

**CITY OF LAREDO  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M-93-R-27**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 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
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ,	CITY ATTORNEY	
CARLOS VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	
JESUS NAVA,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	

**ABSENCES:**

Motion to excuse Mayor Pro-tem Perales due to a commitment at UISD.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Regular City Council Meeting: August 2, 1993 Budget  
Workshop: August 5, 6, & 7, 1993  
Regular City Council Meeting: August 16, 1993

Special City Council Meeting: August 23, 1993

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

#### V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an operations amendment to the Foreign-Trade Zone Site Operations Agreement between the City of Laredo and Packard Electric authorized by Ordinance No. 91-O-125, dated June 3, 1991, in order to allow Packard Electric to execute U.S. Customs forms 214 and 216 without obtaining a Limited Power of Attorney from zone grantee; revoking all previously issued Limited Powers of Attorney; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Alzafar Shrine Temple for approximately 13.0 acres of land located on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport; a.  
Lease term is for two (2) days commencing October 16, 1993, and ending October 17, 1993;  
b. Daily rental will be \$600.00; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association of Laredo, a non-profit corporation, for approximately 13.0 acres of land located on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport and providing for an alternate tract; for the purpose of hosting a carnival.  
a. Lease term is for fifteen (15) days commencing November 15, 1993, and ending November 29, 1993;  
b. Daily rental will be \$600.00; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Panorama Broadcasting Company D/B/A KLDO for approximately 9.0 acres of land located on Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;  
a. Lease term is for one (1) day being October 30, 1993;

- b. Promotional services received by the Airport and the Airport co-sponsorship of the event shall preclude the payment of rent to the Airport Fund; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 7. Authorizing the execution of the acceptance of a proposed easement and the release of an existing easement. The easement being accepted is located at the southwest corner of Lot 173, Block 1, Flynn Subdivision, Section 2. The easement located on Lots 173 and 174, Block 1, is being released due to abandonment and relocation.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Amending Division 3 - Use of Public Sewers of Chapter 31 - Utilities of the Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 31-53 (b) by adding Antimony to the list of heavy metals for which prescribed maximum concentrations are set forth and to amend Section 31-53 (d) to delete Antimony from the list of prohibited heavy metals and toxic metals; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to amend the ordinance adding that the average monthly allowable concentration of Antimony is not to exceed two mg/l and the maximum not to exceed 10 mg/l.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 9. Authorizing the acceptance of a perpetual easement for two water transmission lines, and water storage and water pumping facilities to the City of Laredo from Laredo Northwest Development Limited.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 10. Authorizing the City Manager to sell eight parcels of land consisting of the South 1/2 of Lot 5, Block 361, Western Division; Lot 7, Block 700, Western Division; Lot 8, Block 923, Western Division; Lot 1, Block 84, Western Division; Lot 1, Block 918 Western Division; Lots 1 & 2, Block 449, Eastern Division; Lot 3, Block 803, Eastern Division; and Lot 6, Block 643, Eastern Division, acquired through a Delinquent Tax Foreclosure Sale by the City of Laredo. No bids were received at the Tax Foreclosure Sale, and Mr. Juan C. Cantu and wife, Yolanda C. Cantu, have offered to purchase these eight tracts of land. Terms of which are more particularly described in attached Exhibit "A."

Motion to table and work out a plan for possible affordable housing projects and other similar properties that are owned by multi-governmental agencies and instructing staff to bring forth recommendations to council.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. Authorizing and empowering the City Manager to enter into and execute, on the City of Laredo's behalf, all earthen or natural drainage channel maintenance agreement contracts, as required by Ordinance No. 90-O-199, dated October 22, 1990.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Closing as public easements those sections of San Jorge Avenue between Scott Street and Moctezuma Street and the West 125 feet of Scott between San Jorge Avenue and San Enrique Avenue, situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Rick Pulido, Transit Director, made the presentation.

He stated, to respond to your request I will contract the He stated that the present facility is a one block area bordering Scott, San Jorge, Moctecuma and San Francisco Streets and what the consultant proposes is that we purchase the two-half blocks adjacent to San Jorge Avenue basically the 1200 and 1300 Blocks of San Jorge and that we close the San Jorge Avenue between Scott and Moctezuma Street and that this be incorporated into the new facility. There are 45 bus parking spaces in the proposed facility, currently we have parking for 30 buses only, but under our the new facility we would have parking for 45 with C&G hookups that would take eight hours to fuel.

Mr. Fernando Cantu, Vice-President of the Webb County Taxpayers League, appeared before the council as per request of the residents in the area stating that the residents are against the closing of the street, that this item should be tabled and a small committee formed to bring back any possible options and recommendations.

Mr. Andres Sandoval stated, "my concern to come here, not by choice but by request, sometime back the residents of this area called me to a meeting they were holding relevant to this project, we met, we discussed it thoroughly and we decided to go to the root of all this and a delegation brought four or five people who went to the El Metro Complex area. I have nothing but words of appraise for Mr. Pulido, I saw in him a real honest, dedicated individual, he explained to us in detail the project and then he was kind enough to offer us books on this project that we could take

with us so that we could study the plan further. I want to justify that proposal that Mr. Pulido made to you. In talking to Mr. Pulido, I told him that something is wrong here, these people are not against what you are doing, but they're against the closing of San Jorge. At least give these people the chance to sit down and hear what we hear heard, see what we saw, and make recommendations for alternatives."

Mr. Roberto Elizondo, of 1100 San Jorge, was opposing the closing of San Jorge Street due to the fact that they would only have one exit left which would be on Washington Avenue since Moctezuma was proposed to be a one way avenue.

Mr. Filiberto Garza, opposed the project because there will be only one exit left if this plan is accepted.

Carlos Villarreal, Asst. City Manager, stated that staff has had various meetings to discussed this project and up to 6 possible alternatives had been previously presented. Planning and Zoning has looked at this, that because we have to go with CNG which is mandatory of 30% of the buses by September of 1994, we don't have that much time left to discuss this project. If we could keep this street open, we would, but that the plans call for the closure of the street for safety reasons.

Cm. Juarez suggested that a traffic light be installed during the peak period on Washington and San Jorge.

Cw. Aldridge made a motion stating, "that we make all the efforts possible to make sure that we widen Moctezuma so that there is at least two way traffic availability along with parking area especially in that area from that block from where San Jorge turns in too all the way to San Francisco so that people have access out of that area."

Rick Pulido stated he agreed to much of what Mr. Sandoval stated, but that he did not necessarily agreed where he stated that he made a mistake. He stated in fact what he said, "was that we had numerous meetings with City Council and I gave the council a copy of the synopsis showing that this project has been discussed since 1991 and during the entire year of 1992. We have come before the council on numerous occasions and talked about the proposed closure of San Jorge. When I met with the residents on August 5th the neighborhood meeting we held, many of the residents indicated that they were not aware that the project included the closure of San Jorge. We attempted at that time to explain the reason why San Jorge needed to be closed and some of the comments that were made at the meeting were comments that are made here today because of the safety and operational concerns and certainly they are opposed to the closure of the street. However, I believe it's important to

know that there have been numerous meetings held, public meetings for the closure of the street have been discussed since 1991."

Motion to instruct staff come back with engineering plans, to make all efforts possible for two way traffic and with parking area on Moctezuma Avenue, so people can have access out of that area.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Authorizing the City Manager to effectively convey title to Luz Maria Cantu Dominguez, for that certain city property known as Lot 1 and Lot 2 of Block 1087-A, Western Division, situated in Webb County, Texas. This property is located at the 4400 block of Santa Isabel Avenue.

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and move item #45 for consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**(Note: Action must first be taken on item 45 under City Manager's Report prior to action being taken on this item)**

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**VI. FINAL READINGS**

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #93-O-167, #93-O-169, #93-O-170, 93-O-171, 93-O-172, #93-O-173, #93-O-175, #93-O-176 and #93-O-177.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 93-O-167 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Earthen Channel/Detention Pond Agreement between the City of Laredo and Hill Top Farm, Ltd. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 93-O-169 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Brownsville Police Officers Association

for approximately 13.0 acres of land located on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport for the purpose of hosting a circus event.

- a. Lease term is for thirteen (13) days commencing September 8, 1993, and ending September 20, 1993;
- b. Daily rental will be \$600.00; providing for effective date. (City Council)

**(Note: A local affiliation agreement was not reached as per City Council direction.)**

Motion to table and deny the lease agreement.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 93-0-170 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with United Day School of Laredo, a non-profit educational institution, for approximately 13.0 acres of land located on Saunders Street at the Laredo International Airport and providing for an alternate tract for the purpose of hosting a carnival event.

- a. Lease term is for fifteen (15) days commencing October 19, 1993, and ending November 2, 1993;
- b. Daily rental will be \$600.00; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 93-0-171 Street Improvements Project 46; declaring the necessity for, and ordering the paving and improvements of certain streets in the City of Laredo, Texas; approving the Street Paving Assessment Roll 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 4th day of October, 1993. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

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

18. 93-0-172 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an earthen channel agreement between the City of Laredo and Jesus C. Cadena, his successors and assigns, for the purpose of ensuring future maintenance of the earthen channel located within Lots 3A & 3B, Block 6, McPherson Acres, Unit III. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

19. 93-0-173 Ordinance calling for an election on November 2, 1993, for the purpose of including six (6) propositions which include the construction of a (1) new police station, (2) three fire stations, (3) a fire training tower and training facility, (4) a new main library, (5) four recreation centers, and (6) a west Laredo overpass; designating polling places; and providing for publication. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

20. 93-0-174 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Motel and Hotel Occupancy Tax and Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$13,000,000.00 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new municipal convention center, and for paying engineering, architectural, legal, and fiscal fees in connection with this project. (City Council except for Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge)

Motion to table.

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

21. 93-0-175 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 625, Lot 1, Eastern Division, located at 1101 Cortez, from R-1 (Single Family Residence District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication



and effective date. (Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge)

Motion to approve.

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

22. 93-0-176 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 889, Lots 1 & 3, Western Division, located at 3418 Flores, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Councilmember Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

23. 93-0-177 An Ordinance amending Chapter 24 Section 24-61 Definitions and Interpretations of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo providing for Appendix "A" Definitions; Section 24-62 District Boundaries, establishing Zoning Districts and Specific Use Overlay Districts, Special Use Permits; Conditional Use Permits; and consolidating statements of district purpose; Section 24-63 Effects Of Districting and General Regulations; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

## VII. RESOLUTIONS

24. 93-R-093 Appointing the nominee of Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

Motion appointing Mr. Jesus Ponce as the nominee of Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

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

25. 93-R-094 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for funding of a Gang Investigation Program in the amount of \$25,026.00, for a 12 month period beginning October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division for funding of a Gang Investigation Program in the amount of \$25,026.00, for a 12 month period beginning October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. 93-R-097 Acceptance of a two year contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Health and Social Services Project and a grant for the first year beginning September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994, in the amount of \$75,552.00; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion accepting a two year contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Health and Social Services Project and a grant for the first year beginning September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994, in the amount of \$75,552.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. 93-R-098 Acceptance of an amendment to the FY 1993-1994 contract with the Texas Department of Health to facilitate services provided at the Laboratory of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994, providing for a grant of supplies not to exceed \$6,000 in value; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion to accept an amendment to the FY 1993-94 contract with the Texas Department of Health to facilitate services provided at the Laboratory of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994, providing for a grant of supplies not to exceed

\$6,000 in value; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. 93-R-099 Declaring the public necessity to acquire 12 parcels of land as Right-of-Way for the proposed Laredo Inner Loop Project and authorizing the City Attorney to file Condemnation Proceedings to acquire those parcels that Staff is unable to acquire through negotiations as follows:
- a) 2.806 acres of land out of a 4.218 acre Tract lying and being in Porcion 28, Abstract 241, conveyed to H. C. Jackson and William T. Jackson,
  - b) 5.145 acres of land out of a 22.975 acre Tract conveyed to Robert G. Haynes,
  - c) 2.010 acres of land out of a 23.156 acre Tract conveyed to Gilberto Valdez,
  - d) 0.031 acres of land out of a 23.156 acre Tract conveyed by deed to Gilberto Valdez,
  - e) 9.645 acres of land out of a 1,161.66 acre Tract conveyed by Deed to Webb County, Texas,
  - f) 10.874 acres of land out of a 620.7 acre Tract conveyed by Deed to the City of Laredo,
  - g) 17.449 acres of land out of a 504.29 acre Tract conveyed to John S. Jacaman Cattle Company and Joe Jacaman and Laura Sanchez,
  - h) 23.811 acres of land out of a 43,878.5855 acre Tract conveyed to Radcliffe Killam and Sue Spivey Killam,
  - i) 6.920 acres of land out of a 978 acre Tract conveyed to Delfina Alexander Ochoa and Josefina Alexander Gonzalez, j) 5.037 acres of land out of a 71.064 acre Tract conveyed to Oralia C. Garza,
  - k) 25.636 acres of land out of a 43,878.5855 acre Tract conveyed to Radcliffe Killam and Sue Spivey Killam,
  - l) 153.314 acres of land out of a 2,370.117 acre Tract known as "San Isidro Ranch."

Motion declaring the public necessity to acquire 12 parcels of land as Right-of-Way for the proposed Laredo Inner Loop 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: Cw. Moreno



30. To adopt the City Secretary's certification of petition to call an election on November 2, 1993, pursuant to Section 271.049(c) of the Local Government Code for the purpose of including one (1) proposition to authorize the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Motel-Hotel Occupancy Tax and Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$13,000,000.00 for constructing and equipping a new municipal convention center, and for paying engineering, architectural, legal, and fiscal fees in connection with this project.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award of a six month supply contract to the Low Bidders, Tire Center, San Antonio, Texas, (\$57,092.08), and Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas, (\$31,878.98), to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles.

Motion to award a six month supply contract to the low bidders, Tire Center, San Antonio, Texas, (\$57,092.08), Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas, (\$31,878.98), to supply tires and tubes for all City vehicles.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of an annual service contract to the Low Bidder Meeting Specifications, Gateway Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$51,820.00, for providing dry cleaning service for Police uniforms.

Motion to award annual service contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, Gateway Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$51,820.00, for providing dry cleaning service for Police uniforms.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Approval of amendment no. 3, an increase of \$9,360.00, to the engineering contract with S.A. Garza Engineers, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the South Laredo Three (3) Million Gallon per day Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to approve amendment no. 3, an increase of \$9,360.00, to the engineering contract with S.A. Garza Engineers, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the South Laredo Three (3) Million Gallon per day Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$164,550.00, to the Effluent Reuse Study contract with NRS Consulting Engineers, Harlingen, Texas, to provide engineering services consisting of design and the preparation of plans and specifications, and project representative inspection services for the Two (2) North Laredo Five (5) Million Gallon Ground Storage Water Tanks.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$164,550.00, to the Effluent Reuse Study contract with NRS Consulting Engineers, Harlingen, Texas.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$6,415.00, to the Surveying Contract for Land Title Surveys and Maps required for Right-of-Way Acquisition for the Inner Loop with Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$6,415.00 to the Surveying Contract for Land Title Surveys and Maps required for Right-of-Way Acquisition for the Inner Loop with Foster Engineering Company.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Approval of amendment no. 2, an increase of \$10,760.78, to the Paving Project 46 (43 Blocks) engineering contract with G.G. Salinas Engineering Co., Laredo, Texas, to design and prepare plans and specifications on additional drainage improvements at Boulanger Street and Bismark Street between Canada and Smith Avenues.

Motion to approve amendment no. 2, an increase of \$10,760.78, to the Paving Project 46 (43 blocks) engineering contract with G.G. Salinas Engineering Co., Laredo, Texas to design and prepare plans and specifications on additional drainage improvements at Boulanger Street and Bismark Street between Canada and Smith Avenues.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, Ramex

Construction, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$490,052.00, for the Chacon Creek Tributary Drainage Improvements Project located on Arkansas and Stewart Streets, and Clark Blvd. and India Avenue.

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, Ramex Construction, Inc., Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$490,052.00 for the Chacon Creek Tributary Drainage Improvements Project located on Arkansas and Stewart Streets and Clark Blvd. and India Avenue.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Final acceptance of the Re-roofing of the South Laredo Branch Library, and final payment in the amount of \$8,373.00, to American Contracting Corporation of Texas, Brownsville, Texas.

Motion to approve final acceptance of the Re-roofing of the South Laredo Branch Library, and final payment in the amount of \$8,373.00, to American Contracting Corporation of Texas, Brownsville, Texas.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$922.26 paid by Dr. J. E. H'Lavacik.

Motion to refund property taxes in amount of \$922.26 paid by Dr. J.E. H'Lavacik.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$878.28 paid by Mario E. Martinez.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$878.28 paid by Mario E. Martinez.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$659.40 paid by Foster Mortgage Corporation.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$659.40 paid by Foster Mortgage Corporation.

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

42. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$850.64 paid by Armando R. Paredes.
- Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$850.64 paid by Armando R. Paredes.

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

43. Amending and adopting the schedule of hearings and proceedings for the voluntary annexation of six tracts of land authorized by Council on June 21, 1993, as shown on "Attachment A," in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Cw. Aldridge stated her opinion for the record said, "whatever extra water capacity the city has...is limited and we keep annexing land and...uh...you can not even furnish proper flow and pressure to the northern parts of the city at this time. We are working on it I realize but it's nevertheless, it's been costly...and we're going to be looking at some...some water increases in different areas whether it be impact fees or our water bills and I just feel that we just keep annexing...and annexing...and it cost us more and more and I just don't see...I really feel that eventually we'll bankrupt the city at the rate we're going at this point. Yes...I do...you know you can...we all have our opinions, but at this point we have annexed so much in such a short time...that I'm...it really concerns me and I would like...to..."

Motion amending and adopting the schedule of hearings and proceedings for the voluntary annexation of six tracts of land authorized by Council on June 21, 1993.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. G. Perez  
 For: 6                                 Against: 1                         Abstain: 0  
   (Cw. Aldridge)

#### **IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

44. Request for Executive Session as authorized under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17 Section 2 (f) to discuss the possible acquisition of property to be used for additional office space.

Motion to consider this item at the end of the agenda.



Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**Note: Recessed for September 13th due to late hour.**

45. Acceptance or rejection of bids received on the proposed sale of City owned properties with possible Executive Session as authorized under V.A.T.C.S. Article 6252-17 Section 2 (f).

Motion to accept the bid of \$9,300.00 for Lot 1, Block 1087A and \$8,500.00 for Lot 2, Block 1087A, both situated on the Western Division of the City of Laredo and reject the bid of \$20,000.00 for the sale of Block 1783 and also reject the bid of \$132,100.00 for the sale of the downtown parking lot described as Lot 3, Block 42 of the Western Division located on the 900th block of Lincoln.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Notification to the City Council of proposed modifications to the Land Use and Transportation elements of the Comprehensive Plan; requesting that the City Council refer the proposed modifications to the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendations within a time certain; and requesting that the City Council schedule a public hearing on the modifications for September 20, 1993.

Motion to proceed with the notification of modifications and setting September 20, 1993 as date for public hearing on modifications and that council refer the plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services for the continuation of the Community Development Family Care Program from October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Texas Department of Human Services for the continuation of the Community Development Family Care Program from October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge not present.)

Motion to recess.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge not present.)

## X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request by the City Charter Revision Commission to address the City Council on their report of City Charter Amendments. (Sponsored by City Council)

Mr. Albert Muller, III, Chairman of the City Charter Revision Commission, made the presentation before the city council. He suggested that a public hearing be held and also a public hearing with the City Council.

Motion to instruct staff to set a schedule for the City Charter Revision Commission for a public hearing and an additional public hearing with the City Council.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- B. Request by Trinidad Silva to address the City Council. (Sponsored by Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez)

Mr. Silva addressed the council on the Rules of Order. He stated that workshops had been held to adopt rules and procedures, but they have never been adopted. His reason for coming to the council was because he has a lot of trouble getting on the agenda. His question was whether the Mayor will comply with the Rules of Order and the City Charter.

- C. Request by the Laredo Police Officers Association to address the City Council.

City Attorney, Jose Salvador Tellez, stated that we do not know what the contents of Mr. Dovalina's presentation. He stated that the open meetings acts places a higher burden to the City Council with regard to hearing complaints regarding officers or employees in a public forum specifically in Subpart G of the Open Meetings Act - Section 2, (Subpart G) which states, "nothing in this Act shall be construed to require governmental bodies to hold meetings open the public in cases involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, re-assignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against

such officer or employee, unless such officer or employee requests a public hearing."

Mayor Ramirez cited that there is a provision on City Charter that deals specifically with the calling for formal investigations under Section 2.06 (Investigations).

Chief J.L. Martinez's legal representative, Ms. Teresa Hunter stated they had discussed this matter before the meeting. She stated that if the officers are going to get into specifics that they were requesting that it be done in executive session. If they had presented specifics in writing to Chief Martinez in advance, he would have had time to respond, he may at that time request something in an all concession. She added, "that the basic fairness to him at this time, is that if there's going to be allegations, or whatever...that they be stated, that there be a factual basis, and that the police officers who have a bargaining agreement with the City Council abide by the things that they have set out in it...bargaining agreement. If this a grievance against this man who's...their superior that they set out those specific things that they believe are a grievance and the factual basis for those grievances, not conclusions, not opinions, not brought allegations that is very difficult for anyone to respond too, in...in..looking at just at basic fairness. So in that regard, if there is anything specific that's got into this evening...we would want...anything in that matter to continue in executive session."

Jose Salvador Tellez, City Attorney, stated that there is a provision in the City Charter that allows the City Council to conduct investigations. Mr. Tellez quoted, "Section 2.06 (Investigation). The Council shall have the power to inquire into the official conduct of any department, agency, office, officer, or employee of the City. For this purpose the Council shall have the power to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and to compel the production of books, papers, and other evidence material to the inquiry. The Council shall provide by ordinance penalties for contempt in failing or refusing to obey any such subpoena or to produce any such books, papers or other evidence, and shall have the power to punish any such contempt in the manner provided by the ordinance."

Mayor Ramirez stated, "with that preface gentlemen...before warned that any comments that you make cannot be of a specific nature and if they are..that such items will be discussed in executive session...and also understand that under the investigative authority that we have, that if we deem necessary we can call for the formal investigation and as such subpoena witnesses and also subject people to fines or punishment in accordance with the ordinances that allow us to proceed with that."

Police officers Dovalina, Gaspar Ambrose, Juan Rivera stated that they had presented to council a poll that they conducted. The first pages are some of the facts as to the comments that were made by some officers. In page 12 there are two sets of the poll that they conducted in figures and percentages. He was requesting that it be placed in the agenda to be brought up in executive session so they can bring up questions and answer any question as stated in the letter.

(City Secretary received no poll or letter for the record.)

Mayor stated that they will be contacting them after consultation with the City Attorney, as well as Chief Martinez and his representative as to where we proceed with this specificity and how broad of an inquiry we want to conduct, to go even as far as to call for a formal investigation.

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

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

##### **A. Request By Councilmember Eduardo "Eddie" Perales**

1. Discussion and possible action concerning vagrants soliciting on street corners. A staff recommendation is requested.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

##### **B. Request By Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge**

1. To allow Aldo Tatangelo to address the City Council concerning the availability of affordable housing.

Mr. Aldo Tatangelo stated he was speaking on a matter of importance of something that was talked about 10 years ago. He thought that by this time we would have seen the reality of it and that is affordable housing. The council came to an agreement that we could build houses on city property and we didn't do it. However what bothers him is the time that all this has taken place. In December 1989 the Laredo National Bank committed itself that they would go along with the plan and with that, we started with other banks and the other banks followed. The following year (1990), we chose the people that made the applications, thru lottery, and

that year we started the housing. Today it's 1993 and all we have constructed was 28 houses. He said he looked at the budget of 1989, 1990, and 1991 and there was \$285,000 appropriated for this. Last year he came before the same body and they said they had a million and were going to do it and he has not seen nothing yet.

He stated that the 1990 figures from the tax office show that all that is collected was \$33,000.00 for mobile homes. Recently, two years or three years later, collected is \$57,000.00 from mobile homes. To him this is a problem that it looks like they are ignoring the problem. You might give it attention, but no results, and no houses have been built or started. He went thru the procedure and finally got a contractor who said he was building them for \$19,600 and the contractor is no longer available and there is another plan. He said this is his concern that everything that's good and is work is changed and there are no results and our debt service is getting bigger.

Mr. Tatangelo stated that there are \$8.5 million dollars and all you want to do in the city is dangerous and that is the basis of borrowing money. He questioned on what basis do they borrow?

He was very concerned in land use. He stated that land use is not for anybody to build anything just because they come and petition to build. The monies are being spent, all the departments are getting bigger and the results are not there and in time this is going to kill us. He asked if they realized how many mobile homes there are? He stated that the figures on the reports are incorrect.

It was his belief since 1978, that mobile homes should not be in the city, that they should be outside the city limits because the land in the city should be used the for the utmost use that would bring the most to the city.

Aldo Tatangelo concluded questioning where and when are these houses are going to be built.

Mayor Ramirez stated that back in 1989 when we had the first one initiated they didn't actually get constructed until 1990 when administrations changed. We built 28 of them. This year 72 homes are projected to be built. Our goal now is to build 100 affordable homes.

Cindy Collazo, stated that they are building in east Laredo with construction of 11 units out of 33 and additional 48 in South Laredo. Also, we are working with the our HOME Program with the local banking

institutions and with have five that are in private lots throughout the city. We have plans to continue using additional city owned land and other private land. There are people that have properties right now that we are starting to build on their own lot too. This provides housing for first time home buyers. In addition, Ms. Collazo, stated that they did provide thru the HOME Program down payment assistance to 21 families.

### C. Request By Councilmember Blas Castaneda

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the status of the Sidewalk Program for Alma Pierce Elementary School.

Cm. Castaneda distributed a list of signatures that appeared at a public town hall meeting stating that since the beginning of 1992 the residents of Retama Subdivision I and II have been waiting for the City of Laredo to help provide much needed sidewalks to the Alma Pierce Elementary School campus. The letter continued by saying that it was their understanding that the city has been working with the Laredo Independent School District in trying to make these projects possible. Ryan and Alma Pierce Elementary Schools were discussed last year by the City Council and a decision was made to provide sidewalks to one school per year.

They were requesting that the city consider Alma Pierce Elementary School for this year's budget in addition to any other campus being recommended for sidewalks.

The petition consisted of 74 signatures.

Motion to instruct staff to incorporate the Alma Pierce School Sidewalk Program with the existing request of the schools that has been submitted already which include: Katherine Tarver, Milton, Alma Pierce, Santo Nino and instruct staff that they set up a meeting with the school district officials to see if we can work out this particular plan.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

49. Public hearing concerning each of six (6) tracts of land for which voluntary petitions for annexation have been received. The tracts are as follows:

- a) Ruhlman Tract - 395.74 acres, more or less,
- b) Villarreal Tract - 14.00 acres, more or less,

- c) de Llano Tract III - 45.84 acres, more or less,
- d) Moreno Tract - 12.46 acres, more or less,
- e) Bruni Tract - 32.17 acres, more or less,
- f) Muller II Tract - 49.73 acres, more or less.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, made the presentation to the City Council.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

- 50. Public hearing on adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1993-1994 and appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993 and ending September 30, 1994, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 1993-1994, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993, and ending September 30, 1994, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Mr. Sandy Gibson, spokesperson for the Fire Fighters Association, wanted to know if the fire station #3 was funded for a fire pumper.

Mr. Vargas stated that a mini-pumper is included in the budget.

Mr. Henry Flores and Mr. John Arndt of BEST, Bringing Everyone Special Together, presented a 7 minute video featuring Ralph Nader on TIME BANK - Time Instead of Money

Exchange, a volunteer program where retired and senior citizens can exchange volunteer time into service credit. They were requesting \$45,620 from the city for this project.

Mr. Michael O'Barr from Laredo Crime Stoppers requested that council appropriate monies due to the expansion of the city and the increase in city crime to assist the Police Department.

Mr. Doug McKenzie from the Laredo Regional Food Bank requested \$32,400, but the budget is \$24,000 allocation for this year and requested that council consider the additional \$8,000.00.

Mr. Gary Jacobs stated that his purpose was to encourage council to look at the proper promotions of the city, the city does not need to subsidize the chamber of commerce, that council should set direction in controlling the major city promotional aspects.

Mr. Phillip Freed, a local retailer, stated that the advertising of the city should be done by an independent advertising agency to handle the specialized city promotions.

Mr. Bill Green, Chairman of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, stated that because only 47% has been expanded of the allocated funds, the balance will be expected to be carried over from October to December of this calendar year and that the new funds be allocated for January to December.

Mrs. Betty Flores stated that the budget needs to be controlled by a staff of people and a board who is going to respond to the City of Laredo as a whole. The council has to take the reins and the responsibility to promote the city and that council can control and promote the city very well.

Aldo Tatangelo stated he had never heard comments that the City of Laredo is a clean city. He doesn't understand why the Chamber hasn't done anything about the city's beautification in their area. We should clean the city up.

Mr. Les Norton spoke on the funding for the Downtown Development Corporation for the promotion of the retailing business which would promote the bringing of tourists and buyers to the City of Laredo as a whole and not one specific area. His solution was to go the retailers and wholesalers of this city to do the organizing of the city's promotion.

Mr. Louis Lidsky, President of the Downtown Development Corporation, stated that the chamber has grossly mishandled the advertising funds for the City of Laredo. We have lost ground to cities like McAllen, Del Rio, Brownsville, Eagle Pass, etc. due to misdirected advertising. It is now in the



council's hands for change by creating something to regain the ground that we are losing.

Mr. Vargas stated that last year they made an extensive review at the staff level with regards to how communities were using the promotional activities or formatting their promotional activities and we found that the majority of the communities that we surveyed had essentially gone to a Visitors and Convention Bureau that was an independent arm of the city.

Mayor Ramirez asked that Mr. Vargas define independent arm and how it works.

Mr. Vargas stated that basically it a was a visitors and convention bureau established by the city, but operated by a Board of Directors that the City Council appoints.

Mayor Ramirez asked, "as part of a bigger appointments or the primary appointment?"

Mr. Vargas answered, "as part of the primary appointments." Mr. Vargas stated that the there are three bureau reports made. The reports include one that did the survey, one that did some analysis on what the different formats are and one that was a recommendation to the City Council. The council at that point deferred any action until this particular year and the issue was raised at the workshop at the budget where he informed the council that they had carried out the direction of the council and had incorporated the Laredo Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Ramirez asked if this independent board bureau is established who would the Interim Board of Directors be to get it off the ground prior to appointments being made under the Articles of Incorporation.

Mr. Vargas answered, "Under the Articles of Incorporation I believe the City Council would be the interim board until the council appoints the actual board members."

Mr. Bill Green had concerns as to planning of the final quarter of the year in case there was some delay in the funding.

Mayor Ramirez stated that based on circumstances beyond their direct control of the chamber over the last year they haven't been able to spend their allotment because of internal re-organization and he added that they will be going through that one more time in finding a new director.

Mr. Green stated that the only thing he was recommending is that they set up a motion for the final quarter in case there is a delay.

Cm. Castaneda had a concern which he stated, "let's say we set up a bidding process in that, we're talking right now about the chamber and the downtown corporation, its two viable vehicles to be issued a promotion, but then the responsibility that in the future because of the bidding process that we would be forced to go to somebody else because of the low bid. His concern is insensitive in that...."

Mayor Ramirez, "No, because if that was the case, then we we'd be making the chamber go out there to bid on the contract every year which in essence it isn't...all it's been is an agreement for them to handle the monies to do certain things in general terms."

Mr. Vargas, "and this is professional services not general procurement of product. The city has certain regulations or whatever..."

Mr. Jacobs stated that the problem is the subcontractor has failed on the contract time after time. He added that if they fund this corporation they will have the flexibility to do a lot of the stuff in-house if they want to and they do not have to subcontract.

Mr. Ramirez answered that as far as the question of in-house, it's not really in-house we want, if anything would be developed, it would be an independent arm of the city that would take care of the overall promotion.

Les Norton stated that a major concern that the Downtown Development Corporation has is the fact there's been so many questions that have been posted on the management of the chamber. Mr. Norton cautioned council to be careful as far as monitoring where the money is being spent.

Mr. Green stated that he has asked for an outside auditor to come in to satisfy the City Council and that he will be meeting with the auditors.

Cm. Perez asked if there were any qualifications or recommendations as to the members if in fact they decide to go with Laredo Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Mr. Vargas stated that one of the advantages listed in the report was the fact that this body can be an all inclusive board that will represent the entire community with a wide spread representation.

At this time motion was made to extend the meeting from 11:00 to 11:30 minutes.

Moved : Cm. Juarez  
Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Castaneda recommended that council use everybody who wants to volunteer to help. That the council should not try to exclude, but to include as many people as we can when we talk about the bureau. He also stated that we would be able to incorporate the needs of both groups (the Chamber and the Downtown Group) if that is something the group would consider. Mr. Castaneda added that we need to unify and not go in one direction nor fragment our resources.

Cm. Juarez stated that he feels that we have talent in Laredo and having both groups come before us with each one has something to offer. He does not see both groups in competition. We are one community and we can work as one community. The competition is McAllen, Brownsville, Harlingen and Eagle Pass and we have to unite and come together. We do have enough monies to fund both of the activities. The challenge that we would make by funding both of them will come back in more monies for the community.

Cm. Juarez said that we have \$250,000 from this year. We have \$525,000 that we've budgeted. Both of them together would fund the \$545,000 that one is asking and the \$250,000 that the other group is asking for and that that both groups work with the city's Conventions & Visitors Bureau.

Motion was made to create our own independent C&V Bureau.

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

Cm. Jose R. Perez asked if we could say a promotional department instead of our own C&V.

Mayor Ramirez answered, "No, a convention and Visitors Bureau that is a non-profit corporation that will be responsible for contract with various agencies within the community to promote our city."

Mayor Ramirez clarified the motion as he understands it, "That we create an Independent Convention and Visitors Bureau to fund the Hotel/Motel Tax specifically for promotions of our city."

Jose Salvador Tellez, City Attorney, interpreted Cm. Perez's motion. He said, "Cm. Perez's motion is really...I think..uh...predominant...if I can use that word...because the bureau has already been created. What he's is try to say, and I hope I'm interpreting what you are saying, is that your motion is to fund the bureau that's already created."

Cm. G. Perez stated, "Yes."

Mr. Tellez stated, "and allocate the monies to the city's bureau."

Mayor Ramirez, "and make the bureau the disbursement arm... independent disbursement arm...for the full amount..for all the Hotel/Motel Tax. It's 1.8 million for next year and \$250,000 right now that have not been used...so it's almost \$2 million dollars." Mayor Ramirez said, "The total Hotel/Motel Tax is \$1.8 million and its' \$250,000 more or less of unexpended funds this year and what we are saying is that...that's what we want that bureau to handle. That revenue source and that the agency as a bureau contract with the chamber, contract with DDC and other entities and also for the different services in promoting the city including conventions...visitors activities and the such."

Mr. Green asked if there is paid staff involved here.

Mayor Ramirez answered that the only paid staff that would be involved would probably be the same paid staff that you already have working thru the same money, which would be the C&V staff in essence, that is funded from the same money that you contract.

Mr. Ramirez said, "For the time being you are still dealing with the City Council. It is a bureau that will probably within the next 60 days, if there will be enough names out there that are submitted to the council to name a board, but in the interim you will be dealing the same way you have in the past. Once we put the board out and the get their charge from us, then they will operate independently and we will choose to proceed as they see fit to promote our city and make it the umbrella that we've all talked about...or the majority of us. And if you talk about staff, again..the C&V staff under the current proposal the Convention and Visitors Promotion that you are contracted to carry our for us in essence, the money that you have been drawing down the 47% of it most of it has gone done into your overhead...for that operation and part of it has gone into advertising. But what I am saying is that most of that 47% that you've spent this year if we look at a --- chart would probably be attributed to the staff that you have that is entirely funded from C&V money. And what I'm say is that we may want you to continue having you do that for us, but if the C&V Bureau wants to do that and relieve you of that responsibility, it will have that option available to them in essence...it how it works."

Mayor Ramirez stated, "a year from now all these proposal will be going before a cross section of our community for them to review as to how our promotional activities are coming along, but this year before the end of this month, it

is this City Council as the acting Board of Directors of this bureau that will make this decision."

Cm. Juarez asked for clarification on the motion because it was interpreted a different way by our attorney.

Mayor Ramirez asked Cm. Perez if our attorney was correct in clarifying the motion.

Cm. G. Perez stated he was correct.

Cm. Juarez mentioned the way he had interpreted this motion..."the only thing that we've done is simply placing it from the unallocated amount to the C&V category..and that's the only thing we've done?"

Mayor Ramirez, answered, "no, this is not the only thing that you've done...what we have done is put the wheels in motion to...from this year...a year from this date there will be an independent arm of the city that will be reviewing all of the different promotions."

Cm. Juarez stated, "We already have it Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Ramirez, "under contract..under contract..and they will have the option to contract again and if they want to they will, if they don't they won't but it will give a voice within the community for the promotional monies that are available thru Hotel/Motel Tax specifically."

Mayor Ramirez stated, "we are creating...in essence...all we are doing is creating the Council as the Board of Directors for the C&V and as the Board of Director under the C&V then we proceed with contracting the funds for the city. That's in essence what I understood the motion to be...is that correct?"

Motion that we fund our own independent C & V Bureau for the full amount of \$1.8 million for next year, \$250,000 of unexpended funds this year and that agency contract with different entities for the promotional activities for the City of Laredo.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 4

Cm. Perez

Cw. Moreno

Cm. G. Perez

Cm. Cardenas

Against: 3

Cm. Juarez

Cw. Aldridge

Cm. Castaneda

Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and open up

public hearings 51, 52, 53, 54.

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

Motion to continue another 15 minutes with the meeting.

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

Motion to close public hearing; introduce the ordinance; and post another public hearing for the budget on the 13th.

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

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 51. Public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.5101 for 1993 and introduction of the ordinance approving the 1993 tax rate and providing for the levy and collection of general and special ad valorem taxes and the alcoholic beverage tax for the City of Laredo for the 1993 tax year and the 1993-94 fiscal year.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approving the 1993 Tax Roll and providing for the levy and collection of General and Special Ad Valorem and Alcoholic Beverage taxes for the City of Laredo for the Tax Year 1993 and the Fiscal Year 1993-1994.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

The ordinance was read in its entirety by Tax Assessor/Collector Phillis Colon.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Mayor Ramirez stated that he would like the two items that have been introduced (items #50 and #51) to be posted for public hearing again on the 13th. He also requested that

the items that are left under this public hearings under resolution be carried over as a recess of this meeting for September 13th. That these be the items placed to start the recessed meeting and then move into the Special Meeting with the public hearings as the first items.

Motion to recess the rest of the items for September 13th at 5:30 at the City Council Chambers.

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

- 52. Public hearing on amending Division 3 - Rates and Charges, of Chapter 31 - Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances. Specifically to amend Section 31-138 which provides for water rate charges by changing the minimum rate from \$3.75 to \$6.25 for both residential and commercial customers within the city limits; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE  
Amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges), of Chapter 31 (Utilities), of the Code of Ordinances. Specifically to amend Section 31-138 which provides for water rate charges by changing the minimum rate from \$3.75 to \$6.25 for both residential and commercial customers within the city limits; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Albert Muller, III, representing the Laredo Builders Association, presented a resolution to the council as a better and more reliable revenue structure to keep the cost of housing affordable.

Note: This public hearing was opened for discussion and was not closed.

Recessed for September 13, 1993.

- 53. Public hearing on amending Chapter 14 - Garbage, Trash & Refuse of the Code of Ordinances. Specifically Section 14-4.1 (a) and 14-4.1 (d), to increase Residential garbage fees from \$7.00 to \$9.25, Landfill tipping fees for non-compactor & compactor vehicles from inside the city limits from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per ton and for similar vehicles from outside of the county to \$100.00 per ton; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 14 (Garbage, Trash & Refuse) of the Code of Ordinances. Specifically Section 14-4.1(a) and 14-4.1(d), to increase Residential garbage fees from \$7.00 to \$9.25, Landfill tipping fees for non-compactor & compactor vehicles from inside the city limits from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per ton and for similar vehicles from outside of the county to \$100.00 per ton; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to the late hour.

54. Public hearing on the approval of an amendment to a two year (September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1995) general health services contract with the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Health and Social Services Project and a first year budget for the period beginning September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994, in the amount of \$75,552.00; and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a two year contract with the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Health and Social Services Project and a budget for the first year beginning September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994; and increasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-323-4050 from \$0 to \$75,552, and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6085 from \$0 to \$75,552.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to the late hour.

55. Public hearing on calling for an election on November 2, 1993, pursuant to Section 271.049(c) of the Local Government Code, for the purpose of including one (1) proposition to authorize the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Motel-Hotel Occupancy Tax and Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$13,000,000 for constructing and equipping a new municipal convention center, and for paying engineering, architectural, legal, and fiscal fees in connection with this project; designating polling places; and providing for publication; and that an ordinance be introduced.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE



Ordinance calling for an election on November 2, 1993, pursuant to Section 271.049(c) of the Local Government Code, for the purpose of including one (1) proposition to authorize the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Motel-Hotel Occupancy Tax and Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$13,000,000 for constructing and equipping a new municipal convention center, and paying for engineering, architectural, legal, and fiscal fees in connection with this project; designating polling places; and providing for publication.

Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to late hour.

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

56. Public hearing on the adoption of the Annual Budget (Operating and Sales Tax Proceedings) of the Laredo Municipal Transit System/City Transit Department for Fiscal Year 1993-1994, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993, and ending September 30, 1994; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

93-RT-096 Adopting the annual budget (Operating and Sales Tax Proceeds) of the Laredo Municipal Transit System/City Transit Department for Fiscal Year 1993-1994, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993, and ending September 30, 1994; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to the late hour.

**XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING BOARD**

57. 93-RMH-092 Adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year 1993-1994, appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1993 and ending September 30, 1994, and for the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation Director to implement said annual budget.

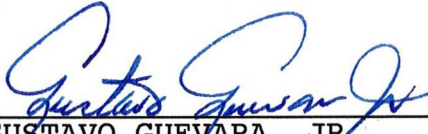
Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to late hour.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Recessed for September 13, 1993 due to late hour.

Recessed at 11:30 P.M.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 34 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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 ON: