

**CITY OF LAREDO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M-93-R-10**

**APRIL 19, 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, JR.,	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	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER		
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY		
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY		

**ABSENCES:**

Motion to excuse Cw. Cecilia 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: April 5, 1993

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

Cw. Aldridge stated she still had objections and corrections to the previous minutes of March 15, 1993 on page 2 of the minutes stating it did not clearly state what she was saying. She stated, "My objection at the April 5 meeting was to the previous March 15th minutes and my objections were as follows...that Certificates of Obligation be secured by the Hotel/Motel Tax not Ad Valorem Tax, because this is not clearly stated in our minutes right now and I want it clearly stated."

Mayor Ramirez asked if this was her motion, to amend the minutes and add to the quote of the previous minutes to read, "That Certificates of Obligation language be secured by Hotel/Motel Tax not Ad Valorem Tax."

Cw. Aldridge made the motion to amend the minutes and add to the quote of the previous minutes to read, "That Certificates of Obligation language be secured by Hotel/Motel Tax not Ad Valorem Tax."

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Cw. Aldridge also had another objection to the minutes on page 2, second paragraph of the minutes of March 15th. She stated, "It was the motion to put the \$13 million dollars certificates of obligation on the ballot, we never voted on it and this was my objection." She added she was just clarifying for the minutes sake that this was what she stated.

Cw. Aldridge stated that Rafael Lacona testified that the video showed that we did not vote on the motion contrary to what the City Secretary said. She stated she was just restating what was said in the minutes. She added that in the previous minutes it states, "That Rafael Lacona, Laredo State University Professor, spoke in reference to Robert's Rules of Order." "Well...that's not all he did, he said that the video showed very clearly that we did not...we were not following the Robert's Rules of Order." She again clarified, "that we did not follow the Robert's Rules of Order...that was on his opinion."

Mayor Ramirez asked Cw. Aldridge if these were her motions.

Cw. Aldridge replied, "This are my motions."

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Cw. Aldridge stated there was a minor typo error on item 13, LIISD agreement. Where it states, "Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that to his understanding that it's a 50 year lease...it says 50 years instead of 15 years." Cw. Aldridge made a motion to amend this correction to the April 5th minutes.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez stated there is a motion and a second to adopt and asked if the second to the motion concurred to all the amendments.

Second concurred to all the amendments.

Mayor Ramirez stated there is a motion and a second to adopt the minutes as amended and accepted by the second.

All in favor.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an interlocal use agreement between the City of Laredo and Laredo Independent School District for the use of two portions of Section D, known as the East Martin Field and West Martin Field.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge.

Cw. Aldridge wanted to recommend that perhaps they look at the ordinance again and put in what they had discussed the last time, as far as clarifying the language on the lease from the 60 day period and also that they consider renting on a month to month lease basis.

Cm. Juarez requested a copy of the contract from the attorney to review.

4. Approving the petition of Central Power and Light Company (CPL) for a new economic development tariff to be effective within the city limits.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Laredo, Webb County, and the South Texas Development Council for the issuance of a Joint Request for Proposal for base mapping and 911 Rural Addressing, and establishing procedures relating thereto.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Adopting a service plan for 28.6022 acres of land more or less (Tract 1 - J. B. Alexander Magnet High School Tract), situated in Porcion 25 out of a 1,450 acre tract of land, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Cm. Perez asked if they were going to consider the service plans and the projections for the next ten years that were mentioned in a prior meeting. He suggested that they look at this projections before they take any action.

Ms. Sukup stated that the service plans have been completed and that in regards to the service plans, they had meet with all the petitioners. She stated there was an amendment for LSU and the details that were worked out and how they were going to get their service. She continued by saying there were no material changes. She added that Tract II had to do with the extension of water. Water will be supplied by a 16" main from the east corridor. The waterwaste service will be tied in appropriately. She continued by saying that there had been some concern or misunderstanding about the language and added there is a requirement that there be set aside land for parks and school sites as warranted by the development

She stated that the petitioner in fact was under some misunderstanding as to when they were required to do that and the language has been amended so that it is done as it is warranted by the development.

Cw. Aldridge stated she had a problem because she felt that she still contends that in all of these annexations from #6 thru #15 that the city would be loosing 1.8 million dollars in five years.

Cw. Aldridge had concerns in regards to the capacity to handle fire and police protection that we will provide in 60 days to all these areas which will diminish the capacity for the rest of the city.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

7. Adopting a service plan for 1,333.67 acres of land more or less (Tract 2 - Laredo State University/Killam Tract), out of a 44,142.45 acre tract of land, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

8. Adopting a service plan for 349.8 acres of land more or less (Tract 3 - Pinto Valle/Dolores Tract), located in Porciones 1, 2, and 3, Abstracts 231, 232, and 233, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

9. Adopting a service plan for 153.3582 acres of land more or less (Tract 4 - Bustamante Farm Tract), located in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, Leonardo Garcia original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

10. Adopting a service plan for 20.249 acres of land more or less (Tract 5 - Muller Tract), located in Survey 2143, Abstract 591, A. Morgan original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

11. Adopting a service plan for 223.4683 acres of land more or less (Tract 6 - La Bota Tract), located in Porcion 16, Abstract 46, Dolores Garcia original grantee and Porcion 17, Abstract 52, Jose Christobal Garcia original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

12. Adopting a service plan for 191.1211 acres of land more or less (Tract 7 - Milo Business Center Tract), located in Porcion 20, Bautista Garcia, original grantee and Porcion 21, Leonardo Garcia, Porcion 22, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez, original grantee, and the northeast part of Survey 2415, School File 14283, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

13. Adopting a service plan for 18.8856 acres of land more or less (Tract 8 - DeLlando Center Tract), located in Porcion 23, Abstract 283, Leonardo Sanchez, original grantee and

Porcion 22, Abstract 277, Dona Maria Jesus Sanchez original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

14. Adopting a service plan for 31.79 acres of land more or less (Tract 9 - Ramos I Tract), located in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, Eugeno Martinez Heirs, original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

15. Adopting a service plan for 13.41 acres of land more or less (Tract 10 - Ramos II Tract), located in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, Eugeno Martinez Heirs, original grantee, providing for annexation of such land into the corporate limits of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing initial zoning on the land annexed, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council - except Cw. Aldridge

## VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #93-O-062, #93-O-077, #93-O-078, #93-O-079, #93-O-081, #93-O-082, #93-O-083, #93-O-084, #93-O-086, #93-O-087, and #93-O-88.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 93-0-062 Amending Ordinance No. 86-O-024, Chapter 6, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo; defining terms; providing for regulation of dangerous dogs; amending the section for impounding of animals and fowl; amending the regulating of the keeping of animals or fowl within the city; amending provisions for the issuance of special permits for keeping large livestock, small animals and fowl, and the suspension or revocation thereof; further defining violations and providing for a penalty of up to \$2,000; and providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 93-O-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 this item for our next regular council meeting.

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

18. 93-O-077 Amending Ordinance No. 91-O-235 dated November 4, 1991 and Ordinance No. 91-O-270 dated December 2, 1991 Street Improvements Project 35; to delete Unit 8, Parcels 53 through 70-A, being Ventura Street from Eagle Pass to Wilhelm Avenues. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

19. 93-O-078 Amending Ordinance No. 93-O-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 truck traffic along these designated truck routes within the City of Laredo. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

NOTE: City Secretary, Gustavo Guevara, Jr. stated that on this ordinance (93-O-078) a sentence was missing and that they added, "And providing for publication and effective date," at the end of the ordinance.

20. 93-O-079 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the South Texas Development Council, Inc., for the approximate 320 square feet constituting Room 20 of Building S-1, located at 1718 E. Calton Road, at the Laredo International Airport, to be used for

office space.  
(City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

21. 93-O-080 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. (City Council)

Cm. Cardenas suggested that this item be tabled and studied further.

Motion to table this item for further consideration for the next regular meeting for final consideration under final ordinances and after presentation of a full report to Cm. Cardenas.

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

22. 93-O-081 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 installation 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

23. 93-O-082 Designating the implementation of multi-way stop controls (all-way stops) consisting of a four-way stop at the intersection of Andrew Avenue and Eden Lane; a three-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 installation of appropriate stops at said intersections; and providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

24. 93-O-083 Rescinding Ordinance No. 91-O-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 for said extension. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

25. 93-O-084 Closing the hearing on Project 44 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

26. 93-O-086 Approval of a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 93-94 for public health services, and approve budget for the HIV Care Consortium, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA), for the period of March 1, 1993 through February 38, 1994; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-132-0220 from \$0 to \$16,483, and increasing expenditure line item #226-6069 from \$0 to \$16,483. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

27. 93-O-087 Approval of a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for Fiscal Year 92-93 for public health services, and approve budget for the

Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Project for the period of February 1, 1993 through June 30, 1993; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-132-0221 from \$0 to \$72,795, and increasing expenditure line item #226-6070 from \$0 to \$72,795.

(City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. 93-O-088 Amending the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget for the New Airport Terminal Project and the Airport fund and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Note: Item #39 is related to this item.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

29. 93-R-041 Honoring Dr. Crispin E. Sanchez for his 22 years of service to Laredo Junior College and his 14 years of service to the Airport Advisory Board and proclaiming April 24, 1993, as "Dr. Crispin E. Sanchez Day".

Motion to adopt a resolution honoring Dr. Crispin E. Sanchez for his 22 years of service to Laredo Junior College and his 14 years of service to the Airport Advisory Board and proclaiming April 24, 1993, as "Dr. Crispin E. Sanchez Day."

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. 93-R-042 Supporting Senate Joint Resolution Number 7, concerning the support and maintenance of public schools.

Motion adopting resolution supporting Senate Joint Resolution Number 7, concerning the support and maintenance of public schools.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

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

31. 93-R-043 Proclaiming April 18-25, 1993 as National Library Week.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez read a proclamation proclaiming April 18-25, 1993 as National Library Week and recognized the board members.

Motion to adopt a resolution proclaiming April 18-25 as National Library Week.

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

Ms. Rose Woodruff of the Public Library received the proclamation.

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move items 45-D(1).

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

32. 93-R-044 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to have amended, and to pursue the amendment of, Certificates of Adjudication Nos. 23-119 and 23-227 involving the transfer of 1,493.75 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, from Milton E. Wentz, Jr., Jeanine D. Wentz, William Charles Wentz, Diana W. Burdette, and David E. Wentz to the City of Laredo, their conversion to municipal use, 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 Nos. 23-119 and 23-227 involving the transfer of 1,493.75 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights.

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

33. 93-R-045 Authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for funding of a Gang Investigation Program in the amount of \$25,026, for a twelve month period dated October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for funding of a Gang Investigation Program in the amount of \$25,026 for a twelve month period dated October 1, 1993 through September 30, 1994.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

34. 93-R-046 Supporting the establishment of a Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Regional Training Center in Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Motion supporting the establishment of a Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Regional Training Center in Laredo.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

Cm. Castaneda asked that council consider tabling this item until we get some other specific items in terms of what actually the impact and cost is going to be in this particular item.

Second was withdrawn by Cm. Perez.

Motion to table this resolution for the next Regular Council Meeting and also in the motion to ask our Mayor Pro-tem Castaneda to investigate this matter for us with staff.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

35. 93-R-047 Approving the issuance of bonds by the McAllen Health Facilities Development Corporation in the amount of \$16,000,000 for refinancing of improvements by Mercy Hospital of Laredo, and other matters relating to the subject.

Motion approving the issuance of bonds by the McAllen Health Facilities Development Corporation in the amount of \$16,000,000 for refinancing of improvements by Mercy Hospital of Laredo, and other matters relating to the subject.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

Mr. Daniel Guevara, Vice President of Mercy

representing Mr. Ernesto Flores - Mercy President, made a presentation before the City Council.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez stated that on item #35 they do ask for a representative of the city to be at the hearing when the refinancing is discussed for the McAllen Health Facilities.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the people designated would be our City Manager, Peter H. Vargas or his Assistant, Carlos Villarreal in his absence.

36. 93-R-048      Confirming appointment and reappointment by the Mayor of the members of the following Boards and Commissions: five members to the Historic District/Landmark Board; one member to the Building Standards Board; three members to the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (MPO); and three members to the Electrical Examining Board.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we have five members to the Historic District Board and that it has been expanded to two. The Building Standards Board which is five members and one needs to be filled, then we have the MPO appointments.

Salvador Tellez, City Attorney, asked councilmembers that they deal with each board individually.

Cw. Aldridge stated, "I just want to state that all the other appointments or places where they've vacated or adding on to, I have not resigned."

Mayor Ramirez announced his nominations to the Historic District/Landmark Board.

- (1) Ms. Rose Trevino
- (2) Mr. Jose Diaz De Leon
- (3) Mrs. Elia Pruneda
- (4) Mr. Larry Friedman

Adding Mr. Fernando Salinas and Ms. Sharon Jordan as appointments to serve on the Historic District and Landmark Board.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7                                      Against: 0                                      Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez announced the replacement to the Building Standards Board.

(1) Mr. Eleuterio Garza

Motion to accept Mr. Eleuterio Garza to the Building Standards Board.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Salvador Tellez, City Attorney, stated that the "City Charter does not address how appointments to all these boards and commissions are supposed to be made then we are obligated to look at...each commission to see if they've established any rules or by-laws..but the extent...or to the extent that the MPO is involved we have been unable to find any established rules or by-laws that were adopted by the MPO with regard to how members would be selected to form that board." He added, "the only commission within the City Charter that addresses the issue of terms of office is the planning commission and basically the Planning Commission talks about a person's term to run concurrent with the person who appointed that member of that commission and not having been a resident of Laredo when the charter commission...when this particular charter was adopted." He stated from his conversation with people who were very active in those days with reforming the City Charter the intent of the commission was at that point to have appointments run concurrent with the people who appointed them and also to limit the terms of people who serve in certain boards and commissions. Her added that this is reflected by the document that you have which is not a City Charter. Also, the other way of looking at this, is that any appointment is basically an ----- appointment it does not create an inhere invested right on the part of persons to serve indefinitely."

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, stated that other members have asked him for the opportunity to serve not one or two but almost all of them have asked him.

Roger Moore, an attorney representing Cw. Aldridge, stated that there exists potential liability both to the city and personal liability. He added that there is no limitations upon the term of those appointments.

Mr. Tellez stated there is documentation that addresses procedures, he added that the intent of the city charter is to limit terms to whom they

were appointed by and mayor has authority to make his appointments.

Cw. Aldridge quoted, "I have not resigned and I feel I have every right to be here and serve on that board and I have attended every meeting there is no reason why I cannot be on that board." She added that the appointments are totally invalid now, unless we change the system.

Mayor Ramirez made his nominations for the MPO as follows:

- (1) Cw. Cecilia Moreno
- (2) Cm. Felipe Cardenas
- (3) Cm. Jose R. Perez

Motion confirming the appointments of Cw. Moreno, Cm. Cardenas and Cm. Perez to the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (LUTS) -MPO.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 5	Against: 2	Abstain: 0
	Cw. Aldridge	
	Cm. Juarez	

Motion to confirm members to the Electrical Examining Board as follows:

- (1) Mr. Ricardo Alonzo
- (2) Mr. Ricardo Guerra
- (3) Mr. Ruben Cantu

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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Motion to approve entire resolution.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7	Against: 0	Abstain: 0
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**VIII. MOTIONS**

- 37. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, Paul Young Co., Laredo, Texas (\$52,819) and Sames Motor Co., Laredo, Texas (\$31,925), for the purchase of one cargo van, two passenger vans, and three modified equipment trucks for various City Departments.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidders, Paul Young

Co., Laredo, Texas (\$52,819) and Sames Motor Co., Laredo, Texas (\$31,925), for the purchase of one cargo van, two passenger vans, and three modified equipment trucks for various City Departments.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present at this time.)

38. Approval of change order no. 7, an increase of \$3,853.36, to the construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Laredo, Texas, for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 36 (40 blocks); acceptance of the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$57,762.04, with a retainage of \$12,000 for the paving of one block of Davis Avenue (Chicago-Pace).

Motion to approve change order no. 7, an increase of \$3,853.36 to the construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Award of an engineering contract to Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (Dallas, Texas) in association with Turner, Hickey & Associates (Laredo, Texas), to design, provide surveys, and prepare plans and specifications, for an amount not to exceed \$1,135,000, for the New Laredo International Airport Terminal (east side of the Airport) and related airside/landside improvements to include a terminal aircraft apron; parallel taxiway to Runway 17L/35R, taxiway connectors to the runway and apron; strengthen Runway 17L/35R; access road connecting to the Inner Loop; parking, and utilities.

Motion to award engineering contract with Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum (Dallas, Texas) in association with Turner, Hickey & Associates (Laredo, Texas), to design, provide surveys, and prepare plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$1,135,000 for the New Laredo International Airport Terminal.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$9,454.58, to the construction contract; acceptance of the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,831.93 to Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas, for the City of Laredo Street Recycling Project 1992-1993 (194 blocks).



Motion to approve change order no. 2, a decrease of \$9,454.58 to the construction contract; acceptance of the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,831.93 to Culter Repaving Inc. for the City of Laredo Street Recycling Project 1992-1993.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Castaneda  
For: 6    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

41. Award of an engineering contract to NRS Consulting Engineers, Harlingen, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$68,190, to design and prepare plans and specifications for the Lift Stations Project to rehabilitate seven lift stations and evaluate present and future needs.

Motion to award an engineering contract to NRS Consulting Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$68,190.

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

For: 6    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

42. Approval of a refund of taxes in the amount of \$4,795.58 erroneously paid by F & J Truck Sales.

Motion to approve a refund of taxes in the amount of \$4,795.58 erroneously paid by F & J Truck Sales.

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

Against: 0    Abstain: 0

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

43. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to purchase the Texas National Guard Armory located at 2201 Piedra China from the Texas National Guard Armory Board for use as a neighborhood facility to provide child care services and a feeding program for the elderly; with possible executive session under Article 6252-17, Sections 2(f), (discussion of terms and conditions for acquisition of real property).

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17, Sections 2(f) (discussion of terms and conditions for acquisition of real property).

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

Against: 0    Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present.)

After executive session Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. announced that no action was taken.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to purchase the Texas National Guard Armory located at 2201 Piedra China from the Texas National Guard Armory Board for use as a neighborhood facility to provide child care services and a feeding program for the elderly for \$67,500.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Presentation of the 1991-1992 Audit Report as performed by the independent audit firm of Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra.

Cm. Juarez stated that the Audit Committee met on April 16th and that Cecilia Moreno chaired the meeting in his absence. He added that they went over the entire report and that on the management letter that was presented they reacted to the recommendations that they had, plus the response from staff and that they found it to be an acceptable report.

Ms. G.G. Flores, representing the Auditing Firm of Gonzalez Farias and Guerra, stated that while auditing the city they looked at conditions and events that evaluate the city's ability to continue as a growing concern and in this evaluation the following were all favorable and positive for the city:

- 1) There was an increase in appraised value of property,
- 2) increase in population,
- 3) increase in school enrollment,
- 4) increase in per capita personal income,
- 5) increase in building permits,
- 6) increase in sales tax,
- 7) the city's ability to pay debt obligations,
- 8) an increase in bond rating.
- 9) The city's ability to meet its pension plan obligations.
- 10) The fact that there was cash and the fact that this cash was invested and earned approximately \$5 million dollars in interest.

She continued by saying, its ability to properly account for all financial transactions by the Accounting Department. The fact that as of September 30, 1992 the general fund had a fund balance of \$8,385,853.00

Motion accepting the 1991-92 Audit Report as performed by the independent audit firm of Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to recess at this time to allow people to sign up for the different items in the public hearings and come back with council communications.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## X. COMMUNICATIONS

Motion to waive the rules of order and proceed with public hearings at this time and close the meeting with City Council discussion and presentations.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

45. 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 Canal Street and Colonia Guadalupe.

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, stated that the water main is very deteriorated needs to be replaced on Saunders all the way to the colonia. He added it would be completed by November of this year. He also added that the schedule for next year in the Capital Improvements Program is the resurfacing to be started in December.

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

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, stated that in the Zacate Creek the bottom of the channel is 80' wide from Canal to Saunders and the cost there in order to concrete line the bottom and the whole channel is approximately \$2.5 million. He added that in order to concrete the whole channel all the way to Iturbide would be approximately 11 million dollars to complete. He continued by saying that they have looked into another option, possibly concreting the bottom line section and then going one-third up the channel which would figure approximately \$8 million. Mr. Escudero added there might be environmental concerns as far as being able to meet the Texas Parks & Wildlife requirements of protecting the environment and

that they would have to go thru an environmental assessment.

Cm. Castaneda suggested that in the time being, between now and the time that we concrete it, that we could seed it and maintain it with grass and it wouldn't cost so much.

**B . Requests from Councilmember Jose Perez**

1. Discussion and possible action to direct the Staff to look into the possibility of acquiring a tract of land for a park at the Sierra Vista Subdivision.

Motion instructing staff to look at the possibility to acquire land from donation or acquisition for a park in Sierra Vista.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status report with possible action concerning the creek cleaning crew.

Motion to table for the next Regular Council Meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Status report with possible action concerning the street illumination plan that was recommended at the budget hearings.

Joe Aranda, Transportation Director, stated that they submitted a proposal to Central Power & Light for street lighting as the council had approved. He stated that council authorized \$135,000 from the Community Development Block Grant and \$100,000 from the Street Reconstruction Fund and CP&L has informed that they are currently reviewing that proposal and that they should be getting information with regard to how much lighting we are going to be able to get with regard to the monies that we have.

Mr. Aranda stated that they made an analysis and that he figured that they would probably be able to meet 55% of the needs with regards to the street categories. He added we are looking at approximately at another \$175,000 for next year and that this we would meet all our needs for neighborhood lighting. In addition he stated that CP&L had indicated to them that it will take about three years to complete the whole project because we are

talking about three different categories: additional lighting, the conversion of the existing lights (the mercury sodium lights) and the subdivision lighting where lighting is available but there is poor lighting.

Cm. Castaneda asked that Mr. Aranda double check his priorities because he thought that was not the motion that was made. He added there was a motion made that eventually was passed in this issue and there was a concern of about close to one million dollars in the total cost.

4. Request for Staff to prepare an eight month status report concerning both the proposed and completed projects that were approved at the budget hearings for 1992-1993.

Cm. Perez requested staff to prepare an eight month status report concerning both the proposed and completed projects that were approved at the budget hearings for 1992-1993 and to include to the C.I.P. status (what we approved last year and where we are at) on this presentation.

Mayor Ramirez called for a workshop for this presentation on Saturday morning, May 8, 1993 at City Hall from 9:00 -11:00 A.M.

5. Status report concerning the summer recreational program requested by Councilmembers Perales and Jose Perez.

Alfredo Castillo, Education & Recreation Director, stated that as requested by council the department had put together a proposed summer recreation program as follows:

He stated last meeting they had been requested to go back and research on the different recreation sites and that they have currently had six sites. It was requested to possibly include two sites (Finley Elementary and Perez Elementary). He added that to run a similar program as in the other sites the same staff (one leader and three assistants - three per site) and \$2,000.00 for additional supplies, equipment and transportation each site would cost the City of Laredo approximately \$15,100.00 (per site). Should both sites be approved it will cost a total of \$30,200.

Mr. Castillo stated that they have developed some other programs that they felt will create an all around recreational program for the summer. He stated that if we were to hire an additional person to help them coordinate some of these activities we could conduct this additional activities for around \$2,000.00. He added this monies would be to hire temporary people just to go out and help at the different sites and for things or

supplies that might be needed.

Another item would be to service the age group that has not been serviced by our department which is the 15 thru 20 year olds. He stated that they are proposing is to start basketball and volleyball leagues for both girls and boys.

Mr. Castillo stated that the biggest cost would be to pay the officials. He added it's approximately \$6,500.00 to pay for officials and uniforms.

Mayor Ramirez stated that what we are trying to do is expand the summer programs this year. Mayor Ramirez requested that staff try to identify the monies to implement the programs this summer.

Jesus Nava, Assistant City Manager, stated that what we need to do in the first meeting in May is to come with projects with projected costs for a variety of programs that can be implemented and at that time, identify some potential revenue sources.

**C. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez**

1. Update from the Staff concerning the park for the disabled to be constructed at the Laredo International Airport.

Cm. Juarez asked what the time-line for this project is.

Alfredo Castillo, Education & Recreation Director, stated that as far as the Parks & Recreation Department is concerned, they have already worked with the Engineering Department. The elevations have already been done and that portion of the work is ready. He added they have a list of materials that they are ready to buy, but do not have the authority from the Community Development to start purchasing and until they do, there is nothing they can do.

Cindy Collazo, Director of Community Director, stated that by the end of the month, by April 30th, they should have clearance on the environmental study and then they can proceed.

Cm. Juarez asked if they could schedule a ground breaking ceremony for the early part of May and asked if this park could be named under Mr. Robert Llano who was the one that had asked to start this particular project and being that he has worked so hard in trying to get the project going.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the current and

proposed mobile home ordinances.  
**(Co-sponsored by Cm. Eduardo Perales)**

This item was taken care of. It was taken in conjunction with item #46.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning naming Bridge No. 1 the "Laredo-Gateway International Bridge".

Cm. Juarez all our bridges have names except Bridge I and we need to address this issue.

Motion to have staff research this issue and if we can re-dedicate the bridge in 30 days with whatever name and that it mentions "Gateway" in the title.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

4. Update from Staff concerning the noise impact study being performed at the Laredo International Airport.

Jose L. Flores, Airport Manager, stated that they are presently 80% complete with the noise compatibility study and that another meeting will be scheduled for the middle part of May. A public information meeting will be held with the Airport Advisory Board and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

He added that the recommendations that are being formulated are to maybe extend the runways north to help mitigate the noise having some procedures where the aircraft that are departing the airport make a left turn when safely. The study may recommend land acquisition in the impacted areas where the insulation of the homes will not be feasible and where the noise will not be mitigated, but this needs to come from that report. Mr. Flores stated that whatever comes out of this report may be eligible for federal funding. He added they are close to wrapping up this study.

He added that the FAA has to review the recommendations in this report and accept them before any federal participation in land acquisition can happen.

**D. Requests from Councilmember Cecilia Moreno**

1. Request for a technical study for a new library.

Mr. Vargas stated that there has being some discussion where the city should have a new library and there has been a study that has been conducted by the Library Board along with the Department of Education and Recreation to



determine the what the space allocation needs will be for a new library and now Cw. Moreno wanted a more technical review study of the needs of the library.

Ms. Rose Woodruff, Library Board Chairperson, stated that the members of the Library Board and herself want to make sure that when they ask the citizens of Laredo to vote for a bond to pay for a new main library, that they are asking just for as much as they need, nothing extra. She stated that their expertise in deciding on how much a bond should be; asking to go out for a bond; where the location should be; and what should be in this new library are questions that are beyond their expertise.

She added that they wanted to make sure that they are the economically correct and not asking for more than what it should be and that this is the purpose for a more indepth study and asked that council agree to this.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. stated that it would be an appropriate item to placed under our capital improvements plan so that we can have a study allocated to further refine this and perhaps maybe as soon as November we can be going out to the voters of the community for consideration of a new library.

Cm. Perez asked if council would consider to go into an educational recreational district whereby we could, in addition, to the library that is being proposed have four libraries one to the north; the west; and to the east. He stated that his concern is reaching people who are unable to come to the public library in downtown. He added that his concept is to build these kinds of libraries so that we can reach the people that are left behind. He stated he would like to include a study in that respect so that we can the create the recreational/ educational centers.

Cw. Aldridge asked if they are asking for a feasibility study to be made for this purpose or if we should vote on this now.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas, stated that the direction we are looking is to prepare a request for proposals to develop a skull in conjunction with the Library Board as to what it is this technical review will be and it will be brought to City Council for review and consideration.

Cm. Perez asked that council consider to include the concept of the educational/ recreational centers so that when we do sell the bonds it be part of the package.

Mayor Ramirez stated that there is a similar proposal that's working its way up to the council from the Parks &





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

Against: 0

Abstain: 2  
 Cm. Juarez  
 Cm. Castaneda

## XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Public hearing concerning amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by adding Section 24-69b establishing the R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) zone; by amending Section 24-62 to create specific use overlay zones and conditional uses permits; and that an ordinance be introduced.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo by adding Section 24-69b establishing an R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for specific use overlay zones; providing for conditional uses permits; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Cardenas  
 For: 6  
 (Cw. Aldridge was not present.)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to bring up item C-(2) for discussion with this item.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation before the City Council. She stated that the R-3 zone remains essentially untouched.

Cm. Castaneda requested that staff go into the mobile home neighborhoods to explain the mobile home zoning ordinances because some citizens are confused. He suggested that before this particular item becomes an ordinance that public hearings be done to explain this ordinance to the citizens.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. George Hachar, spoke on a

concern for R-3 mobile homes where the lot and mobile home have to be the same person. He commended the council concerning the new improvements to the R-1-MH ordinance as being a vehicle to create more affordable spaces for mobile home parks in comparison to the R-3 for mobile home lots. His other concern was that if a developer wanted an R-3 with both mobile homes and permanent structures can continue to exist.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the R-3 is not being affected and that the developer can continue to develop subdivisions with the R-3 zoning.

Mr. Trinidad Silva spoke against the new ordinance.

Ms. Irene Gonzalez spoke in favor of developing mobile home parks and added that this new ordinance would help develop mobile home communities.

Mr. Raul Trejo, resident of Carmona Mobile Home Park, was concerned whether he has to move under the new ordinance. Mr. Trejo wanted to know what the status for Carmona Mobile Home Park was and asked if certain conditions are not met, if they would have to move?

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated that Carmona Mobile Home Park is a non-conforming park and it all depends on the upkeep and conforming to the present ordinance.

Dr. George Garcia, Town North Mobile Home Park owner, stated his concern is his special use permit for the setbacks.

Marina Sukup stated that the special use permit deals with spaces, it doesn't say lots. She stated he must conform with the Building Code which says that every dwelling unit must be so far from every other dwelling unit for the matter of fire protection. She stated he is complying with this requirement. She stated he is not subdividing spaces, that he is assigning spaces.

Marina Sukup stated that his initial requirements have been met. Ms. Sukup stated she would give Dr. Garcia a letter addressing his concerns.

Ms. G.G. Gutierrez, resident at Casa Norte Park, she stated there are still 144 families living in Casa Norte and asked if park is sold where will they go? She had concerns on expenses that would be incurred with the moving and stated they want to stay on the north side. She was in favor of the playground area for mobile home parks.

Mr. Robert Synder stated they hope to bring 300 lots for sale. He stated the lots are R-3 and are located on Highway 83(south).

Richard Vaughn spoke on his concern to find lots if none are available and was in favor of the new ordinance.

Motion to close the public hearing and instruct staff to conduct a minimum of two (2) public hearings where appropriate in the city (south or north Laredo) to get additional comments from the public regarding this particular ordinance and making sure that we give the public all availability of time to make those comments. He added that they bring back those comments and that probably within the next 30 days that this particular ordinance be brought back to council for consideration and approval.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

47. Public hearing concerning amending Chapter 24-79c of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo relating to mobile home parks; establishing standards; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending Section 24-79c of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo relating to mobile home parks; establishing standards and an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the condition that an additional one (1) year be included to allow people to comply with the requirements and include this item as part of the public hearings on mobile homes.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

48. Public hearing concerning amending the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 Special Police Program budget for the amount of \$147,000 received from the U.S. Customs Service for the costs incurred

in police overtime; authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

To conduct a public hearing and to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 Special Police Program budget for the amount of \$147,000 received from the U.S. Customs Service for the cost incurred in police overtime and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

49. Public hearing concerning amending the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget to transfer \$250,000 from General Fund Reserves Appropriations to the Environmental Engineering Division for the NPDES permit application part 2, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget: and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

To conduct a public hearing to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget to transfer \$250,000 from General Fund Reserves Appropriations to the Environmental Engineering Division for the NPDES permit application part 2, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was out at this time.)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. G. Perez  
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.


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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 10:10 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 30 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 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: