

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

MINUTES

M-93-R-09

APRIL 5, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Pro-tem Blas Castaneda called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

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
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., who was attending city business in San Antonio.

Moved: Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting: March 15, 1993
Special City Council Meeting: March 22, 1993

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno

NOTE: Cw. Aldridge had objections on the March 15th minutes.

She stated that on item #21 it said, "Cw. Aldridge proposed to remove Ad Valorem." She stated that the minutes do not state anything about taxes and asked that in the minutes it also include to read as follows: "The taxes from the Certificates of Obligation language."

She stated the motion was not voted on and that the only vote on this subject was on whether or not to call the question. She added that the minutes should not be ratified as presented unless they amend this motion.

Gustavo Guevara, City Secretary, stated that he had listened to the tape and verified this matter.

Dr. Rafael Lacuona, Laredo State University Professor, spoke in reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Castaneda, asked for an official vote for approval of the minutes with the correction Cw. Aldridge requested on the Ad Valorem Tax language on March 15th minutes.

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 1
		(Cw. Aldridge)

Motion to waive the rules and move items XI-B(3), 37, 54, and XI C(1).

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

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending Ordinance No. 91-0-235 dated November 4, 1991 and Ordinance No. 91-0-270 dated December 4, 1991, Street Improvements Project 35; to delete Unit 8, Parcels 53 through 70-A, being Ventura Street from Eagle Pass to Wilhelm Avenue, appearing on Attachment "A" of said ordinances.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Amending Ordinance No. 93-0-001 by adding a new Section 4, whereby businesses located along these designated truck routes are not exempt under Section 3 of said ordinance; and requiring all businesses located along these designated truck routes to comply with all provisions of the ordinance, including prohibition of east bound traffic along these designated truck routes within the City of Laredo.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing a lease with South Texas Development Council, Inc., for the approximate 320 square feet constituting Room #20 of Building #S-1, to be used for office space, located at 1718 E. Calton Road, at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Designating a taxi-cab stand for two vehicles on the 800 block of Salinas Avenue where it intersects with Matamoros Street; providing for the removal of two parking meters on said portion of Salinas Avenue; and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Designating as a "No Parking - Tow Away" zone the east and west sides of Bartlett Avenue, between Ash Street and Locust Street, the southeastern and northwestern sides of Malinche Avenue, between Locust Street and Plum Street, and the north and south sides of Plum Street, between Malinche Avenue and Urbahn Avenue; providing for the installations of appropriate signs to indicate that said portions of Bartlett Avenue, Malinche Avenue, and Plum Street are a "No Parking -Tow Away" zone; and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Designating the implementation of multi-way stop controls (all-way stops) consisting of a four-way stop at the intersection of Andrew Avenue and Lindenwood Road; and a three-way stop at the intersection of Martin Avenue and Montgomery Street; providing for the installation of traffic signs to indicate the appropriate stops at said intersections; and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Rescinding Ordinance No. 91-0-176 dated August 5, 1991 due to a change in the alignment for the extension of Springfield Road, formerly known as Spring Road, thereby requiring a change in the properties to be acquired for the new alignment of said extension.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final readings of ordinances #93-O-059, #93-O-060, #93-O-061, #93-O-063, #93-O-064, #93-O-065, #93-O-066,

#93-O-067, #93-O-068, #93-O-069, #93-O-070, #93-O-071, #93-O-072, #93-O-073, #93-O-074, #93-O-075, and #93-O-076.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 93-O-059 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an instrument abandoning and relinquishing the City's interest in a drainage easement located on Lots 2 and 3, Pellegrino Industrial Park. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 93-O-060 Street Improvements Project 45; 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 land cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 17th day of May, 1993. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 93-O-061 Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to Vicente Castaneda, Jr., Nicasio Gonzalez, III, and Juan Jose Rendon for that certain City property formerly known as Ryan Street between Marcella and Sanders Avenues, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 93-O-063 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal use agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District for the

use of two portions of Section D, known as the East Martin Field and West Martin Field. (City Council)

Cw. Aldridge stated that although it was said that there was a 60 day clause about being able to cancel, she suggested to have the 60 day clause as a separate paragraph instead of being included in the default clause section.

Frank Staggs, Webb County Taxpayers League, asked that the automatic yearly renewal be clarified and of primary importance he wanted to address the letter presented to the attorney and that it be considered as soon as possible.

Peter H. Vargas, City Manager, stated that to his understanding that it's a 50 year lease and is renewable on an annual basis which doesn't mean that you keep on adding, it's basically for that year, it goes thru a renewal or approval process every year.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District for the use of two portions of Section D, known as the East Martin Field and West Martin Field and that we clarify the two points, (1) on the default and the termination clause to separate them, and (2) clarify the term of the lease.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 2	Against: 3	Abstain: 2
Cw. Aldridge	Cm. Cardenas	Cm. Perez
Cm. Juarez	Cm. Perales	Cw. Moreno
	Cm. G. Perez	

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 2	Against: 3	Abstain: 2
Cw. Aldridge	Cm. Perales	Cm. Perez
Cm. Juarez	Cm. G. Perez	Cw. Moreno
	Cm. Cardenas	

Motion to approve the resolution as presented.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 3	Against: 2	Abstain: 2
Cm. Perales	Cm. Juarez	Cm. Perez
Cm. G. Perez	Cw. Aldridge	Cw. Moreno

Cm. Cardenas

Motion to accept the contract the way it is presented, however, to move the section that describes the 60 day notice to a separate section, so that it's more readable by everyone involved in this particular contract.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Aldridge

Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda passed the chair to Cw. Moreno so he could discuss and vote in this issue.

For: 2	Against: 4	Abstain: 1
Cm. Juarez	Cm. Perales	Cm. Perez
Cw. Aldridge	Cm. Castaneda	
	Cm. Cardenas	
	Cm. G. Perez	

(Cw. Moreno chaired the meeting at this time.)

Motion to bring back by the City Manager for the next council meeting for consideration.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 5	Against: 0	Abstain: 2
		Cw. Moreno
		Cm. Perez

14. 93-O-064 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Laredo Development Foundation and their authorized agents, granting them permission and authority to use the City's logo/trademark "LAREDO-GATEWAY TO MEXICO" in their marketing and/or promotional efforts on behalf of the City of Laredo. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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15. 93-O-065 Approval of contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 for public health services, and revising the maximum reimbursement rates per participant in the WIC Program at the Health Department for the period of February 1, 1993 through September 30, 1993; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4037 from \$553,580 to \$591,732; and increasing

expenditure line item #226-6063 from \$553,580 to \$591,732. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

16. 93-0-066 Approval of contract with the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 1992-1993 for public health services, and approve additional funds for the Maternal and Child Health Neural Tube Defects Project for the period of February 1, 1993 through September 30, 1993; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4053 from \$0 to \$61,712, and increasing expenditure line item #226-6068 from \$0 to \$61,712. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

17. 93-0-067 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Earthen Channel Agreement between the City of Laredo and Pinto Valle II, Ltd. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

18. 93-0-068 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1200, Lots 3 & 4, located on Blaine Street, Eastern Division, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to table for the next meeting.

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

19. 93-0-069 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 1.23 acre tract out of Porcion 28, Abstract 24, located on Highway 59, from B-3 (Community Business district) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Cecilia Moreno)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 93-0-070 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 289, Lot 8, Eastern Division, located at 716 Gustavus, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Cecilia Moreno)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. 93-0-071 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 6.1045 acre tract out of Abstract 62, located on the southwest corner of McPherson and Calton Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). (Cm. Blas Castaneda)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 93-0-072 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 22.1332 acre tract out of Porcion 25, Abstract 50, located on the Casa Norte site, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Eduardo Perales)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. 93-0-073 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 402, Lot 4A, Western Division, located at 1805 Convent Street, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Felipe Cardenas)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. 93-O-074 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 162, Lot 9, Western Division, located at 1518 Zaragoza, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-2 (Central Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Felipe Cardenas)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. 93-O-075 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 294, Lots 1 and 3, Western Division, located at 1100 Vidaurri Street, from R-0 (Residential-Office District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Felipe Cardenas)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. 93-O-076 Amending the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget to appropriate excess Police Trust Fund revenues from prior year by the amount of \$47,667 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

27. 93-R-030 Accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$431,200.00 to upgrade the Airport's airfield guidance sign system and electrical circuits at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion accepting a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$431,200.00 to

upgrade the Airport's airfield guidance sign system and electrical circuits at the Laredo International Airport.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perales

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. 93-R-031 Authorizing the City Attorney to file condemnation proceedings to acquire parcel nos. 8-10, 17-5, 17-6, 17-7, and 19-1 as right-of-way for the proposed widening of F.M. 1472 (Mines Road). Executive session under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17 Section 2(e).

Motion authorizing the City Attorney to file condemnation proceedings to acquire parcels nos. 8-10, 17-5, 17-6, 17-4, 18-4 (which was omitted on the agenda but is included in the resolution) and 19-1 as right-of-way for the proposed widening of F.M. 1472 (Mines Road).

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

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(e).

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda announced that no formal action was taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Castaneda stated there was a motion to proceed with authorizing the City Attorney to file these condemnations proceedings on item #93-R-031 before they went into executive session.

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. 93-R-032 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 1415 acre feet of Class B irrigation water rights from John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 1415 acre feet of Class B irrigation water rights from John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. 93-R-033 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2695A, involving transfer of 98 acre feet of Municipal Use water rights from Mr. Ted S. Scibienski to the City of Laredo; to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Certificate of Adjudication No. 23-2695A, involving transfer of 98 acre feet of Municipal Use water rights from Mr. Ted S. Scibienski to the City of Laredo; to establish place of use, and to establish diversion point.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. 93-R-034 Authorizing the City Manager to apply for participation in the purchasing programs of the State of Texas General Services Commission (GSC) pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 271.081-271-083 Local Government Code, V.T.C.A., as amended, primarily for the purpose of purchasing low-cost drugs and pharmaceuticals to stock the newly established Class D Pharmacy at the Health Department for patient needs.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to apply for participation in the purchasing programs of the State of Texas General Services Commission (GSC) pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 271.081-083 Local Government Code, V.T.C.A., as amended.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. 93-R-035 Approving contract from the Texas Department of Health for FY 93-94, adding a new program, and accepting funds for the HIV Care Consortium, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) in the amount of \$16,483.00.

Motion approving contract from the Texas Department of Health for FY 93-94, adding a new program, and accepting funds for the HIV Care Consortium, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) in the amount of \$16,483.00.

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

33. 93-R-036 Approving contract amendment from the Texas Department of Health for FY 92-93, adding a new program, and accepting funds for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project of the Chronic Disease Prevention Program in the amount of \$72,795.00.

Motion approving contract amendment from the Texas Department of Health for FY 92-93, adding a new program, and accepting funds for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project of the Chronic Disease Prevention Program in the amount of \$72,795.00.

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

34. 93-R-037 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Laredo and Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service to provide police services for a joint operation between both agencies. Agreement will provide for incurred overtime costs of up to \$147,000.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement on behalf of the City of Laredo and Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service to provide services for a joint operation between both agencies. Agreement will provide for incurred overtime costs of up to \$147,000.

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

35. 93-R-038 Resolution to Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley asking the Clinton Administration to continue with the goals set forth by Education 2000.

Motion to approve a resolution to Secretary of Education Riley asking the Clinton Administration to continue with the goals set forth by Education 2000.

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

36. 93-R-039 Declaring the public necessity to acquire all of Block (1) of the Don Rey of Texas Subdivision, as

per plat recorded in Volume 5, Page 82, Webb County Plat Records, for the extension of Springfield Avenue, past Del Mar Boulevard; and establishing just compensation (fair market value) for the acquisition of said property; and discussion in executive session as to terms and condition for acquisition of real property as authorized under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17A, Section 3 (a)(5).

Motion declaring the public necessity to acquire all of Block (1) of the Don Rey of Texas Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Volume 5, Page 82, Webb County Plat Records, for the extension of Springfield Avenue, past Del Mar Boulevard; and establishing just compensation (fair market value) for the acquisition of said property.

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

- 37. 93-R-040 Honoring IBF Bantamweight Orlando Canizales for his 11th successful title defense.

Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda and City Council recognized Orlando Canizales for his achievements.

No motion was made.

VIII. MOTIONS

- 38. Award of construction to low bidder, American Contracting Corp. of Texas, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$143,500.00 for the Health Department Re-Roofing Project.

Motion to approve construction to low bidder, American Contracting Corp. of Texas, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$143,500.00 for the Health Department Re-Roofing Project.

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

- 39. Approval to reject the three bids received for the Concrete Plaza and Balcony Roof Deck Repairs Project at the Health Department, 2600 Cedar St., and amend plans and re-bid the project.

Motion to reject the three bids received for the Concrete Plaza and Balcony Roof Deck Repairs Project at the Health Department, 2600 Cedar St. and amend plans and re-bid the project.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

40. Award of construction contract to low bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Inc. Pasadena, Texas, in the amount of \$1,075,121.25, for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 44 (31 blocks). **Please refer to Item #56 prior to action on this item.**

Motion to approve construction contract to the low bidder, Ramex Construction Co., Inc. Pasadena, Texas.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

*Note: This item was taken in conjunction with items #38 thru #46.

Motion to reaffirm approval of construction contract to low bidder.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 5

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cm. Perales was out at this time and Cm. Juarez was not present.)

41. Approval of change order no. 3, an increase of \$5,510.00, to 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. 3, an increase of \$5,510.00 to construction contract with Landmark Structures, Inc., Keller, Texas.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

42. Award of construction contract to lowest qualified bidder, American Contracting Corp. of Texas, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$44,327.00, for the re-roofing of the South Laredo Branch Library.

Motion to award construction contract to the lowest qualified bidder, American Contracting Corp. of Texas, Brownsville, Texas, in the amount of \$44,327.00.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Award of construction contract to low bidder, F&W Electrical Contractors Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$412,195.00, for the Guidance Signs Upgrade and Re-cable of Runway 17R-35L Edge Lights at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to award construction contract to low bidder F&W Electrical Contractors Inc., San Antonio, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Authorizing the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department - Auto Theft Task Force.

Motion authorizing the purchase of portable radios for the Police Department - Auto Theft Task Force.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Award of contract in the amount of \$10,551.88 to the Sole Bidder, JEM Engineering & Manufacturing, Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purchase of four traffic signal arms with poles.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$10,551.88 to the sole bidder, JEM Engineering & Manufacturing.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Award of contract in the amount of \$13,700 to HTE Public Safety Corporation, Orlando, Florida, for the cost of training for the Police and Fire Departments.

Motion to award of contract in the amount of \$13,700 to HTE Public Safety Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Award of contract in the amount of \$43,500.00 to the Low Bidder, Paul Kling & Associates, Houston, Texas, to repair and refurbish a 1983 Boardman aerial fire truck.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$43,500.00 to the low bidder, Paul Kling & Associates.

Motion authorizing the acquisition of approximately 0.6052 acres being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee Abstract 280, also being out of 2.0 acres conveyed to David Garza, Jr. by Juan C. Trevino, recorded in Volume 688, pp. 121-125, Webb County Deed Records for the Mines Road Widening Project, Los Minerales Tract 8-10.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

52. Discussion regarding the status of right of way acquisition for the widening of Mines Road (F.M. 1472). Executive session under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17A Sec. 3 (a)(5), to discuss information regarding acquisition of real property.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, gave a written report to the council on the status report of the Mines Road Project.

The following was a status report on the 22 large tracts and 35 tracts identified as Los Minerales Tracts.

Large Tracts

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| 1. Tract 9-1
Donation | Rodolfo Garcia - 7.8395 acres |
| 2. Tract 7
Donation | Jorge Vasquez - 29.0595 acres
Leonard Holzman |
| 3. Tract 14
Donation | Vaulted Land Co. - 50.3559 acres
Ted Scibienski, et. al. |
| 4. Tract 14-A
Donation | Pinto Valle -13.0196 acres |
| 5. Tract 13
Donation | Servando Benavides, Jr., Testamentary
Trust - 22.7189 acres |
| 6. Tract 11
Donation | Jesse Mandel Jacobs - 23.1443 acres |
| 7. Tract 10
Donation | Alexander, Meyers & Mandel - 22.4399 acres |
| 8. Tract 9-4
Donation | El Primero Training Center - 0.0652 acres |
| 9. Tract 9-3
Donation | Giles & Eve Yoast - 0.0113 acres |
| 10. Tract 4
Donation | A. R. Sanchez & Alicia - 6.4648 acres &
1.7749 |

11. Tract 21 pt.2 4-M Investment - 5.9755 acres
Donation
12. Tract 21-1 James Robert Muller - 0.9804 acres
Donation
13. Tract 22 LABOOT, INC. - 0.1799 acres
Donation
14. Tract 23 Julia M. Ruhlman - 0.9069 acres
Donation
15. Tract 24 PT. 2 Tommy Wilson - 0.3441 acres
Intend to donate August Richter
16. Tract 24-1 Robert Phelps, et. al - 0.8862 acres
Intend to donate Robert Haizlip
17. Tract 12 - Estate of Audrey Mendoza - 5.7647 acres
City placed on notice that family does not intend to
donate. Staff is proceeding with acquisition process.
18. Tract 9 Pt. 2 - William Stanley - 7.1736 acres
Is not willing to donate. City is proceeding to have
property appraised and make offer.
19. Tract 6 - The Ruethinger Living Trust - 26.2198 acres.
The Family has now notified the City they do not intend
to donate. The City will proceed with the acquisition
process. An offer will be made.
20. Tract 3 - The E. L. Cantu Trust - 18.8988 acres
The Cantu family has expressed their intention to donate.
Staff is proceeding with the necessary documents.
21. Tract 1 & 1A - Killam Oil Company - 38.7389 acres
The right-of-way will be donated. The City is currently
working on the replacement of the cattle pens and weight
scales owned by the family.
22. Tract 10 - I. Alexander - 1/3 interest
Negotiations are continuing with Mr. Maurice Alexander
23. Tract 2 - Arturo Meraz - 8.6805 acres
Mr. Meraz has advised the City he does not intend to
donate. The acquisition process is underway.
24. Tract 5 pt.1 & 2 - George Hachar - 0.090 & 0.4578 acres
consisting of 2 parcels. Mr. Hachar is donating his
property to the City.

LOS MINERALES TRACTS

1. Tract 8-1 - Cecilio Garcia - acquired
 2. Tract 8-2 - Santos Costilla, Sr. - acquired
 3. Tract 8-3 - Gloria Sandoval - acquired
 4. Tract 8-4 - Heberto Rendon - acquired
 5. Tract 8-5 - Agustin Gutierrez - acquired
 6. Tract 8-6 - Margarita Cardenas - acquired
 7. Tract 8-7 - Jesus C. Martinez - acquired
 8. Tract 8-8 - Antonio Mares - acquired
 9. Tract 8-9 - Easement
 10. Tract 8-10 - David Garza, Jr. - Reso this evening
 11. Tract 8-11 - Daniel Cabrera - acquired
 12. Tract 8-12 - Motorola - to dedicate
 13. Tract 8-13 - Ronnie Grant - acquired
 14. Tract 16-1 - Bruno Abrego - acquired
 15. Tract 16-2 - Arturo Villarreal, Jr. - clearing title
 16. Tract 16-3 - Venola Debonis - acquired
 17. Tract 17-2 - Ernestina B. Walter - acquired
 18. Tract 17-3 - Gloria Farmer - acquired
 19. Tract 17-4 - Jose Martinez - acquired
 20. Tract 17-5 - Fernando Soliz - Reso. this evening
 21. Tract 17-6 - Florentino Soliz - Reso. this evening
 22. Tract 17-7 - Manuel Duarte - Reso. this evening
 23. Tract 18-1 - Samuel Bratton - acquired
 24. Tract 18-2 - Juan Fuentes - acquired
 25. Tract 18-3 - Ernesto Elizondo, Sr. - acquired
 26. Tract 18-4 - Elias Herrera - Resol this evening
 27. Tract 18-5 - C.C.M. Financial - acquired
 28. Tract 18-6 - Agustin Meza, Jr. - acquired
 29. Tract 18-7 - Edmundo C. Montemayor - acquired
 30. Tract 18-8 - Antonio Santos - acquired
 31. Tract 18-9 - Ernesto Elizondo, Jr. - acquired
 32. Tract 18-10 - Gilberto Andrade - offer accepted
 33. Tract 19-1 - Juan Garza - Reso. this evening
 34. Tract 19-2 - Carlos Cassiano - acquired
 35. Tract 19-3 - Alicia Ordaz - offer accepted
53. Request for executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2 (g), to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department.

Motion to postpone executive session until the end of the agenda.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(g), to discuss personnel matters in the Police Department.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda announced that no formal action was taken.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

54. Recognition of retirees Pedro Pardo (34 years of service) and Jesus Vasquez (21 years of service).

Recognition was made to retirees Pedro Pardo for 34 years of service and Jesus Vasquez for 21 years of service by Mayor Pro-tem and council and presented them with a plaque of recognition.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

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

A. Requests from Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda

1. Status of paving San Francisco between Lyon and Lafayette Street.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status of concrete channelization of Zacate Creek from Taylor Street to Rio Grande.

Motion to table this item.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the emptying of swimming pools onto the street.

Cm. Juarez stated that we have an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of swimming pool water onto the streets. He said that when they were taking care of McPherson apparently there was water that interfered with the work in McPherson and he was told that it was water coming from a swimming pool discharged onto the street at that particular point. He added that if we see this happening and they see there is no break in terms of a pipe and there is all this water accumulating there (at the intersection of McPherson and Hillside) it means that

somebody has emptied their swimming pool onto the street. He ended by saying that we need to monitor this because we do have an ordinance enforcing this so that we can take action.

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, stated that they had responded to the complaint on this intersection, but that it was as a result of a broken pipe on the owners side of the meter and not swimming pool water.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning excess water on the streets from sprinkler systems.

Cm. Juarez spoke in regards to excess water on the streets from sprinkler systems. He stated that we are wasting water and ruining our streets due to the discharge of water onto the streets.

Tomas Rodriguez, Utilities Director, stated that they are placing notices on the doors to control the discharge of excess water and placing \$200 fines after the first notice.

Cm. Juarez suggested that public access channel include all these items discussed here for the public to be aware of these ordinances.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the use of El Mercado for the arts.

Ms. Anne Vela, President of the Art League, asked for space at the Mercado Building for the arts. Ms. Vela stated that they felt that El Mercado would be the place to have them since it has storage and office space. She asked that council consider that El Mercado be leased for the arts.

Cm. Perales recommended that this item be referred to the Parks & Recreation Committee and see if they recommend the use of the building for some type of arts or to see other recommendations.

Motion to instruct staff to work with the Art League and consult with the groups that are interested, to look at what is available, and come back with some kind of a plan including a cost plan and present it to council. That as soon as this proposal is completed (approximately in four weeks) that immediate action be taken to implement this type of program.

Becky Sepulveda, a member of the Board of Directors, asked for assistance for the Webb County Heritage Foundation for document storage.

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion and possible action concerning the availability of library books for Webb County jail inmates.

Ms. Janice Webber stated she had written a letter to Cm. Juarez and Mr. Nava regarding a meeting with Mr. Acevedo who is the Education Officer at the Webb County Jail. She said that she had stated that she is in favor of having books available for the jail inmates, however she felt that there should be some kind of written agreement between the two entities as far as who is responsible for the books when they are in their care, in case anything happens there would not be any arguments about the outcome of the situation.

Cm. Juarez asked Mr. Nava to pursue this project.

Cm. Juarez wants a secure collection procedure for the library books for the Webb County jail inmates.

Cw. Aldridge suggested that a non-profit organization or literacy type group take this as a project and they in turn would be the ones responsible for collection of the books.

Cm. Juarez suggested that they also pursue an arrangement with entities such as LJC, LSU, LISD and UISD to maximize our resources.

Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda asked that staff follow up on the recommendations made.

C. Requests from Councilmember Eduardo (Eddie) Perales

1. Request from Casa Norte residents to address the Council regarding proposed mobile home park zoning changes.

Mr. John Gonzalez, a non-resident of Casa Norte, stated that the owners should have told the mobile home owners with plenty of time what their intent is. He added that they should not be allowed to be moved out or the city should find a place to put these mobile homes.

Cm. Juarez suggested that Cm. Perales put an item for the next council meeting jointly with residents of the mobile homes and residents on the east to discuss this issue.

Irene Gonzalez, a resident of Casa Norte Home Park, stated that it isn't fair to close this park since it is one of the best mobile home parks in Laredo. She would like to see that mobile home parks be allowed to stay in north Laredo.

Laredo.

Mr. Vargas stated that staff is working with the Planning & Zoning to bring to the City Council some amendments to the ordinance that was adopted in 1983 which will hopefully make it more advantageous for mobile home park development. He added they have had good response from the private sector from individuals who are interested in building these parks, and we are also working to try to develop a new innovated program using some HUD monies to establish a mobile home park.

Motion to instruct staff to work with the families of the mobile home park to see what we can do to help and work something out.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Discussion regarding summer youth recreation activities.
(Co-sponsored with Cm. Jose Perez)

Cm. Perales stated that Councilmembers were approached by Mr. Castillo from Paragon who would like to initiate a new program where the community business owners will fund some of the activities through out the city.

Cm. Perez stated that he had received a letter from Jose J. Espinoza of 113 Elizondo Drive requesting that we have a site for this coming summer for a recreational program. He recommended that this service should be provided because Los Obispos, Sierra Vista, Los Angeles, River South and Santa Rita are very far away from the centers.

Mr. Jose J. Espinoza of 113 Elizondo Drive gave a letter to the council and stated his concern for the kids that do not have anything to do in the summer. He asked that council provide assistance for the south Laredo area to bring kids to the Perez site for the summer activities.

Cm. Perales suggested that the City Manager come back to council with recommendations of any additional monies left to see if these funds can be used to address activities in the summer. He also suggested that they work with the Recreation Department and all the interested parties in youth activities.

3. Discussion regarding truck traffic on Del Mar Boulevard.

Chief J.L. Martinez stated that 167 citations were given this month on Del Mar Blvd. He added there will be motor cycle enforcement on Scott, Santa Maria and Chihuahua.

D. Request from Councilmember Cecilia M. Moreno

1. Request for timeline on Paving Projects 44 and 45.

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, gave the report to the City Council. The schedule is as follows:

Project 44: The paving assessment includes the paving of 31 city blocks. Construction is scheduled for construction starting in May, 1993. Completion is scheduled in February, 1994.

Project 45: The project includes 32 city blocks. The project is currently out on bids, and award of construction contract will be May 17, 1993. Construction is scheduled in June, 1993. Completion is scheduled for March 1994.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Juarez was no longer present from this period on.)

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

56. Public hearing and an introduction of an ordinance for closing the hearing on the Project 44 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, made the presentation.

There was no public input.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, Real Estate Appraiser, stated that the enhancements will be improved by the values enhanced. She made four recommendation adjustments on parcels that would not be enhanced or half enhancements.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cm. Perales was not present at this time.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

* Note: At this time City Secretary asked that they go back to item #40, because action needed to be taken on item #56 before formal action can be taken on item #40.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

57. Amending Ordinance No. 92-0-019, revising the fee schedule and sliding fee scale for clinic health services at the Maternal and Child Health Program of the City of Laredo Health Department, and providing for waiver of fee to persons unable to pay due to indigence.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Jerry Robinson made the presentation before the council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

58. Approval of amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health for public health services to provide funds for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program in the amount of \$16,483.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

59. Approval of amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health for public health services for FY 92-93, providing additional funds in the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, and approving budget in the amount of \$72,795 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Project.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present.)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

60. Amending Chapter 6 (Animal and Fowl) of the Code of Ordinances, to make the animal control ordinance consistent with the State of Texas Statutes.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Jerry Robinson, Health Director, made the presentation.

Mr. Anastacio Barrera spoke before the council to get clarification on several sections of the ordinance.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

61. Conduct a public hearing to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget of the New Airport Terminal Project and the Airport Fund and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

62. Approval of new Transit Route #11 Las Americas/Airport to extend service hours and area for south Laredo.

Rick Pulido made the presentation.

Motion to approve new Transit Route #11 Las Americas/Airport to extend service hours and area for south Laredo.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

63. Award of contract in the amount of \$11,425.00 to the Sole Source vendor, Seahorse Diesel, Aransas Pass, Texas, for the purchase of a replacement engine for a Transit System bus.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$11,425.00 to the

Sole Source vendor, Seahorse Diesel, Aransas Pass, Texas for the purchase of a replacement engine for a Transit System bus.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 10:23 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 28 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 1993. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PRERPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary II

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON:

CORRECTIONS: