

CITY OF LAREDO
LAREDO, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
1110 HOUSTON STREET
5:30 P.M.

M92-R-02

M I N U T E S

JANUARY 20, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,	MAYOR	
JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ,	"	, DISTRICT II
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	, DISTRICT VI
HECTOR J. LIENDO,	"	, DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO MONTALVO	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
ANTHONY McGETTRICK,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting: January 6, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Approving a renewed lease with NCR Corporation for the approximate 480 square feet, constituting Room #24 of Building #S-1, located at 600 South Sandman at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Approving a Non-Exclusive License to Autophone of Laredo, Inc., for the installation of radio communication equipment

atop the beacon tower located at 4419 North Bartlett at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Declaring the necessity and setting a public hearing for McPherson Road Improvement Assessment Project.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Approving a lease agreement with Servicios Aeros Litoral, S.A. de C.V, d/b/a Aerolitoral, for the approximate 296 square feet of terminal counter and office space at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Amending the metes and bounds descriptions of tracts A and B set out in Ordinance No. 91-O-176, which declares the public necessity for the acquisition of said tracts for the extension of Spring Road; and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Abandon and vacate a 17.7 foot-wide alley which traverses the middle of Block 931, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. This block is bounded on the north by Lane Street, on the south by Guerrero Street, on the east by Tapeyste Avenue and on the west by Mendiola Avenue.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Abandon and vacate a 17.7 foot-wide alley which traverses the middle of Block 819, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. This block is bounded on the north by Chihuahua Street, on the south by Rosario Street, on the east by Meadow Avenue and on the west by Seymour Avenue.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Amending the 1991-1992 annual budget to increase the revenue line item, State Capital Grant/Oil Overcharge Funds, from \$0 to the estimated revenues of \$100,079; and to increase the Traffic Signal expenditure line item by \$44,058; and to increase the expenditures line item, Traffic Light Synchronization (TLS) Program II, from \$0 to \$144,137; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to move item XI.D(3) at this time.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge
Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to introduce items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 5

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Aldridge, Cw. Juarez)

(Cm. Liendo and Cm. Castaneda)

(Mayor voted in favor for the motion to introduce.)

11. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Motel and Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-A, in the amount of \$8,000,000.

Ordinance Introduction: Perales, Montalvo, Perez, Moreno and Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

12. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Motel and Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-B, in the amount of \$1,000,000.

Ordinance Introduction: Perales, Montalvo, Perez, Moreno and Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

13. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Motel Occupancy Tax Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-C, in the amount of \$500,000.

Ordinance Introduction: Perales, Montalvo, Perez, Moreno and Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

14. Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Motel and Hotel Occupancy Texas Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1992-D, in the amount of \$3,500,000.

Ordinance Introduction: Perales, Montalvo, Perez, Moreno and Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item X.61-66, XI.67.A(1). and XI.C.(1)

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute an indemnification agreement with the International Bank of Commerce and accepting a temporary construction easement for the Anna Avenue Truck Route; and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Motion to excuse Cm. Liendo and Cm. Juarez at this time
9:00 P.M.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Introduction of an ordinance on the proposed annexation of
362.5703-acre tract, known as the Winfield Addition.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

17. Introduction of an ordinance on the proposed annexation of a
3.2284-acre tract, known as North Heights.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the Final Reading of Ordinance(s) #92-O-006,
#92-O-007, #92-O-015, #92-O-016, #92-O-017, #92-O-018,
#92-O-019, #92-O-020, #92-O-021.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 92-O-006 Providing for the redistricting of the eight City
Council districts, as amended, within the City of
Laredo; providing for publication in English and
Spanish; and providing for an effective date. (City
Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 92-O-007 Closing the hearing on the Project 37 Paving
Assessment Street Improvements Project and fixing a
lien and charge.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 92-O-015 Declaring the necessity and setting a public hearing
for Paving Assessment Project 38. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

21. 92-O-016 Approving a lease agreement for four days with Jalapeno Festival Association, Inc., for the approximate 9.0 acres at the Laredo International Airport. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

22. 92-O-017 Designating the 140 feet on the northeast corner of the 1300 block of Iturbide Street as a loading zone; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

23. 92-O-018 Amending Chapter 15 (Health and Sanitation) of the Code of Ordinances by adding new Article VI (Indoor Clean Air) prohibiting smoking in certain public places; allowing a designation of smoking areas in such places; providing a penalty for violation; and providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

24. 92-O-019 Establishing a clinic fee and sliding fee schedule for clinic health services at the Maternal and Child Health Program of the City of Laredo Health Department, and providing for the waiver of the fee to persons unable to pay due to indigence. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

25. 92-O-020 Establishing a fee schedule and a sliding fee scale for the Dental Health Clinic of the Health Department; providing for effective date and publication; and providing for waiver of the fee to persons unable to

pay due to indigence. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

26. 92-0-021 Authorizing the Health Department to charge a fee of \$5.00 per person, not registered in a clinic, for phlebotomy services at the laboratory of the Department, and providing for waiver of the fee to persons unable to pay due to indigence. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS

27. 92-R-006 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for purchase of 124.32 acre feet of Class B water rights from Cristobal M. Martinez, et al, for \$35,804.16.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

28. Change order in the amount of \$8,500 to award contract to remount fire pumper on new chassis.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cw. Aldridge
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award an annual contract in the estimated amount of \$23,070.00 to the Sole Bidder, Fluid Meter Service, Austin, Texas, for the repair and rebuilding of water meters.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cw. Aldridge
 For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award a contract in the amount of \$49,122.00 to the Low Bidder,

Paul Young Co., Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of three utility vehicles for the Fire Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award an annual contract in the estimated amount of \$28,080.00 to Sole Bidder, Movac Service Co., McAllen, Texas, to transport domestic sewage to the Southside Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award a contract in the amount of \$22,104.00 to the Byron Jackson Co., Houston, Texas, the Sole Source, for the purchase of replacement parts for a raw water intake pump.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award an annual supply contract to the Sole Bidders, Ruiz Custom Meats, Inc., Laredo, Texas, (\$5,632.72) and Borden, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, (\$12,248.86) to supply meat and milk products for the Day Care Program food menu.

Motion to award contract.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Award a six-month supply contract for copy and computer paper to the Low Bidders, Patria Office Supply (\$3,127.22), Laredo Texas, and Laredo Paper and Office Supply (\$3,477.08), Laredo, Texas.

Motion to award supply contract to

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award a contract to the Low Bidder, S & G Dragline Services, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$45,593.00, for sludge removal services at the Jefferson Water Plant.

Motion to award contract to the low bidder.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Approval of the General Fund contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Laredo for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992, in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Award an annual supply contract for industrial uniforms to Al Rob Sales, Laredo, Texas, the Lowest Bidder meeting specifications, in the estimated amount of \$45,560.70.

Motion to award an annual supply contract.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award an engineering contract to Foster Engineering Company for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 39 (46 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to construct concrete channels at intersections on paving projects.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Award of engineering contract to G.G. Salinas Company for an amount not to exceed \$114,800 to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 40 (41 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

40. Award of engineering contract to Mejia Engineering Company for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project 41 (46 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

41. Award of engineering contract to Paul Garza & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$106,000 to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 42 (38 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

42. Award of engineering contract to Porras Engineering Company for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to design and prepare plans and specifications for the 1990 Bond Issue Paving Assessment Project 43 (46 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

43. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$4,052.40, to construction contract with Marshall Company, to modify the Laredo-Colombia Solidarity Bridge City Toll Plaza Building.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

44. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$62,585.00, to construction contract with Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., for El Metro Park and Ride Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

45. Award of construction contract to Low Bidder, Ramex Construction, in the amount of \$619,452.50, for the water line improvements on Guadalupe Street from Martin Street to Zacate Creek (25 blocks), on Chihuahua Street from Sanders to Zacate Creek (2 blocks), and on Matamoros Street, from San Dario to Zacate Creek (5 blocks).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

46. Approval of change order no. 4, an increase of \$162,720.24, to construction contract with J & B Contractors, d/b/a South Texas Utility Contractors, for the Zacate Creek Interceptor Phase II Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

47. Approval of change order no. 1, a decrease in the amount of \$17,359.00, to construction contract, acceptance of the project, approval of \$30,000 retainage for pending punch list items, and payment in the amount of \$30,157.00 to Leyendecker Construction, Inc., for the modifications and additions to the Laredo Civic Center Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

48. Approval of amendment no. 1 for an amount of \$7,500.00 to engineering contract with NRS Consulting Engineers for the Northwest Laredo Elevated Water Storage Tank and Water Improvements (E.D.A. Project No. 08-01-02788).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

49. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$29,600.00, to construction contract with Marshall Company for construction of a scale house at the Laredo-Colombia Solidarity Bridge City Toll Plaza.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

50. Approval of change order no. 3, an increase of \$52,000.00, to construction contract with Ramex Construction, Inc., for the 1990 Bond Issue Zacate Creek Channelization and Pilot Channel Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

51. Approval of the Hotel/Motel contract with the Laredo LULAC Council #12 for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1991 to September 30, 1992, in the amount of \$4,500.00

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

52. Authorizing the purchase of 7.5 acre feet of Class B water rights in Hidalgo County from Araceli Hernandez for \$2,160.00.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

53. Adoption of annexation schedule.

Motion to adopt annexation schedule.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

54. Authorizing the City Manager to sign contract change #6 to the Texas Department of Health FY 1991-1992 Contract with the City of Laredo for the WIC Program to increase administrative cost reimbursement by \$8,500.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 55. Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for federal assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration for an Airport FAR Part 150 Noise Study.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 56. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the South Texas Development Council to rehabilitate the Santo Nino and Three Points Centers.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 57. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement per terms and conditions of Commission Minute No. 86846, with the State of Texas Department of Transportation Commission for, the City and the State to participate in the cost of construction of the McPherson Road Project from Calton Road to Del Mar Boulevard, the City's share being \$2,092,471.65.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to proceed to instruct staff to solicit an application for the funding for the reconstruction or the remodeling of the Buenos Aires Center that is currently occupied by the Community Action Agency.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Perez
For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 58. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract to receive donation of land for proposed special events center.

Motion authorizing City Manager to enter into contract to receive donation of land for proposed special events center.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Castaneda
For: 5

Against: 0 Abstain: 1
(Cw. Aldridge)

Motion to waive the rules and take items under communication as this time.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17 Section 2(g).

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor announced that no formal action was taken.

60. Request for executive session pursuant to Article 6252-17, Section 2 (e) to discuss pending legal issue with City Attorney.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Article 6252-17 Section 2(e).

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After Executive Session Mayor announced that no formal action was taken.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

61. Recognition of retiree Enrique Castro, a former Utilities employee at the Jefferson Water Treatment Plant and retiree Reynaldo Herrera, a former Utilities employee at the Zacate Creek Treatment Plant.

Mayor Ramirez presented the plaques to Mr. Castro and Mr. Herrera.

62. Recognition of Juan J. Medina as City of Laredo 1991 Employee of the Year.

Mayor Ramirez made the plaque presentation to Mr. Medina.

63. Honoring Lt. Rufino Benavides on his retirement from the Laredo Police Department.

Motion honoring Lt. Rufino Benavides on his retirement from the Laredo Police Department.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
 Second: Cm. Liendo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 64. Honoring Mucia Dovalina for her services with the Laredo Police Department.

Motion honoring Mucia Dovalina for her services with the Laredo Police Department.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
 Second: Cm. Liendo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 65. Recognizing the efforts of the Texas Commission for the Blind for its services to the community.

Mr. Oscar Vela, from the Texas Commission for the Blind, was recognized by the Mayor in representation of the Commission.

Motion recognizing the efforts of the Texas Commission for the Blind for its services to the community.

Moved : Cm. Liendo
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 66. Recognizing Matias Garcia for his musical contributions to the community.

Motion recognizing Matias Garcia for his musical contributions to the community.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
 Second: Cm. Liendo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS:

- 67. Request from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

- A. Request from Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.:

- 1. Presentation by Evan Quiroz and Bill Casey regarding the placement of George Washington statue.

Mr. Matias Arambula, Rose Trevino, Manuel Bravo and Evan Quiroz appeared before the council to make the presentation showing a scale model of what the statue will look like when finished in actual size.

They requested a temporary site for the statue of George Washington at city hall.

Motion to place the statue at city hall until the city

council wished it to be here.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Mayor Pro-Tem Hector J. Liendo:

Motion to table Cm. Liendo's items.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perales

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Juarez and Cm. Liendo not present at this time)

1. Discussion and possible action on allowing Rita Galvan a parking space.
2. Discussion and possible action concerning an overpass on Lafayette and railroad crossing.

Mr. Carballo appeared before the council with signed petition representing several neighborhoods (Canta Ranas, Farias, La Ladrillera and Riverside) requesting an overpass. Mr. Carballo stated that residents have had many problems with the railroads and trains due to the lack of an overpass.

Motion to instruct staff to make a study and look for federal monies to construct an overpass.

Moved : Cm. Liendo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request from Councilmember Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez:

1. Request from Webb County Taxpayers League to have fees waived for City of Laredo open records.

Motion to have the fees for time and effort charges and charge them on a per pages basis.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Aldridge

For: 4

Against: 5

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Juarez)

(Cw. Perez)

(Cw. Aldridge)

(Cw. Moreno)

(Cm. Liendo)

(Cm. Perales)

(Cm. Castaneda)

(Cw. Montalvo)

Mayor voted against the motion.

D. Request from Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge:

1. Report from Traffic Engineer on the feasibility of installing traffic signals at Tilden and Chihuahua and at Seymour and Chihuahua.

Mr. Roberto Murillo, Asst. Traffic Director, stated that the study indicated that a signal was not warranted at Tilden and Chihuahua. He did recommend a signal at Seymour and Chihuahua and he had informed Mr. Amadeo Saenz recommending a signal at this location. Mr. Murillo added that he is waiting for Mr. Saenz's response as to the funds available.

2. Report on water conservation from Utilities Director.

Cw. Aldridge requested to table this item and bring back for the next regular meeting.

3. Presentation of independent study of the Coopers and Lybrand convention center study by Chuck Owen, President of Laredo Hotel-Motel Association.

Mr. Chuck Owen, President of the Hotel-Motel Association made a presentation before the city council with Mr. Tim Herring, Fernando Cantu, and Dr. Adolfo Kahn against the location of the proposed Special Events Center at the Milo Interchange.

Mr. Jim Whitworth, a local CPA, spoke on the figures presented by the city on the financing of the bonds for this project.

Mr. Tim Herring asked that the Mayor spend more time with them to discuss this matter and asked that the item be tabled for 90 more days.

Dr. A. Kahn spoke against the convention center and question on the financing for this project. He asked that this item be put to the approval of the voters rather than spend \$17 million.

Mr. Edward Dryden spoke before the council in reference to his point that the citizens of this city can not afford to support this event center and favored an election to determine if the voters wanted this facility.

Mr. Ignacio Urrabazo, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke before the city council stating that the Chamber was in favor of the concept of a new Special Events Center, but he questioned the study made by Coopers & Lybrand.

Ms. Carmen San Miguel spoke against this project being placed at the Azteca neighborhood.

Mr. Ramiro Ramirez, a local hotel president, proposed that the new center be changed to "Laredo Gateway Arena Center" or "Laredo Gateway Coliseum" and stated that he has no objection to the north site and that any businessman would take the opportunity of 50 free acres for development.

Mr. Simon Villarreal, local citizen, stated that the north site is ideal for this project and that the City Council is on the right track.

Mr. Hilario Cavazos stated that he is in favor of this project and that the opportunity is now for the council to take action.

Mr. David Cortez, former City Councilmember, stated that he had been in favor of this center and that the council should debate no further and go ahead with the project at Milo Interchange.

Mr. Carlos Mejia, of Mejia Engineering, spoke against a convention center close to Bridge I or II due to the traffic congestion problems that would occur.

Mr. Adolfo Puig, representing the Alexander property, stated that the family is willing to put 50 acres across the proposed new LSU/A&M College, south of the Del Mar Blvd. for city negotiation for the new center.

Mr. Peter Vargas, City Manager, made a presentation on six possible site locations that staff has looked at. Those locations are: Central Business District; Azteca; Dye Property; Civic Center Location; Airport; and Milo Interchange & IH35.

Motion that the Azteca neighborhood be left out as any possible location for the new event center.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Aldridge stated that she wanted to go on record as opposing this project the way it stands right now. She stated that she prefers that our funds and obligations be used to upgrade our public services than to build infrastructure for private development. Cw. Aldridge added that the voters should decide what their interests are and what they need.

E. Request from Councilmembers Blas Castaneda and Eduardo Perales:

1. Status report on police cars.

Chief Granados stated that a report was submitted to Cm. Castaneda.

Cm. Castaneda stated that his concern is making sure that police officers have their cars back in service when they come for minor modifications or service. He added that people are asking that they have the patrol cars out in the community.

Chief Granados stated that they have an average of 15 to 18 vehicles per shift patrolling and that there is an average of 3 to 5 cars that are being serviced on a daily basis. He added that they go in for minor repairs and are usually out the same day. He stated when parts need to be ordered for some vehicles they might have to spend there a couple of days to have them serviced.

Cm. Perales's concern was the availability of extra police cars in case of emergencies. He emphasized that more patrolmen are being welcomed to the force and that additional police cars will be needed.

Chief Granados stated we have 25 new vehicles coming in marked "Police Units." He added we do have 19 new police officers that are still in training and that he does not foresee any problems when we get those new vehicles. Chief Granados stated that four cars are being assigned for the police substations.

F. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion on the illumination at Lindenwood and McPherson Drive.

Mr. Vargas stated that these two streets will be included in a study already in progress on illumination needs.

2. Discussion and possible action on median at Del Mar Boulevard and San Dario Avenue (Cm. Liendo)

Motion to send back to P&Z to reconsider the construction of this median by Planning & Zoning under the plat.

Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 6

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and possible adjustment for bus route to Riverside Subdivision.

Motion to have EL Metro look at the possibility of changing the bus route from 8:00 to 7:30 because the residents in Riverside Subdivision are having trouble getting to work or school on time. Also that El Metro look into this and report to the effect as the Mass

Transit Board. Cm. Perales turned in a list of signatures requesting the service to the City Secretary.

Moved: Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Liendo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

4. Discussion on the need for additional recreational facilities.

Mr. Perales stated that a property on Colorado Street would make a good area for a tennis court and the property next to Mission Viejo Condominiums. He recommended that this ideas be considered and included in the comprehensive master plan.

Jesus Oliveros, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that the proposal have come in for the comprehensive master plan. He added they will select a committee to review these proposals and that they should have a recommendation before council by Feb. 3rd to select a consulting firm to develop the comprehensive master plan.

5. Discussion and possible action on the installation of a traffic signal at Calton Road and Gallagher.

Mr. Perales stated that he knew that a traffic light could not be placed because it was not paved and asked what was its paving status.

Mr. Escudero stated the right-of way map is being prepared between Calton, Hillside and Gallagher so that they can obtain the right-of-way and then continue with the paving. Mr. Escudero stated that streets in Calton Gardens that are not paved included San Francisco, Marcella, and Peach. He added these streets are included in one of the paving projects.

G. Request from Councilmember Blas Castaneda:

1. Discussion on the curtailing of services at the U.S. Consulate in Nuevo Laredo and possible action by the City.

Motion directing staff to write a letter to Washington indicating to the State Dept. that the office in Nvo. Laredo not be curtailed of its services and directing staff to draft a resolution to that effect.

Moved: Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

68. Award of construction contract to Low Bidder, Dominguez Development & Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$33,900.00, for the Municipal Housing Office Rehabilitation Project.

Motion to award construction contract to the lowest bidder.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as the City Council.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Mass Transit Board and open for public hearing item 69.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

69. Authorizing the City Manager to file an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for a Section 3 and or Section 9 Assistance Grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended; and authorizing the City Manager to execute this application and all related documents.

Rick Pulido, Transit Director, made the presentation.

There was no public input.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to file an application with the Department of Transportation and close the public hearing and adjourn as the City Council.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 10:45 p.m.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo

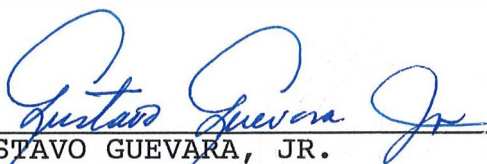
Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 21 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1992. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE IN THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Delia Rodriguez, Secretary

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON: FEB 03 1992

CORRECTIONS: