CITY OF LAREDO REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M-93-R-16 JUNE 7, 1993

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. called the meeting.

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 " , DISTRICT II JACINTO P. JUAREZ, , DISTRICT III ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE, 11 , DISTRICT IV CECILIA MAY MORENO, , DISTRICT V BLAS CASTANEDA, , DISTRICT VI EDUARDO PERALES, JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ, " , DISTRICT VII FELIPE CARDENAS, , DISTRICT VIII PETER H. VARGAS, CITY MANAGER GUSTAVO GUEVARA. CITY SECRETAR CITY SECRETARY GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ, CITY ATTORNEY

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular City Council Meeting: May 17, 1993
 Special City Council Meeting: May 24, 1993

Motion to approve.

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

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cm. Juarez & Cw. Moreno not present)

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Amending the zoning ordinance of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance No. 87-0-163, Section 3, Definitions,

"Industrial Purposes" by adding new subsection 21; providing for publication and for effective date.

Mayor Ramirez and Cm. Juarez who are on the Ad-Hoc Committee on Water asked for another volunteer for this committee.

Cm. Perez volunteered to be a member of the committee. Mayor Ramirez suggested that this item be included on the next agenda for ratification and consideration.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cm. Juarez came in at this time: 5:35 p.m.)

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #93-0-117, #93-0-118, #93-0-119, #93-0-120, #93-0-121, #93-0-124, and #93-0-125, except #93-0-123.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno came in at this time: 5:40 p.m.)

4. 93-0-117 Authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, restricted prior service credit to employees who are members of the System for service previously performed for Texas cities for which such employees have not received credited service; and establishing an effective date for the ordinance. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. 93-0-118 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement providing for reimbursement of part of the cost of constructing an offsite sewer line extension for the Winfield Subdivision as incurred by Killam Development Corporation.

(City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 93-0-119 Closing the hearing on the Project 45 Paving
Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a

lien and charge. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 93-0-120 Approval of a two year contract with the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Care Consortia Project and budget for the first year beginning April 1, 1993 through March 31, 1994; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4051 from \$0 to \$107,582, and increasing expenditure line item #226-6072 from \$0 to \$107,582. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 93-0-121 Amending of contract amendment and budget for the Tuberculosis Outreach Program with the Texas Department of Health for the period beginning February 1, 1993 through January 31, 1994; and increasing revenue line item #226-0000-323-4057 from \$0 to \$31,148; and increasing expenditure line item #226-6071 from \$0 to \$31,148. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 93-0-123 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 218, Lot 2, Eastern Division, located at 1804 South Meadow, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (Councilman Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Jose Tellez, City Attorney, made the following legal interpretation on this zone change from B-1 to B-4 stating that the lot measures 188' in depth and that the zoning restrictions in a B-3 require that extermination businesses store, use or mix chemicals. The ordinance provides that chemicals may not be stored within 200' of a residential district. That due to this restrictions this particular property would not qualify to have this

type of business operating in this location. He recommended that the zone not be granted because there were no assurances that the property owner could give the City Council that chemicals would not be stored, used or mixed. The property zone is not developed however, the ordinance prohibits this type of business from operating within 200' of a residential district with regard to population, density or residential development within the 200' of this property.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated the area zoned R-2 is just within 200 feet of this lot and is in fact unbuildable. She added there is an "arroyo" and abuts onto the floodplain.

Motion to table this item indefinitely.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 93-0-124 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 1059, Lot 1, Eastern Division, located at 3015 South Buena Vista, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

(Councilman Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 93-0-125 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 160, Lots 6 & 7, Western Division, located at 208 Main Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

(Councilman Felipe Cardenas)

Motion to approve.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

12. 93-R-056 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water

rights sales agreement for the purchase of 285 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, from El Valle Investments, Ltd. for \$82,080.00; and authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Water Commission for conversion to municipal use and establish diversion point.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 285 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, from El Valle Investments, Ltd. for \$82,080.00; and authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Water Commission for conversion to municipal use and establish diversion point.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 93-R-057 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for purchase of 150 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, from Anna Mahone Wood and Stephen F. Wood, Co-Trustees of the Testamentary Trust under the last will & testament of A. Wayne Wood, Deceased, for \$43,200.00; and authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Water Commission for conversion to municipal use and establish diversion point.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 285 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, from El Valle Investments, Ltd. for \$82,080.00; and authorizing the City Manager to make application to the Texas Water Commission for conversion to municipal use and establish diversion point.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 93-R-058 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Governor's Office for funding of equipment and personnel for an organized multi-agency Narcotics Trafficking Task Force in the amount of \$470,930.00, authorizing payment of \$470,930.00 as the City's share of the cost; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Governor's Office for funding of equipment and personnel for an organized multi-

agency Narcotics Trafficking Task Force in the amount of \$470,930.00, authorizing payment of \$470,930.00 as the City's share of the cost; and authorizing the City Manager to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 93-R-059 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Dr. Dennis Cantu, M.D., to remain as Medical Director/Supervisor of Prehospital Care for the City of Laredo Fire Department.

Motion authorizing the City Manger to execute a contract with Dr. Dennis Cantu, M.D., to remain as Medical Director/Supervisor of Prehospital Care for the City of Laredo Fire Department.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 93-R-060 Agreement to comply with the requirements of the Texas Water Commission Used Oil Collection Program Assistance Grants for the purpose of submitting a grant application for the Laredo Recycling Program in the amount of \$173,117.00.

Motion to approve agreement to comply with the requirements of the Texas Water Commission Used Oil Collection Program Assistance Grants for the purpose for submitting a grant application for the Laredo Recycling Program in the amount of \$173,117.00.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 93-R-062 Honoring Colonel Thomas Carter of the U.S. Marine Corps for his service as Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force-6.

Motion honoring Colonel Thomas Carter of the U.S. Marine Corps for his service as Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force-6.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 93-R-063 Declaring the public necessity to acquire six (6)

parcels which include Tract 2, Part 1; Tract 6, Part 1; Tract 3, Part 1; Tract 12, Part 1; Tract 9, Part 2; Tract 24, Part 2; for right-of-way for the Mines Road Widening Project and authorizing the City Attorney to file condemnation proceedings to acquire those parcels that staff is unable to acquire through negotiations.

Motion declaring the public necessity to acquire six (6) parcels which include Tract 2, Part 1; Tract 6, Part 1; Tract 3, Part 1; Tract 12, Part 1; Tract 9, Part 2; Tract 24, Part 2; for right-of-way for the Mines Road Widening Project and authorizing the City Attorney to file condemnation proceedings to acquire those parcels that staff is unable to acquire through negotiations.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move item X - Communications for discussion and presentation at this time.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

19. Acceptance of the Lyon Street Tank (South) Repairs Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$25,554.15, to Randy L. Morrow d/b/a General Construction by Randy's, San Antonio, Tx.

Motion accepting the Lyon Street Tank (South) Repairs Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$25,554.15, to Randy L. Morrow d/b/a General Construction by Randy's, San Antonio, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. Acceptance of the Lyon Street Tank (South) Remedial Prestressing Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$49,092.00, to Preload, Inc., Garden City, NY.

Motion accepting the Lyon Street Tank (South) Remedial Prestressing Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$49,092.00, to Preload, Inc., Garden City, NY.

Moved: Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Juarez
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. Approval to reject sole bid received May 10, 1993, for Modifications to the air conditioning system at the Laredo Police Headquarters Building, and approval for the city to purchase and install air conditioning equipment.

Motion to reject the sole bid received May 10, 1993, for modifications to the air conditioning system at the Laredo Police Headquarters Building, and approval for the city to purchase and install air conditioning equipment.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment to Ed A. Wilson, Inc., Fort Worth, Tx., in the amount of \$6,730.00, for renovations to a dormitory at the Sacred Heart Children's Home Phase II under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Motion to accept the project, and approval of final payment to Ed A. Wilson, Inc., Fort Worth, Tx., in the amount of \$6,730.00, for renovations to a dormitory at the Sacred Heart Children's Home Phase II under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Award of engineering contract, for an amount not to exceed \$144,000.00, to SWL (Southwestern Laboratories), Environmental Services, Austin, Tx., to conduct a Texas Water Commission Municipal Solid Waste Groundwater Protection Cost Study including Subtitle "D" requirements.

Motion to award engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$144,000.00, to SWL (Southwestern Laboratories), Environmental Services, Austin, Tx., to conduct a Texas Water Commission Municipal Solid Waste Groundwater Protection Cost Study including Subtitle "D" requirements.

Moved: Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Award of architectural contract to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Laredo, Tx., to design and prepare plans and specifications for the interior finishing of the City of Laredo Health Department Building Complex located at 2600 Cedar Ave., for an amount not to exceed \$68,000.00.

Motion to award architectural contract to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Laredo, Tx., to design and prepare plans and specifications for the interior finishing of the City of Laredo Health Department Building Complex located at 2600 Cedar Ave., for an amount not to exceed \$68,000.00.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Award of engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Tx., to design, provide surveys, and prepare plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, for curb cuts for Handicap Ramps in the Central Business District (CBD) Area of the City of Laredo in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations.

Motion awardarding of engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to design, provide surveys, and prepare plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.00, for curb cuts for Handicap Ramps in the Central Business District (CBD) Area of the City of Laredo in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Regulations.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Award of contract to the <u>Low Bidder</u>, Star Data Systems/Larry Norton Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$22,500.00, for the purchase and installation of all necessary equipment needed to upgrade the current data network system.

Motion to award contract to the low bidder, Star Data Systems/Larry Norton Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$22,500.00, for the purchase and installation of all necessary equipment needed to upgrade the current data network system.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Award of contract in the amount of \$35,080.00, to the <u>Low Bidder</u>, Autophone of Laredo, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of pager equipment and air time service for all City Departments.

Motion to award a contract in the amount of \$35,080.00, to the low bidder, Autophone of Laredo, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of pager equipment and air time service for all City Departments.

Abstain: 0

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

For: 8

28. Award of a supply contract for office supplies for a period of 120 days to the <u>Low Bidder</u>, Executive World, Laredo, Texas, for various City Departments.

Motion to award a supply contract for office supplies for a period of 120 days to the low bidder, Executive World, Laredo, Texas, for various City Departments.

Against: 0

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award of contract in the amount of \$127,197.28, to the <u>Low Bidder</u>, Crosstown Truck Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the purchase of a combination catch basin/sewer and high pressure cleaner for the Utilities Department.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$127,197.28, to the low bidder, Crosstown Truck Center.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award of contract to the <u>Sole Bidder</u>, Sendero South, Los Fresnos, Texas, for the purchase of ten (10) automatic dialers for the Utilities Department, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

Motion to award contract to the sole bidder, Sendero South, Los Fresnos, Texas, for the purchase of ten (10) automatic dialers for the Utilities Department, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$2,541.40, acceptance of the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Addition project; and approval of final payment in the amount of \$46,293.60, with a retainage of \$5,000.00, for completion of pending items, to J.E. Boyd Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve change order no. 2, a decrease of \$2,541.40, acceptance of the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Addition project; and approval of final payment in the amount of \$46,293.60, with a retainage of

\$5,000.00 for completion of pending items, to J.E. Boyd Contractor, Inc., Laredo, Texas.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

32. Authorizing staff to re-advertise the sale of City owned properties by bid procedure to the general public and amend the list of City owned properties previously approved for sale.

Motion authorizing staff to re-advertise the sale of City owned properties by bid procedure to the general public and amend the list of City owned properties previously approved for sale.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Authorizing the acquisition of Block Numbers 708 and 708B, Western Division, to facilitate the replacement of six lift stations in West Laredo and the Downtown area; and establishing just compensation (fair market value) for the acquisition of said property [with possible executive session authorized under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17 Section 2(f) (for discussion of the terms and conditions for acquisition of real property)].

Motion authorizing the acquisition of Block Numbers 708 and 708B, Western Division, to facilitate the replacement of six lift stations in West Laredo and the Downtown area; and establishing just compensation (fair market value) for the acquisition of said property.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Appointment of two members to the Street Closing Committee.

Mayor Ramirez announced that he will be appointing Cm. G. Perez and Cm. Cardenas to the Street Closing Committee.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognition of the "All-America City" Delegation

Mayor Ramirez recognized and presented a certificate of

appreciation to the following individuals and organizations:

Patricia Taboada Idalia Perez Robert P. Gutierrez H.E.B.- R. Ruiz, Representative Turner, Hickey & Associates Laredo National Bank - Gary Jacobs Elizabeth (Betty) Flores Southern Sanitation - Beto Trevino Southwestern Bell - Elvia Gonzalez, Representative Paragon Cable - Esteban Ventura, Representative Laredo Chamber of Commerce - Miquel Conchas Gamez Produce - Jose Gamez, Sr. KGNS - TV Laredo Independent School District Laredo Morning Times - Bill Green La India Packing Company - Elsa Sanchez Sepulveda Associates/Architects - Roberto Sepulveda V.I.P. Travel Agency - Blanca Chapa Continental Airlines - Christopher Baker, Rep. Allstate-Houston Regional Office Martin High School Mariachi Band - Francisco Sosa

B. Cm. Perales stated there was a problem with the water pressure on Del Mar and residents were asking for an explanation as to what happened.

Tomas Rodriguez, Water Utilities Director, reported that on Saturday a 16" water line bursted in the 400 block of Del Mar Boulevard. He stated that the crew was able to stop the leak, it caused damaged in one home and damage in a second home. On Tuesday, they started working and repaired the leak, and put the line back to service and initiated replacing 190' of 16" water line. He added that on Wednesday night it bursted again, they repaired that and completed the 190' of 16" waterline Friday afternoon. He added the line bursted again Friday night. The crew worked until 1:30 a.m. to repair it, since then it has been functioning well.

He pointed out what happen at that point was that Del Mar Plant was neutralized, it could not produce the water that it normally produces which is 2.6 millions to 2.8 million. He outlined the steps taken to get the water tank 75% full and on Sunday morning they had recovered completely. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the conditions are normal at the present time.

C. Cm. Perales questioned about the ordinances that should be followed in the North Streets connecting Broadcrest with Antonia and Antonia with North Street on drainage and lighting that has not been provided. Cm. Perales stated that water drains north on North Street and it becomes a problem because there is no way for the water to drain.

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manager, stated that dirt has been daming up and does not let water to proceed and that he had discussed this matter with the City Engineer, that they are getting together within themselves to find out who is the responsible party to find a solution to this problem. He stated that staff is working on this and will take care of this problem.

Mr. Luis Landin, Traffic Director, stated that in regards to the lighting, CP&L is working on this situation and that they will be installed soon.

D. Cm. Castaneda thanked Mr. Vargas' office and the Community Development for helping the college prepare a report on the top of training that is needed in South Texas. He stated that he had received communication from Austin that the report was very thoroughly done. Cm. Castaneda publicly thanked the Laredo Development Foundation and the Texas Employment Commission for helping the college and also the city as we try respond to the needs of the training work force in our community.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

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

A. Requests by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez

 Discussion and possible action concerning a request to amend City ordinances to prohibit commercial truck traffic on Bridges 1 & 2.

Motion to allow staff to pursue the possibility of instituting within the application for this fourth bridge with U.S. Customs that one of the agreements would be to move all commercial traffic to that fourth bridge as well as the Colombia Bridge and eliminate truck traffic from Bridge #1 and Bridge #2 headed south, in particular. Also to engage in a joint study with U.S. Customs for traffic flows and patterns to see if that is viable option that may be pursued so that we can alleviate the commercial traffic increasing in our community.

Moved: Cm. Perales Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez stated he would like to set up an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the re-naming of the bridge on the next agenda. This item will go for ratification on the next meeting.

Mayor Ramirez announced that he will name Cm. Juarez, Chairman, Cm. Perales, and Cm. Cardenas to the Ad-Hoc Bridge Naming Committee for ratification on the next council meeting.

B. Requests by Councilmember Jacinto Juarez

 Discussion and possible action concerning the creation of turning lanes on Arkansas.

Motion to instruct staff to conduct a traffic study on Arkansas for the entire stretch of Arkansas including the park that goes into South Laredo to identify possible needed turning lanes and future traffic lights in order to accommodate the existing and future traffic.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Presentation by staff concerning the status of the construction of a new Police Station.

Cm. Juarez stated that he wants a plan from staff with options for the new proposed police station and to identify other sources of funding for the police station.

Mayor Ramirez stated that this item would be handled at the budget hearing and at that time look at other funding alternatives or other sources.

C. Requests by Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge

1. Request for executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Section 2(g), regarding personnel matters.

Motion to table for the next meeting.

Moved: Cw. Aldridge Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

 Discussion and possible action concerning Councilmembers' travel expense allocation and reporting procedures. (Cosponsored by Councilmember Jacinto Juarez)

Cw. Aldridge stated that she was against the idea of having to borrow money from other councilmembers when their individual budget was exhausted and suggested that staff should come up with another type of funding for trips.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated the issue of council

travel is one that council should authorize and appropriate. He agreed that the appropriation of \$1,000.00 is in the low side given the nature of Laredo, but that he thought that when a councilmember is appointed to a particular committee or subcommittee that if it involves an expenditure for travel that the council should approve each individual councilmember participating in that subcommittee because it brings some value back to the community, then the council should authorize that participation and support that participation by way of travel monies for the individual councilmember to attend that meeting.

Mr. Vargas stated that it's very difficult for the staff and the Mayor to keep taps and suggested that it would be more appropriate at a public meeting with all the individual councilmembers indicating whether a particular appointment has true value to the community or not.

Cm. Juarez asked what procedure was followed whenever people from the staff are appointed for a particular commission or a particular board to allocate their travel expense.

Mr. Vargas stated if they travel on a particular project, for example if its for the bridge system, the expenses are charges to the bridge system.

Mayor Ramirez suggested to setup a separate travel account for committee appointments outside the city and not be lumped into the councilmember travel. He added they are two very distinct types of travel. He added councilmembers should be able to have funds available for conference attendance or developments. He added that there are committees that require to be funded for travel. Mayor Ramirez suggested that a separate account be setup for committee appointments and/or travel for testimony which council may required at times from councilmembers. He added if we setup a separate account from within the mayor/council budget and before we get them into the committees we come back and get them ratified by council.

Cm. Perez requested staff to look at options as far procedures are concerned.

Mayor Ramirez clarified, "to look for options as far as the procedure for travel expense allocations for councilmembers as they related to committee appointments and testimony outside the city by Councilmembers."

Mr. Vargas stated no motion was necessary, that it can be incorporated into the budget that is now being prepared for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Vargas stated that staff will bring some policy back to council for ratification, to ratify this kind of a procedure.

D. Requests by Councilmember Eduardo Perales

 Discussion and possible action concerning the condition of the palm trees on Del Mar Boulevard.

Cm. Perales stated he had received calls regarding concerns about the conditions of the palm trees in Del Mar Boulevard. He added there are certain areas that have not been cleaned and that Ms. Sukup had stated that there is a responsibility on the part of the city.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated that we have some responsibilities for maintenance of the public ways and major thoroughfares which generally goes to the issue of mowing and tree trimming when they become dangerous. The palm trees are unsightly, they are not of hazard to the extent, and some are on the property adjacent to the school. She stated she would notify the school district.

Cm. Perales requested that the Community Development Department Code Enforcement personnel write letters to the boulevard property owners informing them that they will be cited if not in compliance.

E. Request by Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

1. Discussion and possible action concerning repairs of the railroad crossings on Moctezuma Street at the intersection of Main Street and Davis Street.

Cm. Cardenas stated in open forum that staff has already taken action in this matter. He added that we were not enforcing the law.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that staff has contacted both the Tex-Mex and Union Pacific Railroads about their maintenance efforts and will continue to request compliance from them.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning an effort to obtain additional bicycles for the Police Department.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, will discuss this matter with Police Chief Martinez to see how it can be additionally implemented and do an analysis as to whether the rate of return on crime is the same or better. He added that they will consider this item by budget time.

Police Chief Martinez stated that this item will be in the budget and addressed at the budget hearing.

3. Discussion and possible action concerning the blockage of Hidalgo and Santa Isabel Streets by trains during college hours.

Cm. Cardenas stated that pedestrians are complaining that no action is being taken even when he places a call to the police department.

Cm. Juarez suggested that staff look at the left turns on Washington Street and change it to certain hours to improve the traffic flow.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the public hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Consideration of an application for rezoning Block 928, Lots 2 & 4, Western Division, located at 3601 Santa Maria, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 928, Lots 2 and 4, Western Division, located at 3601 Santa Maria, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation.

Mr. George Juarez, representing Jesus Ledesma, spoke in favor of granting his client the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; approved the zone change; and introduce.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. G. Perez

Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 92-0-019, submitted on April 5, 1993, and the submittal of a new ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 92-0-019 revising the fee schedule for clinic health services at the Maternal and Child Health (M&CH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department, and providing for waiver of fees to persons unable to pay due to indigency; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to Section 1 of Ordinance No. 92-0-019 revising the fee schedule for services provided at the Maternal and Child Health Program of the Laredo Health Department; providing for waiver of the fee to persons unable to pay due to indigency; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Roger Garcia, Health Department, stated that after they submitted the original ordinance they received notification from Austin that the eligibility criteria had changed from 133% of poverty to 185%, he was asking that the original ordinance be withdrawn and the new ordinances with the new changes be accepted so that in the future they do not have to come to council for changes either in the poverty guidelines or the eligibility. He added the changes are in Section 2 and Section 3 of the revised ordinance.

Mr. Garcia stated that the revised fee schedule will make it possible to enhance reimbursements from medicaid for specific services provided to clients. He added they are following medicaid guidelines to establish the fee schedule.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

For: 8 Against: Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

38. Public Hearing and introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget in the amount of \$941,860.00 for a grant awarded by the Governor's Office, Criminal Division, to be used for equipment and personnel for

an organized multi-agency Narcotics Drug Trafficking Task Force and authorizing the City Manager to implement budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an Ordinance to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget in the amount of \$941,860.00 for a grant awarded by the Governor's Office, Criminal Division, to be used for equipment and personnel for an organized multiagency Narcotics Drug Trafficking Task Force and authorizing the City Manager to implement budget; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Juarez Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

39. Public hearing and introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget to appropriate additional Police Trust revenues seized from current year in the amount of \$44,616.00 and authorizing the City Manager to implement budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an Ordinance to amend the City of Laredo's 1992-1993 annual budget to appropriate additional Police Trust revenues seized from current year in the amount of \$44,616.00 and authorizing the City Manager to implement budget; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

For: 8 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: 8 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 Mass Transit Board.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 40. Public hearing concerning the City of Laredo's application with the Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,900,680.00, for a Section 9 Formula Assistance Grant for fiscal year 1993/1994, under the Federal Transit Act of 1991; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the application and all related documents; and that a resolution be adopted.
 - 93-RT-061 Authorizing the City of Laredo, Texas to file an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, in the amount of \$3,900,680.00, for a Section 9 Formula Assistance Grant for fiscal year 1993/1994; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the application and all related documents.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adopt Resolution 93-RT-061.

Moved: Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

41. Public hearing concerning the approval of a route realignment for Route #13 Park and Ride Shuttle (Airport Shuttle) and approval of a new East/West Medical Centers Route #16; and that the City Council sitting as the Mass Transit Board approve the routes proposed for re-alignment

and new service.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and approve the realignment and new service.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time was at 7:37 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 7TH DAY OF JUNE, 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: