CITY OF LAREDO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M-93-R-12 MAY 3, 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 , DISTRICT III ARLENE RASH-ALDRIDGE, ** CECILIA MAY MORENO, , DISTRICT IV ** , DISTRICT V BLAS CASTANEDA, ** EDUARDO PERALES,

JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ, " EDUARDO PERALES, , DISTRICT VI , DISTRICT VII FELIPE CARDENAS, , DISTRICT VIII CARLOS VILLARREAL, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Castaneda due to illness.

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

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting: April 19, 1993 Special City Council Meeting: April 26, 1993

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 6

(Cw. Aldridge was not present.)

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

South Meadow Street Improvements Assessment Project; declaring the necessity for and ordering the paving and improvements of a certain street in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the street paving assessment roll and cost estimates as prepared by the City Engineer; and directing the City Secretary to file this ordinance with the County Clerk as a notice of its enactment and ordering and setting a public hearing on the 21st day of June 1993.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Reforming the lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Laredo Airport Ventures, Inc., dated October 1, 1992, and approved by Ordinance No.92-0-183, by changing the lessee's name to L.A. Ventures, Inc.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

5. 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 waive final reading of 93-0-068.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

Motion to deny the zone change request ordinance.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 93-0-080 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)

Motion to table indefinitely.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 93-0-089 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an 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 and West Martin Field.

(City Council except Cm. Rash-Aldridge)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-089.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the agreement with changes made by Cm. Juarez to place a period at the end of the word "contract" on page 4 - section 9; to make the next sentence as section 10; and to change section 10 to section 11.

Moved: Cm. Juarez Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 2 (Cm. Perez)

(Cm. Perez) (Cw. Moreno)

Motion to approve with the amendment.

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

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 2

(Cm. Perez) (Cw. Moreno)

8. 93-0-090 Approving the petition of Central Power and Light Company (CPL) for a new economic development tariff to be effective within the city limits. (City Council)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-090.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cw. Aldridge For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 93-0-091 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.
(City Council)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-091.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Juarez Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 93-0-093 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. (City Council except Cm. Rash-Aldridge)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-093.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve.

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

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 (Cw. Aldridge)

11. 93-0-102 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 use permits; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to waive the final reading of 93-0-102.

Moved: Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated there were questions relating to the kind of skirting that is acceptable. Her recommendation was that the skirting under this ordinance amendment should be of a type approved by the Building Standards Board of the City of Laredo.

Mr. Juan Narvaez, of Narvaez Mobile Homes, spoke in regards to the kind of skirting that should be placed, the cost, and the ventilation that is required.

Motion to exclude sections 24-66, 24-67, 24-68, 24-69, 24-69a, 24-70; send these sections back through P&Z; and consider Section 69b dealing with R-1-MH only.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve ordinance #93-0-102 as amended to specifically take action on section 24-69b only.

Moved: Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to amend the ordinance on R-1-MH to specify that the fence be 7 feet and constructed of masonry.

Moved: Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 (Cm. Perez)

12. 93-0-103 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. (City Council)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-103.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mrs. Irene Gonzalez, a mobile home owner from Casa Norte Mobile Home Park, stated that she agreed with the changes proposed in this ordinance.

Motion to approve.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 93-0-104 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; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to waive final reading of 93-0-104; 93-0-106; 93-0-107; 93-0-108; and 93-0-109.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve ordinances 93-0-104; 93-0-106; 93-0-107; 93-0-108; and 93-0-109.

Moved: Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 93-0-106 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 2092B, Lots 3 & 4, Eastern Division, located at 2517 and 2519 Bayard Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 93-0-107 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 44.88 acre tract out of Porcion 37, located north of the Santa Rita Subdivision and east of the South Laredo Waste Water Plant, further described in Attachment "A", from AG (Agricultural District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 93-0-108 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 3, Lot 15, located in Pinecrest Subdivision at 109 Crest Lane, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 93-0-109 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 4, Lots 2 through 7, Eastern Division, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jacinto Juarez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 93-0-110 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1815, Lots 1-8, Eastern Division, located on New York Avenue, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District) Conditional Use Permit, providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jacinto Juarez)

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances 93-0-110; 93-0-111; 93-0-112; and 93-0-113.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve ordinances 93-0-110; 93-0-111; 93-0-112; and 93-0-113.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 93-0-111 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 63, Lot 1, in Calton

Abstain: 0

Gardens Subdivision, located at the southeast corner of Calton Road and Springfield Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Blas Castaneda)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: Abstain: 0 Against: 0

20. 93-0-112 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 3.57 acre tract, located in Porcion 21, Abstract 49, further described in Attachment "A", from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Aldridge

Against: 0

21. 93-0-113 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 4.0978 acre tract in Porcion 19, Abstract 47, known as Number 1 La Bota Ranch Partition, further described in Attachment "A", from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. G. Perez Second: Cw. Aldridge

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 7

VII. RESOLUTIONS

22. 93-R-049 Accepting conveyance of 145 acre feet of Class B Water Rights from Albert F. Muller, Jr. in partial payment for water availability charges in connection with platting Cardinal Creek Unit I.

> Motion accepting conveyance of 145 acre feet of Class B Water Rights from Albert F. Muller, Jr. in partial payment for water availability charges in connection with platting Cardinal Creek Unit I.

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

23. 93-R-050 Authorizing the City Manager to clarify and define, as necessary, the employee's health benefits coverages provided by the City of Laredo Health Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 1992-1993, and to amend the Plan to provide for an incurrence of an expense plan that excludes payment for any service of any type incurred after coverage ends.

> Mr. John Arambula, Risk Manager, explained the ordinance to the City Council.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to clarify and define as necessary the employees' health benefit coverages provided by the City of Laredo Health Benefits Plan for Fiscal Year 1992-1993, and to amend the plan to provide for an incurrence of an expense plan that excludes payment for any service of any type incurred after coverage ends with the amendment to include qualified elected officials.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: For:

24. 93-R-051 Requesting that the week of May 2nd through May 8th be proclaimed as "National Drinking Water Week" in the City of Laredo.

> Motion proclaiming May 2nd through May 8th as "National Drinking Water Week" in the City of Laredo.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

Motion to approve items 25 thru item 30.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Authorizing the demolition of all structures located at 810 25. and 812 Grant Street due to the unsafe condition of the structures after a fire that occurred on April 14, 1993.

Motion authorizing the demolition of all structures located at 810 and 812 Grant Street due to the unsafe condition of the structures.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: For:

26. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$56,379.97, to the construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Laredo, Texas, for the North Laredo Wastewater Reclamation Plant Effluent Line.

Motion to approve change order no. 2, an increase of \$56,379.97 to the construction contract with J & B Contractors d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Laredo, Texas, for the North Laredo Wastewater Reclamation Plant Effluent Line.

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

Against: 0 Abstain:

27. Award of an annual contract in the estimated amount of \$23,295 to the Sole Bidder, Fluid Meter Service, Austin, Texas, for the repair and rebuilding of water meters.

Motion to award an annual contract in the estimated amount of \$23,295 to the Sole Bidder, Fluid Meter Service for the repair and rebuilding of water meters.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of a contract in the amount of \$11,636 to the Low Bidder, Record Systems, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of one electro-mechanical filing, storage, and retrieval system for Finance Department, Ambulance Collection Division.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$11,636 to the low bidder, Record Systems, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of one electro-mechanical filing, storage, and retrieval system for Finance Department, Ambulance Collection Division.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain:

29. Award of a contract in the amount of \$14,600 to the Sole Bidder, Video Systems Plus, Bryan, Texas, for the purchase of eight vehicle video systems for the Police Department.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$14,600 to the sole bidder, Video Systems Plus, Bryan, Texas, for the purchase of eight vehicle video systems for the Police Department.

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

Against: 0 For: Abstain: 0

Authorizing the purchase of all necessary radio 30. communications equipment needed to enhance communications service in the Mines Road area for the Police and Fire Departments through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments contract in the amount of \$28,316.87.

Motion authorizing the purchase of all necessary radio communications equipment needed to enhance communications service in the Mines Road area for the Police and Fire Departments through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments contract in the amount of \$28,316.87.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, Traffic Parts, Spring, Texas (\$18,993.10), Signal Engineering, Shreveport, Louisiana (\$8,689.84), Traffic Signal, Edmund, Oklahoma (\$7,400), Texas Signal, Round Rock, Texas (\$2,596), and Teeco Safety, Shreveport, Louisiana (\$123) for the purchase of traffic signal repair and replacement parts.

Motion to award a contract to the low bidders, Traffic Parts, (\$18,993.10), Signal Engineering, (\$8,689.84), Traffic Signal, (\$7,400), Texas Signal (\$2,596) and Teeco Safety, (\$123) for the purchase of traffic signal repair and replacement parts.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Perez

Against: 0 Abstain: For: 7

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT IX.

A report to the City Council concerning the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Permit Application Part I that has been submitted by the City of Laredo to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Escudero, City Engineer, presented the documents that are to be submitted to EPA as Part I and are now working on Part II documents for wet weather sampling and monitoring.

Motion to accept the report for submission to EPA by the City of Laredo.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Discussion and possible action concerning youth activities 33. proposed for this summer by the Department of Education and Recreation.

Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Parks & Recreation, stated that the itemized proposed activities for this summer are:

- Dancing Classes for girls between the ages of 7 18. The contract labor for four sites at \$500.00 per site for a total of \$2,000.00
- Recreation Sites Two additional recreational sites from six to eight. The proposed new sites will be Finley Elementary and Perez Elementary. The sites have been approved by UISD and can be incorporated into our summer program. The cost of both sites is a total of \$30,178.58.
- Teen-Age Summer Leagues Working with both schools districts. To have basketball, soccer, volleyball leagues for boys and one for girls. The cost to operate this program is \$8,000.00
- Youth Days at the Parks A program on a limited basis that brings activities to the parks. The activities are aimed mainly at the younger age children and will include setting up volleyball nets, frisbee games, etc. while the youth enjoy a summer concert type of atmosphere. The total cost for Youth Days at the Parks is \$2,500.00
- Tennis, Golf, Liftime Sports Extending lifetime sports activities to include more sites and attract more participants to lifetime sports. The total cost for increasing these programs is \$7,000 which includes seasonal staff for the expanded sites.
- Talent Search The department will conduct a talent search program for youths. They will participate in modeling, singing, skits, dancing or musical instrument playing. The cost for the Talent Search is \$500.00
- Arts & Craft Extravaganza Where youths can show their talents and where the community can participate in viewing and buying articles from our youths. Monetary investment of \$500.00 will be to cover incidentals like awards.
- Laredo Housing Authority The department is working with LHA to produce an interlocal governmental agreement to

provide recreational opportunities to the housing projects. The program will be funded by LHA, using our employees, they will be reimbursed by the City. The impact on the budget for the LHA will be -0- due to all expenses being reimbursed, however, we need the additional Recreation Specialist to carry out this program.

- 9. Swimming Extended swimming program proposing to increase our "Learn to Swim" program by adding the two South Laredo Pools. Additionally to add "Family Night" on Tuesday and Thursdays until 9:00 p.m. The additional cost to fund these programs will be \$3,700 which will be the salaries of lifequard personnel overtime.
- 10. Basketball Clinic Soccer Clinic The estimated cost is approximately \$ 750.00 for incidentals to have these clinics.

Cm. Juarez stated that the school districts participate with the city in these summer activities.

Motion to accept the proposed activities as recommended by Mr. Alfredo Castillo, Parks & Recreation Director.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: For:

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with the making of recommendations on salary scales for on site work assistants and come back to council with the recommendations.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Discussion of the budget questionnaire which addresses the City's goals and objectives, current and new programs and services, and requesting the City Council to provide City Staff with direction about the level of program services expected for fiscal year 1993-1994.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, presented a list of budget priorities questionnaire for council consideration at the budget hearings. He added that they will bring a report of projects that have been done and where they are at this point in time.

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move item XI-37(a) for discussion at this time.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 35. Request for executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e), to discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending litigation: Webb County Taxpayer's League, Inc. and Frank M. Staggs vs. City of Laredo.

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e), to discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending litigation: Webb County Taxpayer's League and Frank M. Staggs vs. City of Laredo.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Motion to instruct staff not to proceed any further litigation in the matter of the Taxpayers's League and Frank Staggs vs. the City of Laredo.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For:

Request for executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 36. 2(e), to discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending litigation: Arlene Rash-Aldridge vs. City of Laredo, et al.

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e) to discuss and take appropriate action regarding pending litigation: Arlene Rash-Aldridge vs. City of Laredo.

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

For: Against: 0 Abstain:

Motion to exclude Cw. Aldridge from the executive session proceeding.

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

For: Against: 0 Abstain: 0

After executive session under Article 6252-17 Section 2(e), Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, announced that no formal action was taken.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items under communications.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

- Requests by the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.
- A. Request from Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

Request by the proponents of the proposed Hachar Farm to Market Road Project to address the City Council; with discussion and possible action.

Mr. George Hachar and Mr. Louis LaVaude, stated that the Hachar family is proposing an alternative route that would connect IH-35 to Las Tiendas Road and Las Minas Road. The right-of-way consists of 150' easement for the purpose of constructing a farm to market road which would link Las Tiendas Road with IH-35 with the following conditions:

- 1) That funding for such a farm to market road would have to come from any Farm to Market funds which are available from the State of Texas for this purpose. In the event such funding could not be obtained then the easement would revert back to the Hachar Family.
- 2) The Hachar Family would require that such road be a nontoll farm to market road and continue as such permanently.
- 3) The farm to market road would be constructed substantially in accordance with engineering proposal to be submitted by an engineer or the Hachar Family's choosing.
- 4) The road would be named after N.D. Hachar.

The estimated cost presented by them on the construction of this road was \$2,189,601.00.

Motion to send this item to the Planning Department so that they can incorporate this plan as one of the alternative thoroughfare plans that council will be considering as we amend our long range thoroughfare plan, prior to our capital improvements program presentation. That it go through the public hearing process before accepting it for full discussion and as a presentation of the overall long range thoroughfare plan.

Moved: Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge stepped out at this time.)

В. Requests from Mayor Pro-Tem Blas Castaneda

Report from Staff concerning the extension of Calle Del Norte.

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Amador Escudero, informed the council that he talked to the engineer (Carlos Mejia) representing the property owners to the east of the Mall property. He stated that they already invested in extending the storm drainage system to their property lines at their own expense. The cost to construct their portion of Calle del Norte would be approximately \$296,000 and the city is waiting on their schedule and plans for construction.

Mr. Escudero stated that the property owners to the east of Mall Del Norte to Springfield will pay for the road construction, but that they do not have a timeline yet.

Cm. Perales asked that Mr. Escudero find out the status on the fence that Mall Del Norte agreed to build on the south side of Belmont.

C. Requests from Councilmember Jose Perez

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

Joe Guerra, Public Works Director, gave the council a list of the creeks/drainage easements and creek maintenance completed and projected from October 1992 thru September 1993.

2. Update from Staff concerning acquisition of right-of-way for the Inner Loop from U.S. 59 to Texas 359.

Carlos Villarreal, stated that they are taking the land acquisition on "as need basis." He added that they will be covering the northern area from IH-35 approximately to connect close to where the A&M campus will be and that there should be a letting by November 1993 and will be acquiring the property by June '93.

Mayor Ramirez clarified that there is a letting date of June of '93 of US-59 to 359. Mayor stated it was '93 but that it was moved to '94 at one of the MPO meetings.

Mr. Villarreal stated what they understood was that they have to turn over the piece of property between 59 to 359 by February of 1994 and that they will have a June '94 letting.

Mayor Ramirez stated that it had started originally that it was a June '93 letting for that section except that they said that the reason it got bump to June of '94 was because we had not acquired the right-of-way.

Mr. Villarreal stated the reason is that we have not had the agreement that is actually been executed. The County

of Webb was responsible for the acquisition of that property and that we have never actually executed the documents. He added that we will be reaching an agreement with the county and acquiring that property, but that the priority is to be able to construct the inner loop starting on the northern part from IH-35 to 59. He continued by saying that they might be letting by November and finalizing by June 1993.

Mayor stated that if we firm up the right-of-way and have it committed to the City of Laredo for the 59-359 extension by the same time that we are acquiring this one, if at all possible, then we can present it to the state so that they can move up the letting date for that section instead of June of '94, then go back to the MPO and revise our plan to perhaps have a letting date of March of 1994.

Carlos Villarreal stated that they will not stop and they will not see these dates, and that they will try to get the property between 59 and 359 as soon as possible to hopefully have a continuous letting.

D. Requests from Councilmember Jacinto Juarez

 Update from Staff concerning the running track for the disabled.

Motion to name the running track for the disabled after Mr. Roberto Llano, Jr. who is the first blind teacher in Laredo and who has been teaching for 8 years and has also pushed for the rights of the blind in Laredo.

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

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

The ground breaking ceremony will be held this Thursday, May 6th at 4:30 p.m. at the intersection of North Sandman and South Sandman which will include a 220 yard running track with railing and all necessary infrastructure.

Cm. Juarez submitted a curriculum vitae to council that read as follows:

Name: Roberto Llano, Jr.

Address: 100 Sandman, Laredo, Texas 78041

Place of Birth: Laredo, Texas D.O.B: June 16, 1956

Education: Attended T.S.B. (Texas School for the

Blind)

Graduated with honors in 1976.

Attended U.T. at Austin and Graduated in 1984 with Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, Double Major in Spanish and Speech.

Employment:

Employed by L.I.S.D. as a full time Spanish Teacher since 1985.

Social Activities and Organizations:

Vice President of Spanish National Honor Society.

Big Brother-Big Sister Club. Speech and Drama Team Coordinator. Volunteer work for the Austin State

Hospital.

Participated in publishing Newsletter

for the Handicapped.

Worked providing services for

handicapped students.

Participated in many sports related

projects.

 Presentation by Staff concerning Building Permit fees, Plan Check fees, Inspection fees, etc.

Motion to table for the first meeting in June.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Update from Staff concerning the Chacon Creek tributary located at Arkansas and Stewart.

Cm. Juarez stated that the 1986 Bond Election included some improvements for this area and that we have not started on this particular area.

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manger, stated that not all the monies came in 1986 and that the projects have been staggered to accomplish some every year. He added that the staff is indicating that all the legal work has been turned over to the Legal Department and they anticipate that they will be clearing this in next three weeks. He also added that they do not anticipate any additional problems with the property owners and after that they will commence the project and hopefully finish in approximately 11 months.

4. Discussion and possible action concerning a possible ordinance regarding a requirement for opaque fencing around salvage and junk yards within the city limits.

Mayor Ramirez suggested if there was going to be a motion on this, that they incorporate ETJ into the ordinance.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated that we have an ordinance that pertains to special use permits concerning junk yards and used appliance yards, it is a zoning ordinance and therefore, only applies inside the city limits. As far as US-59 is concerned, it is Federal Primary Highway and had been designated as a candidate for as a National Highway System. She added that the Highway Department regulates any new junk yards between 1,000 feet of the right-of-way of the highway anywhere along the highway and that they do look to the city to do the enforcement inside the city limits. On 359 there is nothing that we can do about it since 359 does not qualify, but on 59 there are junk yards and they are required to be on an M-1 zone. She outlined several areas where they have visited with the owners, some of them have not either rezoned or sought special use permits which under the ordinance require opaque fencing and along 359 there are two of them that will cease the operation. Mrs. Sukup stated that the ordinances are in place under the zoning ordinances and that staff will enforce this ordinance inside the city limits.

Mayor Ramirez suggested that maybe one of the solutions would be to perhaps recommend to the Department of Transportation to rule similar requirements to the ones that were passed by the Federal Highway Administration to require that on any state roads the city can also be delegated the authority to go out and enforce similar requirements.

Ms. Sukup stated that they will discuss it with the state and that they had already discussed it with the county.

Cm. Juarez questioned in terms of enforcement, if we had the ordinance in effect, why didn't we enforced it?

Ms. Sukup stated there were questions on whether they were grandfathered.

Cm. Juarez stated that using the same logic as in the mobile homes, they should also be given a time line to have them is place and comply with the ordinance.

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manger, stated there was a different type of interpretation from legal and stated they would look into it. He added that they would come back with a recommendation and that they would talk to the Department of Transportation on what Mayor Ramirez had indicated.

(Cw. Aldridge walked in at this time.)

E. Request from Councilmember Cecilia Moreno

Request for a traffic study to be performed at the corner of Kearney and Maryland to determine if a four-way stop sign is warranted.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, stated that staff will look into this request.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

38. Public hearing concerning amendment for the Dental Health Services Program and appropriation of funds from the Special Dental fund balance to the equipment line item to purchase an x-ray system for the Dental Health Clinic of the City of Laredo Health Department; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a budget amendment for the Dental Health Services Program; appropriating funds from the fund balance of the Special Dental account and increasing expenditure line item 226-6300-545-2000 from \$0 to \$10,000.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 8:20 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 21 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 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: