

**CITY OF LAREDO
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M-93-R-32

OCTOBER 11, 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
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
CARLOS VILLARREAL,	ASST. CITY MANAGER	

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. City Council Workshop with the Chamber of Commerce of September 1, 1993
- Regular City Council Meeting of September 7, 1993
- Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting of September 13, 1993
- Special City Council Meeting of September 13, 1993
- Recess of Regular City Council Meeting of September 7, 1993, held on September 13, 1993
- Special City Council Meeting of September 15, 1993
- Regular City Council Meeting of September 20, 1993
- Special City Council Meeting of September 27, 1993

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that he had been absent from the of meeting of September 20th and wanted to clarify

where the council at the previous budget workshop had directed that the staff basically budget half a million dollars (\$500,000.00) from the general fund reserve to the utility fund. He stated, "in reviewing the minutes it appears to me that this \$500,000.00 was somewhat confused with the motion that was made with the motion for \$680,000." He stated that he wants to clarify that situation. "The \$500,000.00 has been transferred from the general fund reserve account to the utility fund which in fact will go towards the funding that \$9 million is also in the agenda for this evening. Actually it's \$658,479.00 was a reserve for debt service in the event it becomes necessary."

Mayor Ramirez stated that the minutes have been prepared correctly, but that Mr. Vargas wanted clarification on that particular item.

Cw. Moreno asked if the \$500,000 come from this year's budget and if the \$680,000 come from last year's budget.

Mr. Vargas answered, yes, basically it's a carry over from one year to the next.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the minutes are correct as presented but that Mr. Vargas is telling us and recommending that they need to prepare a budget amendment for this year. He suggested that they present it as such with the proper transfers being made and council will consider it at such time.

Mr. Vargas clarify the budget amendment, "it would be that the \$658,479.00 would be reflected as a reserve for debt service for the general fund not for utilities."

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the Laredo/Webb County Food Bank for approximately 9,600 square feet constituting Building #1331, located at 4110 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
 - a. Lease term is for two (2) years commencing November 1, 1993, and ending October 31, 1995;
 - b. Monthly rental will be \$2,256.00, and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Motion to table for the next Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 1993.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the South Texas Development Council, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, for approximately 336 square feet constituting Room #22 of Building #S-1, located at 1718 East Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport;
- a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing September 1, 1993, and ending October 31, 1994, and may be renewed for one year until August 31, 1995;
 - b. Monthly rental will be \$292.00, and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with SER Jobs for Progress Southwest Texas, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, for approximately 6,102 square feet constituting the north section of Building #134, located at 4603 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
- a. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing November 1, 1993, and ending October 31, 1998;
 - b. Monthly rent will be \$1,800.00, and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Avionics Services International, Inc., for approximately 2,040 square feet constituting Building #1328, located at 4015 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport;
- a. Lease term is for two (2) years commencing November 1, 1993, and ending October 31, 1995;
 - b. Monthly rent will be \$350.00, and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract by and on behalf of the City of Laredo, as Zone Grantee of Foreign-

Trade Zone No. 94 and Operator of Foreign-Trade Zone Site 1 of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94, with IRCO Corporation to allow IRCO Corporation to use a designated portion of said Foreign-Trade Zone Site for Foreign-Trade Zone Operation; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Street Improvements Project 47; 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 6th day of December 1993.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to the Texas Department of Transportation for all right-of-way as it is acquired in fee simple or by easement for the Inner Loop Project as authorized and approved by City Council by Resolution No. 93-R-099 dated September 7, 1993; and providing effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance(s) #93-O-194, #93-O-195, #93-O-196, #93-O-197, #93-O-198, #93-O-199 and #93-O-200.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 10. 93-O-194 Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Laredo to execute an agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Police Officers' Association through its president, Luis Dovalina; said agreement was negotiated by the representatives of the City and the Laredo Police Officers' Association in accordance with the provisions of Article 5154c-1 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas (The Fire and Police Employee Relations Act).
(City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

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

11. 93-O-195 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 6.4236 acre tract of land out of Porciones 29, Abstract 3086, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", also commonly known as the Big "O" Ranch, located east of Ejido Avenue, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.
(Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 93-O-196 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 25.00 acre tract of land out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located on Highway 59, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date. (Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 93-O-197 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 13.6097 acre tract of land out of Porciones 28 and 29, Abstract 3086, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", and commonly known as the Big "O" Ranch, located at the east end of Lyon Street from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date. (As Amended by Council) (Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
Second: Cm. Cardenas
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 93-0-198 Authorizing a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Housing Park for a 2.8935 acre tract out of Abstract 268, Porcion 24 as further described by Metes and Bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located at the eastern most end of Superior Drive in the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.
(Councilmember Cecilia May Moreno)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 93-0-199 Amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning a 25 acre tract of land located out of Porcion 19, Abstract 47, of the City of Laredo, as further described by Metes and Bounds on the attached Exhibit "A", located west of Mines Road, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.
(Councilmember Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 93-0-200 Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Manufactured Housing Park for a 25 acre tract out of Abstract 47, Porcion 19, further described by Metes and Bounds on the attached Exhibit "A", located west of Mines Road of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date. (As Amended by Council) (Councilmember Jerry Perez)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

17. 93-R-109 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$37,500.00 for the Safety Belt Enforcement Program.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 93-R-110 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Traffic Safety Program (TRASER).

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make an application to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Traffic Safety Program (TRASER).

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 93-R-111 Authorizing the City Manager to make application to the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a Driving while Intoxicated/ Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to make application to the State Dept. of Highways and Public Transportation for a grant in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a Driving while Intoxicate/Selective Traffic Enforcement Program.

Moved : Cm. G. Perez
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 93-R-112 Declaring October 22nd & 23rd Amado Maurilio Pena, Jr., Day for the positive recognition he has brought himself and his hometown, Laredo, Texas.

Motion declaring October 22nd & 23rd Amado Maurilio Pena, Jr., Day for the positive recognition he has brought himself and his hometown, Laredo, Texas.

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

21. 93-R-113 Approval of a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health and accepting funds in the amount of \$30,118.00, for the remaining eleven months in the State of Texas FY 1993-1994 which began September 1, 1993, and runs through August 31, 1994, for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program

of the City of Laredo Health Department; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for this project.

Motion to approve a contract amendment with the Texas Department of Health and accepting funds in the amount of \$30,118.00, for the remaining eleven months in the State of Texas FY 1993-94 which began September 1, 1993, and runs through August 31, 1994, for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for this project.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 93-R-114 Accepting a grant for the third year continuation of the Buena Vida/Coalition Program in the amount of \$318,117.00 (\$200,209.00, in federal funds and \$117,908.00 in-kind) from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, for the period of October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994, to enable the continuation of the Buena Vida Health Promotion efforts; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for this project for Fiscal Year 1993-1994.

Motion accepting a grant for the third year continuation of the Buena Vida/Coalition Program in the amount of \$318,117.00 (\$200,209.00 in federal funds and \$117,908.00 in-kind) from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health, for the period of October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994, to enable the continuation of the Buena Vida Health Promotion efforts; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract for this project for Fiscal Year 1993-94.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the regular rules of order and move up item XI D(1) for consideration at this time.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. 93-R-117 Authorizing the City Manager to provide for the regulation of basic service tier rates and related

equipment, installation, and services charges of any cable television system operating in the City of Laredo.

Larry Dovalina and Hilario Cavazos, Cable Commission Chairman, made the presentation before the council.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide for the regulation of basic service tier rates and related equipment, installation, and services charges of any cable television system operating in the City of Laredo.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. 93-R-118 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a joint purchase agreement between the City of Laredo and the County of Webb for the purchase of an AIS 315 election scanner with the city's share of 40%.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. 93-R-119 Directing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Tax and Waterworks System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$9,700,000.00, for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Waterworks System, and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. 93-R-120 Directing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Tax and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$3,600,000.00, for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Sewer System, and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project.

Motion directing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue City of Laredo, Texas, Combination Tax and

Sewer System Certificates of Obligation, Series 1993, in the principal amount of \$3,600,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Sewer System, and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cm. G. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTION

27. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$521.80 paid by Goel, Inc., on property that was double assessed.

Motion to refund of property taxes in the amount of \$521.80 paid by Goel, Inc. on property that was double assessed.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$678.22 paid by Casa Mukhi on property that was double assessed.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$678.22 paid by Casa Mukhi.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$960.57 paid by AT & T Information System on property that was double assessed.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$960.57 paid by At & T Information system on property that was double assessed.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$3,971.54 paid by American President c/o Arthur Andersen & Company due to a clerical error made by the Webb County Appraisal Review Board.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$3,971.54 paid by American President c/o Andersen & Company.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Refund of property taxes in the amount of \$4,039.62 paid by Modern Machine Shop. This refund will be paid to the City of Laredo and will be used to pay other accounts owed by Modern Machine Shop.

Motion to refund property taxes in the amount of \$4,039.62 paid by Modern Machine Shop. This refund will be paid to the City of Laredo and will be used to pay other accounts owed by Modern Machine Shop.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Amending the contract between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 1992-1993, to decrease funding from \$500,000.00 to \$425,000.00.

Motion amending the contract between the City of Laredo and the Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 1992-93, to decrease funding from \$500,000.00 to \$425,000.00.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Castaneda
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Award of a contract for an amount not to exceed \$33,880.50, to Core Laboratories, Corpus Christi, Texas, the Low Bidder, for laboratory analytical services to analyze 30 stormwater samples in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Application Part II.

Motion to award of a contract for an amount not to exceed \$33,880.50 to Core Laboratories the low bidder for laboratory analytical services to analyze 30 stormwater samples in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Award of an engineering contract to Juarez Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$13,763.00, to prepare a feasibility study, and to design and prepare plans and specifications for a Sanitary Sewer Extension Project in Southeast Laredo in the area of Chacon Creek and U.S. Highway 359.

Motion to award an engineering contract to Juarez

Engineering Company.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$2,944.00, to the engineering contract with Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for the Adjustment and/or Relocation of Water Mains on the F.M. 1472 (Mines Road) Project.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$2,944.00 to the engineering contract with Foster Engineering Company.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$7,500.00, to the engineering contract with Kinnetic Laboratories, Inc., Santa Cruz, California, to prepare an Operator's Manual for City Staff's use with the integrated automated stormwater sampling/monitoring systems under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 Permit Program Part 2 per Environmental Protection Agency Regulations.

Motion to approve amendment no. 1, an increase of \$7,500.00 to the engineering contract with Kinnetic Laboratories, Inc.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidders, Thomas Petroleum, Inc., Hebbronville, Texas, for the purchase of transport loads of unleaded and low sulfur diesel fuel and Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of tank wagon loads of unleaded and high sulfur diesel fuel.

Motion to award an annual supply contract to the low bidder Thomas Petroleum, Inc. for the purchase of transport loads and unleaded and low sulfur diesel fuel and Arguindegui Oil Company for the purchase of tank wagon load of unleaded and high sulfur diesel fuel.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of contract in the amount of \$10,698.00, to the Low Bidder, Wittigs Office Interiors, San Antonio, Texas, for the purchase of office furniture for the Colombia Bridge facility.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$10,698.00 to the low bidder, Wittings Office Interiors.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Award of an annual service contract to the Low Bidder, Andy's Auto Air & Supply Co., Laredo, Texas, for providing automotive air conditioning service for all City vehicles.

Motion to award an annual service contract to the low bidder Andy's Auto Air & Supply Company for providing automotive air conditioning service for all City vehicles.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Award of a service contract in the amount of \$10,729.00 to the Low Bidder, Loomis Armored, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for providing armored car service.

Motion to award service contract in the amount of \$10,729.00 to the low bidder, Loomis Armored, Inc., Dallas, Texas, for providing armored car service.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

41. Presentation by Kell, Munoz, Wigodsky & Associates of the Feasibility Study for the new Main Library.

Mr. John Kell of Kell, Munoz, Wigodsky & Associates made the presentation before the council. He gave the following budget estimates, locate sites, and type of building:

It totals 60,000 sq. ft. with approximate 175-200 parking spaces for staff and patrons.

This 60,000 sq. ft. will cost approximately:

Construction:	\$5,400,000
Fees	400,000
Equipment ..:	250,000
Fixtures ...:	500,000
Contingency :	250,000
Land	(Unknown)

Total	\$6,800,000 + land

Mr. Kell stated that they need approximately seven or eight acres for the site, minimum seven acres.

He stated that eight possible sites were looked, but no specific location has been determined and that the two locations having the best site potential are the Airport area and Calton & McPherson.

The building is designed as a two story building being 30,000 sq. ft. per floor.

(No report was submitted to the City Secretary.)

Motion to excuse Cw. Moreno from the meeting. - 6:45 p.m.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

42. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Laredo Municipal Junior College District to allow Laredo Community College students the opportunity to obtain field experience at the Department of Community Development, Child Development Centers.

Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Laredo Municipal Junior College District to allow Laredo Community College students the opportunity to obtain field experience at the Department of Community Development, Child Development Centers.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 2
Cm. Juarez
Cm. Castaneda

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

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request by Javier Ramirez, Chief Adult Probation Officer for Webb County, to address the City Council concerning the creation of a State Jail Facility. (Sponsored By Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez)

Mr. Javier Ramirez presented the council a resolution to support SB 532 in support for acquisition of a State Jail Facility for Webb County.

Mr. Ramirez stated that Webb County falls in Region 4. Under Region #4 (Hidalgo County). He added that Hidalgo

County gets 1 -1,000 bed unit and 1 - 667 bed unit that will be available under a grant which is the state jail.

Motion to place a resolution on this item at next regular meeting of October 18, 1993.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- B. Concern regarding problems experienced by officials attending Washington conference.

Cm. Castaneda read a letter which he has addressed to the management staff of Continental Airlines in Houston. His letter stated how he had expressed dissatisfaction with the rudeness which was displayed by the employees of Continental at the Houston terminal and hopes that management will address this concern.

Cw. Aldridge also expressed concern over this matter in that she had received several complaints from city officials who had visited Laredo in the past few weeks and how they also received bad service and rudeness from the Continental employees at the Houston terminal.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

A. Request By Councilmember Felipe Cardenas

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the traffic affecting the 1800 Block of Washington Street and Santa Cleotilde Avenue.

Motion to table this item due to the fact that the residents want a meeting with the staff and they also want to extend a invitation to Cm. Juarez to attend this meeting.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request By Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez

1. Update on the status of the naming of Bridge I.

Cm. Juarez suggested that Bridge I be named "Gateway To The Americas" and asked from staff if any indications had been received from our counterparts in Mexico.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, answered that they had not received any correspondence from our counterparts and staff's understanding is that we are awaiting this information. The subcommittee of the council formed to deal with this issue came up with a time frame that we are in the process of making modifications to the station itself and that perhaps an appropriate time to do the dedication would be once this has been completed.

Cm. Juarez asked that staff report whenever the construction is completed.

2. Update on the status of the Roberto Llano running track.

Cm. Juarez asked that staff find out whether or not we do have the funds needed to have the double rails and possibly some type of lighting.

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manager, stated that they have been discussing this item with Mrs. Collazo, Alfredo Castillo and Joe Guerra who has been in charge of the construction. Mr. Villarreal stated they are looking at an additional \$22,500.00, because they have already exhausted the amount of money that's available. He added that possibly they would like to do this as a complete package and hopefully bring back an amendment under CD budget to add the additional money approximately \$23,700. He continued by saying they are in the process of making other amendments which they would like to combine and possibly bring these amendments at the next council meeting.

Motion to bring back this item to council with an amendment of \$23,700 for the next City Council Meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Update of the results on the traffic count regarding the installation of a traffic signal at Montgomery and Arkansas.

Mr. Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated that a study has been completed and that it does meet the warrants and justifies a traffic light.

Motion to bring to this item for council consideration action at the next regular council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request By Councilmember Eduardo "Eddie" Perales

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the Town North Mobile Home Park.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, representing Dr. Garcia the park developer, pointed out section 4 and 6 under Section (n) of the subdivision ordinance and stated that Dr. Garcia has complied with the required provisions and wanted a clarification. They wanted re-occupancy permits.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, said that only permits of vacancies have been denied that are not under the above provisions and that some spaces do not comply with the ordinance provisions.

Dr. George Garcia, park owner, stated that he meets all the requirements in section 4, but wanted assistance in the underground wiring.

Mr. Tellez stated that there is a conflict with the way the ordinance was originally adopted and the way it was modified. Part of the problem is that when this ordinance was adopted Mr. Garcia should have been doing some things on a piece meal basis in order to conform with the ordinance. That's why most of the mobile home parks were given ten years to comply with the ordinance and then get the special use permit. At this point, his understanding of the problem that Mr. Garcia has, or some of the other mobile home park owners have, is the following:

- a. They didn't comply with meeting the (a - i) of the ordinance in the last ten years and now because we won't issue a permit to allow somebody to re-occupy two spaces that he has available he's willing to conform to the ordinance the way it is.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we gave everybody a year to comply.

Marina Sukup, Planning Director, stated that in September the City Council passed an ordinance and at that time we allowed a number of things to happen without platting. We issued special permits for paving, we also allowed the re-occupying if anybody could prove that there had ever been a mobile home there before, we would allow them to re-occupy that up until August 1993 which was the effective date of the ordinance the unfortunate thing now is that in fact we have been issuing moving permits to these people the ordinance says if they comply, whether Dr. Garcia will comply or intends to comply, or may comply is not the issue. The

spaces that are supposedly unoccupied in his park now do not comply. There is no way that with doing some work he can make them comply nor can he make them comply while there is a mobile home sitting there and that this is his opportunity to in fact make them comply.

Mr. Vargas stated that they are willing to comply with all the requirements, except the electrical problem.

Mayor Ramirez asked who's responsibility is it for the care of premises when it relates to the mobile homes specifically. Is it Dr. Garcia or the owner of the mobile home.

Marina Sukup answered that the owner of the property is responsible for the quality of the mobile homes that go in there and insuring the tenants.

Rosie Campero, a resident of Town North, questioned the need for underground wiring and the necessity to temporarily move when improvements are made.

Elva Mitchell spoke for the residents of Town North in reference to problems with the Utilities Department. She spoke in reference to leaving Town North Mobile Park as it is.

Robin Lawrence resident of Town North voiced his concern in reference to underground cabling.

Mayor Ramirez stated that this item is not a public hearing and was brought up for discussion and the situation is presently under consideration by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

NOTE: Cw. Moreno returned to the council meeting at this time: 7:40 p.m.

Motion to have the Mayor appoint a committee of three Councilmembers to meet with members of the Planning and Zoning Commission to look at the ordinance and solve the problem.

Mayor Ramirez named: Cm. Perales, Cm. G. Perez, and Cw. Moreno.

Moved : Cm. Perales
Second: Cm. Cardenas

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to excuse Cw. Aldridge from the rest of the meeting.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Cm. Perales stated that Mr. John Arambula, Risk Manager, will provide a study at a later date.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cm. Castaneda

Second was withdrawn, due to the fact the at Mr. Tellez stated that an ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

Motion dies for lack of second.

3. To recognize the "Hustlers" softball team for their outstanding representation of the City of Laredo in various out-of-town tournaments.

Motion to place this item at the next regular meeting.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

D. Request By Councilmember Arlene Rash Aldridge

1. Discussion and possible action concerning the current cable television situation in the City of Laredo.

Cw. Aldridge requested that Larry Dovalina look into the contract that Paragon Cable Company has to provide/carry local news.

Larry Dovalina and Hilario Cavazos, Laredo Cable Commission Chairman, gave the council a brief synopsis of what the Cable Consumer Protection Act of 1992 basically does for the city.

(No report was turned in to the City Secretary).

Larry Dovalina stated that what it has done is that it has given the opportunity to the franchising authorities of which the City of Laredo is one, to regulate the basic rates which is one of the main features of the Act. Among other things within the Act is the issue of re-transmission consent which is the issue Cw. Aldridge

has eluded too which is the issue that is most prominent taking place within the community.

Carlos Del Castillo, local Paragon Cable Manager, stated that they "must carry option" is no longer in the act, that now a "re-transmission consent option" is in effect that was elected by KGNS and KVTV. Telemundo having elected a "must carry option" and are now in the line-up. This now places Paragon to recompensate the local stations and had to negotiate by October 6th and did not receive consent by either KVTV and KGNS. They are now close to finalizing an agreement with KGNS and KVTV and permanent action will be provided to the consumer by Wednesday and they will finalize their plans.

Deborah Murphy, KVTV Manager, stated that they are continuing negotiations and will resolve the problem with Paragon within the next couple of days.

Jeff Pryor, Vice-President of KGNS, stated that they negotiating and are close to reaching an agreement with Paragon by Wednesday.

Larry Dovalina stated that "no", local news are not included or required to be carried by Paragon. The fact that the law itself includes a re-transmission consent that deals specifically with the issue of local broadcasters coming on to the cable or being carried on to the cable would specifically be excluded because it's being superseded by the federal law.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

44. Public Hearing concerning the Project 46 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project paving assessment; and that an ordinance closing the hearing and fixing a lien and charge be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Closing the hearing on Project 46 Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a lien and charge.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge was not present.)

Amador Escudero, City Engineer, made the presentation before the council.

Mrs. Francis Villarreal, Independent Real Estate Appraiser,

stated that the assessed values would be enhanced by at least the enhancement values being assessed in the ordinance, except parcel 269 which the enhancement would be zero.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 45. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, J & B Contractors, d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Mercedes, Texas, in the amount of \$1,049,579.34, for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 46 (43 Blocks).

Motion to award a construction contract to the low bidder, J & B Contractors, d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, Mercedes, Texas in the amount of 41,049,579.34 for the 1990 Bond

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

- 46. Public Hearing concerning the approval of an amendment to the contract and budget with the Texas Department of Health providing additional funds in the amount of \$30,118.00, for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the State of Texas Fiscal Year 1993-1994 beginning September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the contract and budget with the Texas Department of Health for the State of Texas Fiscal Year 1993-1994 beginning September 1, 1993, through August 31, 1994, providing additional funds for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program at the Health Department; and increasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-323-4042 from \$72,701.00 to \$102,769.00; and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6081 from \$72,701.00 to \$102,769.00; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

47. Public Hearing concerning the approval of a budget for the third year of a three year project funded by the Department of Health and Human Services for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994. The total amount of the project is \$318,117.00 (\$200,209.00 in federal funds and \$117,908.00 in in-kind services) for the continuation of the Buena Vida/Coalition Project of the City of Laredo Health Department; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a budget for the continuation of the Buena Vida/Coalition Project funded by the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$318,117.00 (\$200,209.00 in Federal funds and \$117,908.00 in-kind). The budget period is from October 1, 1993, through September 30, 1994; increasing Revenue Line Item #226-0000-321-4001 from \$0 to \$200,209.00, and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6500 from \$0 to \$200,209.00; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. G. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

48. Public Hearing concerning the demolition of an unsafe structure on Lot 4, Block 276A, Western Division located at 1505 Zaragoza pursuant to Section 102.5, Unsafe Buildings or Systems of the Standard Building Code (1991 Edition).

93-R-115 The appeal of a Demolition Order of the Building

Standards Board relating to the structure located on Lot 4, Block 276A, Western Division at 1505 Zaragoza within twenty days.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jose Tellez, City Attorney, informed the council that Mr. Fausto Sosa who is the legal representative for the owners had asked that council table this item for the October 18th meeting.

Motion to table this item for the October 18th meeting.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

(Second was withdrawn)

Mr. Scott Starnes, representing Baudilio and Roberto Villarreal, stated that they have hired consultants and were advised that the situation is correctable by placing concrete piers.

Ms. Sheri Alba, Property Manager of River Drive Mall, stated that this situation has existed for many years and that the concrete piers will not remedy the situation, because there exists leaks which will not be corrected and present danger to the mall.

Motion to approve the resolution and close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Cardenas

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as the Mass Transit board.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

