement of our litter laws; with discussion and possible action.

Miss Perez turned in a petition with 10 signatures who are complaining of trash created by the business located at 1501 Boston.

Mrs. Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, stated that the business had already cleaned the area and that staff will be requesting the business to provide a bigger container if the nuisance continues.

## XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the Public Hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

48. Public hearing concerning a proposed convention and multi-events center for the City of Laredo.

Mr. Simon Villarreal stated that this project should be considered as a public need and that we don't need a referendum to approve such a project. He added that pollution and high traffic congestion will be created if kept within the central areas of our city and that we cannot deprive our community of a project of this type.

Mr. Jesus Hernandez, a south Laredo resident, that it should be left up for the public to decide.

Fernando Aldarete, a local architect, stated that this center be place downtown because of our history and tourist convenience. He said that we should consider condemning land and provide for a "Main Street" to revitalize downtown buildings with federal monies.

Mr. Frank Staggs, from the Tax Payers League, stated that the best vested interest for this project is what is best for Laredo as a whole and that we should protect it. He also requested the listing of the public neighborhood meetings.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the meetings will be scheduled sometime in late March or April.

Mr. Jesus Ponce, stated that the only place that it can be decided is in this council, because if an election is held then only the voting few will make the decision. He said that we should start solving the problems of roads for ingress and egress of traffic and that the location should be left to the people to decide out of four or five designated areas.

Mr. Andres Sandoval, a resident of El Cuatro Neighborhood, stated that the more he studied the committee report, the more he is convinced that we do not need a new convention center. The present center will more than suffice the present and future needs for conventions.

Mr. Jorge Casiano, Sr., a Tax Payers League Member and a concerned citizen, stated that other needs should be taken care of first. He said that the issue entails the city as a whole and not just the City Council and that the barrios would rather do business in the present location than a north location. He ended by saying that he still opposes it.

Mr. Jose Humberto Vasquez stated that the City Council has neglected the people of poverty and that other needs are present. He said he was glad that people oppose it. He added that we need to sit down with the people to find out what are the city's priorities.

Mr. Fernando Cantu, President of the Hotel/Motel Association, stated that he came to the conclusion that we do not need a new convention center and that maybe what we need is more community centers. He suggested that what is best overall is to fix our present civic center.

Dr. Kahn said that his point of view is that certainly we can use a new center, but that we should solve the present problems first and in a few years we could build a new center.

Mr. Abraham Rodriguez, concerned citizen, stated that there seems to be misconceptions that the new center is coming out

of taxes, which he affirmed it is not. He said that we should not compound the problems by bringing more traffic congestions downtown and that the new center will bring new jobs to the community.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Public hearing concerning the amending of the 18th Action Year Community Development Block Grant Final Statement activity, identified as Removal of Architectural Barriers - Albert Ochoa Park, to provide \$25,000 for Public Facilities and Improvements - Parks, to develop a park for the visually impaired and other disabled individuals at an open area located at the City of Laredo Airport.

Motion to open the public hearing concerning the amending of the 18th Action Year Community Development Block Grant Final Statement activity.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Public hearing concerning amendment to the Fiscal Year 1993-1994 contract with the Texas Department of Health to provide additional funds in the amount of \$38,380 for the HIV (CTRPN) Program; and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of amendment for FY 93/94 Texas Department of Health contract to include additional funds for the HIV (CTRPN) program for the period beginning January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4046 from \$39,413 to \$77,793; and increasing expenditure line item #226-6066 from \$0 to \$38,380.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Public hearing to authorize the City Manager to accept an initial contract between the City of Laredo and the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 for funds in the amount of \$112,328, to provide public health services in the Immunization Program; and that an ordinance be introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Approval of contract with the Texas Department of Health for FY 93/94 for public health services, and approve budget for the expansion of the immunization program for period of December 1, 1992 through December 31, 1993; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4040 from \$2,034 to \$114,362, and increasing expenditure line item #226-6062 from \$2,304 to \$114,362.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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52. Amending the General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 in order to increase the Police Department budget for the creation of an Auto Theft Task Force and appropriate funds needed as a result of the receipt of a grant from the Governor's Office in the amount of \$209,869; and that an ordinance be introduced.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Grant award from the Office of the Governor, Automobile Theft Prevention Authority, in the amount of \$206,869 to combat auto theft in the City of Laredo and Webb County for FY 1992-1993.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance with correct change of \$206,969.

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

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

- 53. 93-RT-023 Public hearing and a resolution authorizing the City of Laredo to file an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, in the amount of \$3,180,000, for a Section 3 and/or 9 Assistance Grant for Fiscal Year 1992/1993, under the Federal Transit Act of 1991; and authorizing the City Manager to executed the application and all related documents.

Motion to open the public hearing and a resolution authorizing the City of Laredo to file an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, in the amount of \$3,180,000.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and approve the resolution.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

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

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

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

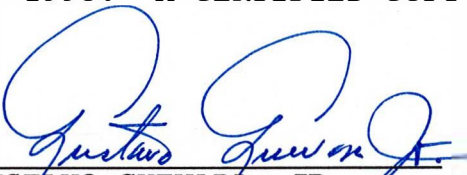
**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

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

Adjournment time was at 8:43 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 23 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH, 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: