

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

M-92-R-17

M I N U T E S

JUNE 15, 1992

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Councilmember Jacinto P. Juarez called the meeting to order in the absence of both Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Jacinto P. Juarez led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR.,	MAYOR	(5:40 P.M.)
JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
JACINTO P. JUAREZ,	"	, DISTRICT II
ARLENE RASH ALDRIDGE,	"	, DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO,	"	, DISTRICT IV
BLAS CASTANEDA,	"	, DISTRICT V (5:35 P.M.)
EDUARDO PERALES,	"	, DISTRICT VI
JOSE GERARDO (JERRY) PEREZ,	"	, DISTRICT VII
FELIPE CARDENAS,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
PETER H. VARGAS,	CITY MANAGER	
JERRY BRUCE CAIN,	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER	

ABSENCES:

Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Regular City Council Meeting:	May 26, 1992
Special (Emergency) Council Meeting:	May 28, 1992
Regular City Council Meeting:	June 1, 1992

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the rules of order and bring item #20 and #36.A(2) at this time.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances #92-O-113, #92-O-131, #92-O-132, #92-O-133 and #92-O-134.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. 92-O-113 Third and final reading of an ordinance authorizing the City of Laredo, Texas, and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, to enter into a franchise agreement. (City Council)

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. 92-O-131 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 104.1918 acres beginning at the existing city limits, specifically, the de Llano Tract; providing for the effective date of this ordinance, and adopting a service plan for the annexed territory. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. 92-O-132 Altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 0.6805 acres beginning at the existing city limits, specifically Pan American Business Park, Phase 3 Addition, providing for the effective date of this ordinance, and adopting a service plan for the annexed territory. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 92-O-133 Approving the South Meadow Project (Chacon Creek Bridge to Pine Street) and amending the 1991-1992 Budget by appropriating \$105,700 for water and \$26,200 for sewer improvements to this project from unencumbered funds of Project #33, Water Line

Item 557-4160-538-5743 and Sewer Line Item 559-4250-538-5927. (Cm. Jose Perez)

Motion to approve.

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

7. 92-O-134 Amending that part of the 1991-1992 Budget pertaining to the Health Department's Maternal and Child Health Program by converting one Nurse Practitioner position into the positions of Clerk I and Pharmacy Technician. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

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

VI. RESOLUTIONS

8. 92-R-062 Recognizing the services of former Councilmember, and Mayor Pro-Tem, Hector J. Liendo.

Motion recognizing the service of former Councilmember and Mayor Pro-Tem, Hector J. Liendo.

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

Former Cm. Hector J. Liendo thanked the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff for their support in all the projects for District VII.

9. 92-R-063 Recognizing the services of former Councilmember Consuelo (Chelo) Montalvo.

Motion recognizing the services of former Councilmember Consuelo (Chelo) Montalvo.

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

Former Cw. Consuelo (Chelo) Montalvo thanked staff, Department Heads, employees and Councilmembers for their support in the past four years. Ms. Montalvo stated she had been honored and privileged to have served as Councilmember for the past four year.

10. 92-R-064 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a water rights sales agreement for the purchase of 115 acre feet of Class "B" irrigation water rights, and 280 acre feet of Class "A" irrigation water rights, from Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Kerrville, Texas, for \$133,920.00.

Motion to approve Resolution 92-R-064.

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

Motion to reaffirm the previous action.

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

11. 92-R-065 Authorizing the submission of a pre-application and application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the development of the McPherson Road Extension and Infrastructure Improvements Project; and authorizing the City Manager to submit any and all necessary pre-application and application papers, and to accept or affirm any grant award that may result from such submission.

Assistant City Manager, Carlos Villarreal, stated that there was only one change in the pre-application that was submitted to EDA in Austin this morning. He added that they had indicated they wanted us to state the amount of money that the city's match was. He added that they wanted to go with \$1,800,000. Mr. Villarreal stated that the \$1,800,000 consists of \$600,000.00 coming from the County, \$600,000.00 coming from the developer and \$600,000.00 from the City. He stated what EDA wanted was for us to make this change so that it would be included in the resolution. He continued saying that they wanted us to be more explicit on the amounts and that we will be requesting a letter from them indicating that they are willing to make these commitments.

Mr. Villarreal added the match is less than (60%) however, we are taking into consideration the amount of work whether we have what the Federal Government told us to submit \$1,750,000, or 60% whichever is less.

Motion to approve and amend the correction.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cw. Aldridge
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 12. 92-R-066 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract between the City of Laredo and the La Bota Property Owners Association for Services and Utilities.

Motion to approve.

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

- 13. 92-R-067 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$84,313, to participate in an HIV Care Consortia Project, to provide comprehensive outpatient health and support services to meet the identified needs of individuals with HIV/AIDS in the health service delivery area.

Motion to approve.

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

At this time Council convened as Mass Transit to take items 40 & 41.

- 14. 92-R-068 (Action required on Item 40 prior to action being taken on this item.)

Declaring the public necessity to acquire Lots 2,4,6, and 8, Block 221; Lots 2,4,6, and 8, Block 239; and Lots 1-10 of Block 49, all in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, needed for the expansion of the present El Metro Facility, and for the construction of the Downtown Intermodal Transit Transfer Facility (Transit Center); and authorizing relocation benefit payments to persons that will be displaced as a result of the acquisition of these properties.

Motion to approve.

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

15. 92-R-069 Supporting the actions needed to maintain compliance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirement.
- Motion supporting the actions needed to maintain compliance with National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirement.
- Moved : Cm. Juarez
 Second: Cm. Castaneda
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
16. 92-R-070 Appointing the nominees (Airport Advisory Board- Bebe Zuniga; Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Board - Jesse Castaneda; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Lali Lerma; Cable Commission - Juan Linares; Library Board- Guillermina Montes; Planning and Zoning Commission - Lilia Perez; Beautification Board- Angie Dela Garza) of Cm. Felipe Cardenas, to the specified Boards and Commissions of the City of Laredo.
- Motion appointing the nominees.
- Moved : Cm. Cardenas
 Second: Cm. Perez
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
17. 92-R-071 Appointing Cordelia Trevino Cantu, the nominee of Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge, to the Library Board of the City of Laredo.
- Motion to approve the appointment of Cordelia Trevino Cantu, the nominee of Cw. Rash-Aldridge, to the Library Broad of the City of Laredo.
- Moved : Cm. Perales
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
18. 92-R-072 (Please refer to Item 36-A-1.)
- Appointing the nominations of the Mayor and the City Councilmembers to the Ad-Hoc Convention Center Citizens Committee.
- Motion to consolidate both items (18 & 36-A-1) and approve the appointments to the Ad-Hoc Convention Center Committee.
- Moved : Cm. Castaneda
 Second: Cm. Cardenas
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Nominations:

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

☉Councilmember

Jose R. Perez, Jr.

Andres Reyes
Peter Lizcano

Dr. Jacinto P. Juarez

Adolph Kahn
Jorge Haynes

Arlene Rash-Aldridge

Vicente Garza

Cecilia May Moreno

Blas Castaneda

Linda Howland
Hilario Cavazos

Eduardo Perales

Fernando Cantu
Richard Perez

Jerry Perez

Bebe Zuniga
Mercurio Martinez III

Felipe Cardenas

Carny Guerra
Adolfo Gutierrez

At this time motion was made to waive the rules of order and take item 36.(E)3.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. MOTIONS

19. Approval of a supplemental agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to increase the escrow amount of \$2,126,976.65 by \$99,695.00, to cover costs for utility adjustments for the McPherson Road Reconstruction Project. The amended escrow amount would be \$2,226,671.65.

Motion to approve a supplemental agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Moved : Cm. Castaneda
Second: Cm. Jerry Perez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$9,207.00, to

the construction contract with Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas, for the Market Street Recycling Project (20 Blocks), and approval of rental of equipment from sole source, Cutler Repaving, Inc., for a minimum of two days at \$4,600.00 per day, for a total amount of \$9,200.00, to resurface Hillside from San Dario to Springfield.

Motion to approve change order no. 1, an increase of \$9,207.00 to the construction contract with Culter Repaving, Inc. with amendment to his contract to include work on Hillside, also to rent equipment to finish the stretch of Hillside from IH 35 to Springfield Road.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. came in at 5:40 P.M.)

21. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$68,182.00, to Marshall Company, Corpus Christi, Texas, for the Laredo/Columbia Solidarity Bridge City Toll Plaza Building Project.

Motion to accept the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$68,182.00 to Marshall Company.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Approval of a partial release of the retainage of the construction contract with De Moss Scales Company, Inc., La Feria, Texas, in the amount of \$5,193.57, for the Truck Scales at the Laredo/Columbia Solidarity Bridge.

Motion to approve partial release of the retainage of the construction contract with De Moss Scales.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Acceptance of the project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$56,844.00, to Amistad Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the renovations to a dormitory at the Sacred Heart Children's Home, under the Emergency Shelter Grant Program.

Motion to accept the project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$56,844.00, to Amistad Construction, Inc.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cm. Castaneda

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$10,618.07, to the construction contract with Lambda Construction Company, New Braunfels, Texas, for the North Laredo Wastewater Reclamation Plant, and approval of partial release of retainage in the amount of \$40,954.55.

Motion to approve change order no. 2, an increase of \$10,618.07 to the construction contract with Lambda Construction Company.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Sunbelt Air Conditioning Service, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$18,300, for the installation of the air conditioning system for the Northwest Fire Station Project.

Motion to approve contract to the low bidder, Sunbelt Air Conditioning Service, Inc.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Award of a contract to the Low Bidder, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., in the amount of \$13,300.27, for the purchase and installation of a telephone system for the Central Fire Station.

Motion to award contract to the low bidder, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in the amount of \$13,300.27.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, Andy's Auto Air and Supply, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an annual service contract for auto and truck air conditioning service.

Motion to award contract to the sole bidder, Andy's Auto Air and Supply, Inc. for an annual service contract for auto and truck air conditioning service.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidder, Texas Hardware, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of water meters.

The estimated contract amount is \$73,326.33.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the low bidder, Texas Hardware.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Award of a contract to the Low Bidders, Bartlett Inc., Laredo, Texas (\$10,563.08), Pace Paper, Laredo Texas (\$8,496.85), Casa Juarez, Laredo, Texas (\$2,539.80), and Century Papers, Laredo, Texas (\$2,144.70) for janitorial supplies.

Motion to award contract to the low bidders.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Award of an annual supply contract to the Low Bidders, International Supply, Corpus Christi, Texas (\$99,844.35), and Rohan Co., San Antonio, Texas (\$10,301.80), for clamps for the Utility Department.

Motion to award annual supply contract to the low bidders.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award of a contract in the amount of \$73,378.00 to the Low Bidder, Sports and Recreation Products, Laredo, Texas, for the purchase of park and playground equipment.

Motion to award contract in the amount of \$73,378.00 to the low bidder, Sports and Recreation Products.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of a professional service contract for audit services for Fiscal Year 1991-1992.

Cm. Juarez stated that some of the members of the audit committee joined staff in interviewing all the firms that submitted a proposal on June 11, 1992 and the following day, the committee meet to assess all of the presentations and the recommendation from the committee was to award it to Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra.

Motion accept the recommendation of the committee and award

professional service contract for audit services for Fiscal Year 1991-1992 to Gonzalez, Farias & Guerra.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

33. Report and video presentation regarding the status of the street paving projects and street reconstruction projects.

A four minute video presentation was shown of the street paving projects and street reconstruction projects.

STREET PAVING PROJECTS

	Est. Completion Date	Completed
Project 31 - (42 Blocks)	August 1992	82%
Project 32 - (41 Blocks)	June 1992	93%
Project 33 - (39 Blocks)		100%
Project 34 - (38 Blocks)	August 1992	64%
Project 35 -	November 1992	48%
Project 36 - (40 Blocks)	September 1992	16%
Project 37 - (46 Blocks)	January 1993	1%

Pre-construction meeting was held on June 8, 1992 for Project 38 and work will begin in June and the estimated completion date is February, 1993.

Special Street Construction Project

The City Council in March approved an expenditure to repair major streets and intersections that had been damaged by heavy rains.

Completed streets and intersections that have been resurfaced include:

Saunders and Arkansas
Saunders and Bartlett
Calton Road from Spring Road to IH 35
Santa Maria from Mann Road to Del Mar Blvd.

34. Adopting the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Policy and Procedures Manual developed by the City's Department of

Community Development, in accordance with the HOME Interim Rule as stipulated in Title 24, Part 92, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Motion adopting the HOME Investment Partnership Program Policy and Procedures Manual developed by the City's Dept. of Community Development, in accordance with the HOME Interim Rule as stipulated in Title 24, Part 92 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, made the presentation. Ms. Collazo stated that this is a new program that will be implemented. She added several new programs will be implemented of which one is of new construction. She continued saying it could be new construction from the ground up; it could be construction on someone's own lot; or in the city's developing housing. Ms. Collazo added that under this program the structure can be torn down and they can reconstruct the home. There is also construction of rental housing, she added they are going to construct approximately ten (10) rental units that will be managed by the Municipal Housing Corporation. Ms. Collazo continued by adding that they will also have a down payment assistance program.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez stepped out momentarily. (6:30 P.M.)

35. Request for executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2 (e), to discuss pending litigation.

Motion to go into executive session under Article 6252-17, Section 2(e), to discuss pending litigation.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Castaneda

For : 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. announced that no formal action was taken in executive session and that the item was taken under legal counsel advisement and that such item be placed at the next regular council meeting of July 6, 1992.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

No items were taken under communications.

X. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

36. Requests from the Mayor and Councilmembers for discussion

and presentation.

A. Requests from Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the formulation of the Ad-Hoc Convention Center Citizens Committee.

This item was consolidated with item 18.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the selection of a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion was made to nominate Cm. Blas Castaneda as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request from Councilmember Arlene Rash-Aldridge:

1. Request by Aldo Tatangelo to address the City Council regarding:

- a. The role of the Community Development Department in terms of the economic development of the City of Laredo.

Cw. Aldridge had a comment to make as far as her items were concerned, she stated that if whenever, she is not present, and a gentleman or representative is present for her items that he should be heard.

Cw. Aldridge asked that Council wait on this items due to the fact that Aldo Tatangelo was not present at this time to address the City Council.

Motion to withdraw this items by Cw. Aldridge.

Moved : Cw. Aldridge

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. The paving process for City Streets.

Item was withdrawn by Cw. Aldridge.

C. Requests from Councilmember Dr. Jacinto Juarez:

1. Presentation by Yolanda Gutierrez concerning the upkeep of the Civic Center.

Item was withdrawn by Cm. Juarez.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the future use of the space vacated by the Court of Judge Elma Salinas Ender.

Cm. Juarez asked for a report from staff as to how they plan to utilize that particular space.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas stated that it's being developed right now. They might have it ready by the end of this week.

Cm. Juarez asked if they had looked into the traffic department, especially the one that services the meters in the downtown area, the ones that are moving back and forth to the airport and losing time. He added they could be there and perform their work from that place and eliminate the trips back and forth. Cm. Juarez asked that they also consider and explore to see if the present court room would better meet the needs of our Municipal Court Judge instead of refurnishing it for another purpose.

D. Requests from Councilmember Cecilia Moreno:

1. Report regarding the status of the mobile home ordinance.

Cw. Moreno stated that they have not heard from P&Z regarding the mobile home ordinance.

City Manager, Peter H. Vargas, stated that the direction from the council was to conduct a study group with representatives that were at the Council to discuss the amendment that was presented to the council. He added that they are in the process of doing that and reviewing the ordinance as it was presented to the individuals. Mr. Vargas stated they had discovered that there was confusion as to what was actually included in the ordinance and what was not. At that time several individuals told council they were not interested in any restrictions in regards to the use of mobile homes.

Mr. Vargas stated that since then another item has come up. He added that in 1984 there was a clause or amendment to the ordinance that required that as of Sept. 2, 1988 any mobile home that was withdrawn could not be replaced unless that property meet the zoning ordinance requirements which is basically B-3 zone district and the setback requirements. He

added what has happen is that there has been much confusion, in particular on the part of property owners who were unaware of that particular amendment that had been passed some time ago.

Mr. Vargas stated that due to the confusion he was recommending to council that possibly amending the clause so that it runs concurrent with the ordinance, which is that by 1993 all mobile home must comply with the zoning regulation for their use.

Mr. Vargas stated they will also hold a workshop on what's currently pending and that no action has been taken by the commission until now.

Cw. Moreno wanted to know when action is being taken on this item.

Mr. Vargas stated that it might come back to council within a month. (Last meeting in July for Zoning Dept.)

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the consideration for each district having an alternate Planning and Zoning Commission member.

Cw. Moreno stated that a problem that exists is that sometimes the members do not attend the meetings, there is no quorum and there is no meeting. She added if we had an alternate he/she could attend the meetings.

Cw. Moreno asked if it is possible to have an alternate or what are the regulations.

Peter Vargas, City Manager stated that alternates are not possible because of state law regulations and also because the individuals that are nominated receive a lot of data information.

Jerry B. Cain, Assistant City Attorney, stated that he did not have an answer to Cw. Moreno's question at this time. He added that he didn't know of any provision in the law for alternates.

Mayor stated that we do have a policy that we have established that if they don't go to certain number of meetings that they are automatically disqualified from the P&Z Commission. He stated that we might not be enforcing this.

Mr. Vargas stated that the rules and procedure states that after three consecutive absences that they are removed.

Mayor suggested that we go in there and state if they miss more than 20% amount of the total regular meetings that they have during the 12 month period that they will be automatically disqualified. It's either three consecutive or 50% of the total meetings that are held and send the attendance to Council on a quarterly basis.

Cw. Aldridge recommended that all the appointees on the commission go on training on policies and procedures before they start serving on the commission.

Motion to have a recommendation from staff regarding on the percentage of meetings that all commission members must attend during the 12 month period. Cw. Moreno stated it should be on a percentage because it's not a matter of consecutive, (in consecutive you are absent two meetings and present one) also making it mandatory and automatic disqualification.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Jerry Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and clarification regarding the prerequisites for moving up a step on the new pay plan for City employees.

Peter Vargas, City Manager, stated that in order to implement the new pay plan we made the change at one point for the whole fiscal year as of October and the qualifications then for an individual to move up is that for the year of implementation we were not going to move anyone thru steps or grades. That everyone moved in to the new pay plan. He added that the majority of the employees got pay increases in order to get into it, a classification and a paying grade consistent with the new plan. This was for 1991/92.

Mr. Vargas continued saying that for 1992/93 fiscal year the individual will have to be evaluated and receive a good evaluation in order to proceed towards the next step, which is a 5% salary adjustment.

Cw. Moreno asked if this was only one evaluation that the employee needs or more than one.

Mr. Vargas stated only one evaluation is needed, basically on the anniversary date. (Date they were hired)

Cw. Moreno had a question on the anniversary date, stating that she assumed that when you go into a new pay plan everybody's anniversary date (if they had already been working with the city) should be when the pay plan came into effect not when they were hired.

Cw. Moreno clarified when the plan came into effect that's their anniversary not when they were hired.

Mr. Vargas clarified that in this instance, because it was a radical change from a total new program, that in order to get in step with that program we indicated that everyone would come in and for that year there would be no step increases and the next year the most logical and equitable is on an anniversary date.

Cw. Moreno stated that she does not think this is correct in the interpretation that was given to what is being implemented.

Mayor clarified "perceive that the action taken is being implemented."

Mr. Vargas stated that if we do what Cw. Moreno is suggesting everyone gets a pay increase on October 1st and it's going to cost.

Cw. Moreno stated, "We knew that, that's why they didn't get one last year."

Mr. Vargas stated it was also presented to the Council that it was going to be based on evaluations and those evaluations could not be done all at one time.

Cw. Moreno replied, "yes we had the whole year to evaluate everyone."

Mr. Vargas stated you cannot give an increase on an evaluation that was done six months ago, it has to be a current evaluation. He added that everyone understood that for the first year of the implementation of the pay period that there would be no adjustments and yet people were being evaluated, but there would be no pay adjustment given to those evaluations. Mr. Vargas stated what we were saying here is, "that given the first of the implementation year, the second year then we would come in step with anniversary dates for evaluations."

Cw. Moreno asked about the employees that have been working for two years others for ten or 15 years and were all in the same pay grade because it was the same category.

Mr. Vargas stated that what he was suggesting is that you have to have a system that's in place, that is equitable and that can't be individual specific it has to have classification specific in order to be equitable in the long term and granted that there might be a situation for small group of individuals maybe caught in that situation.

Cw. Moreno made a motion that staff find out how many people are going to get caught in it and to see the effect that it's going to have. She added this is not what she had intended for the program.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno again clarified, "Anniversary date is important if you are a new employee, but if you have been employed for ten years, anniversary date is when the pay plan came into effect. Who remembers if you were hired in September or December, that is 10 or 15 years ago, what's important is that under this new pay plan, these are the rules now and all those people should have their anniversary date in October now.

Mr. Crafton stated that anniversary date is a moving target when you get hired at one time, but when you get promoted from one pay grade to another, then the anniversary date changes and it's now your promotion date.

Cw. Moreno stated when you take groups and put them together people are back to anniversary date. "Anniversary date" has no significance when you group people that have two and five years experience together.

Cw. Moreno again asked that staff get a report to the effect that this will have, how many people are being affected and the financial effect. Also, what is the difference in terms of cost. That staff bring us back a report on what will it cost to have the salary increases, have the year be October 1st and have the increase come in with the pay plan for those people who are already working and have at least 10 number of years and going in the anniversary. What would be the difference as per

October 1st then waiting for the anniversary.

E. Request from Councilmember Eduardo Perales:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the promotional funds of the City of Laredo.

Cm. Perales suggested that a meeting be set and posted formally for next week regarding this item.

Cm. Perales suggested Monday at 4:00 P.M. (June 22, 1992)

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the uniforms worn by the Police Officers.

Cm. Perales stated that some officers have complained to him about the hats (vinyl type). He stated that they had complained that they are very hot in this weather which makes them uncomfortable and that they have been using them for many years.

Chief of Police, J.L. Martinez, stated that he agrees to what was said and that they are working in getting new ones. They had already spoken to the uniform company about this.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding land usage North of the Airport to Del Mar Boulevard.

Cm. Perales stated there were some questions and since this item is coming back on Monday's meeting he stated he would like staff to meet with landowners in this particular area to outline some of the problems before we bring this item before council.

Mr. J.C. Trevino representing Jacaman Cattle Company who is one of the owners immediately north of the airport stated that P&Z had turned down the request to be zoned as an agricultural area. Mr. Trevino stated that one of the primary reasons might have been that it's not within the master plan. He stated the way it was published was to zone the 1,500 acres as agricultural permanently, which was a big opposition on their part. He added that Council might direct staff to work out an agreement with the landowners and work something out within the plan and see if we can bring a recommendation to P&Z and then to Council as a development for this entire 1,500 acres which would then be compatible with the growth and development of the airport, the inner loop, Casa Verde Road and Del Mar so that everything

is brought together one time rather than having to zone 1,500 acres and having us come back a number of times for zone changes.

Cm. Juarez clarified this is District II.

Carlos Villarreal, Assistant City Manager, stated that some control or compromise should be made with the people so that people acknowledge that the airport will have noise, and thru a noise study hopefully we can accomplish something and later on they won't expect and indicate to the city that they want to move the airport.

Cm. Perales recommended that they continue to use the comprehensive plan and to use M-1 because it's a good tax base, if they build there it would be compatible to the airport and it's a major development.

Motion was made to send it back to P&Z and study the issue, so that they can include not only Cm. Perales but also the Councilmember of the district.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez clarified, "include the recommendation to look at the master plan and what Cm. Perales was saying."

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perales apologized for unintentionally getting into Cm. Juarez's district.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding health concerns.

Cm. Perales was concerned about health and asked that maybe some kind of campaign be made to immunize children thru the schools.

Jerry Robinson, Health Department Director, stated there is an active campaign going on all the time thru the Health Department. He added there is a small amount of immunizations done in the private sector in physician's offices. Mr. Robinson stated the problem is timeliness of the immunizations, it's very difficult to get the children immunize exactly on time when they should be immunized. He added this would require a campaign such as the one being requested. He stated the Health Department would be more than happy to work with all school nurses that are interested in trying to get this

campaign going actively and all the citizen's best interest to get these children immunize timely.

Mr. Robinson stated by immunizing timely we will reduce the potential risk on various epidemics that could occur. He specified that immunization should be given at certain age groups:

- 2 months of age - DPT
- 4 months of age - Oral Polio Vaccination

He stressed that the problem is getting the children between the ages of four months and approximately three years of age.

Cm. Perez suggested a satellite clinic to those that are unable to come to the central clinic. He added that maybe there is a possibility of having a health mobile if we cannot afford a place to vaccinate these children.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. also suggested that maybe they can work with Vital Statistics to monitor the kids that are born in our community that are in the records with local addresses so that we can target them with some sort of correspondence in Spanish and English suggesting things like this vaccination mobile clinic to compliment the campaign there.

Mr. Robinson stated that we are not doing this here and added that it is an excellent idea. He added this is a matter of funding and staffing capacity however, he stated they are moving in the those directions.

Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. stated that our City Secretary is very capable in drawing out information from the data base that he has created and that costliness of the project is money well spent in participating in a campaign such as this.

Cm. Castaneda stated that another recommendation area would be in the area of the health education centers initiative for South Texas that we have started working on. He stated the is another area because it really brings all the health professionals and agencies together that whenever we need to make a campaign like the one Cm. Perales is talking about it's very easy because you already have the group of people solidified.

Cm. Perales asked that they take this under advise and then come back to Council and report on the action that was taken.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the access roads for Interstate Highway 35.

Cm. Perales stated this concern was brought by Del Mar residents that when they get off the expressway they feel that they need a yield sign there. They have a problem with the changing of lanes.

Cm. Perales wanted the Traffic Department to meet with the Texas Dept. of Transportation to see what can be done.

Amadeo Saenz, Engineer for Texas Department of Transportation, explained that the question about the yield signs at the exit ramps, these signs are regulatory signs that say DO NOT CROSS DOUBLE WHITE LINES that signals the people that are exiting IH 35 to a designated lane and they have that lane opened all the way to the intersection. Once he gets into that frontage road he is in normal fragile traffic and he can only move to the right when it's safe to do so and that it's a state law and the reason why this yield signs are not up there.

Mr. Saenz continued saying with Yield Signs you get people stopping and it will create a number of accidents with rear end collisions.

Cm. Perales stated he would like that the Traffic Department make some kind of an announcement on the Public Access so that people understand why the state is doing this because people are confused why other cities do have yield signs. So that they understand that it's for the safety of the motorist.

Mr. Saenz stated they will be working with the Police Department and with Public Access in putting some kind of announcement.

Cw. Aldridge stated that when we have the piled up traffic backed up on the expressway and people come over the hill, all of a sudden, they have to put on the brakes because they are almost running into someone else in front of them.

Cw. Aldridge asked what can be done to let people know that they have to slow down because of the expressway traffic flow situations or problems.

Mr. Saenz answered that the department is in the process of updating a project development plan because of the new federal authorization bill and there are many different categories that are covered

in the federal bill of which some have to do with traffic safety. He continued saying that in regards to this to point they have requested as part of the PDP to put some advance warning signs that will take care of that.

Mr. Saenz stated that as soon as PDP approves a changeable message signs they will take care of this situation.

Mr. Luis Ramirez, Associate District Engineer, was introduced by Mr. Saenz which made a presentation on the action plan of what is going to take to open a district office in Laredo.

At this time Mr. Saenz gave a status report of their reconstruction projects and estimated time of completion on McPherson; Zacate Creek Bridge; the divided section of the Mines Road from Colombia Bridge to FM 255 four miles towards Laredo and the Inner Loop Project which will take approximately 12 months to complete.

F. Request from Councilmember Jerry Perez:

Discussion and possible action regarding the status of the Anna Truck Route Project.

Amador Escudero, Engineer made the presentation and gave a status report of this project.

He stated completion of this project is approximately by August 1, 1992 and the cost of the project was \$1,890,000.00 of which EDA has participated with \$696,000.00

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Motion to open the Public Hearing(s):

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Perales stepped out momentarily. (7:40)

37. A public hearing regarding the possible removal of the medians on Del Mar Boulevard.

Motion to open the Public Hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor stepped out momentarily at this time. (7:55)

Peter H. Vargas, City Manager, made the presentation and stated that if they have the consensus from council, they feel they can accomplish turning lanes in the right of way.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Blas Castaneda, took over the meeting while Mayor Ramirez stepped out momentarily.

Mr. Bill Sawyer a resident from Del Mar spoke in favor of removing the medians.

Mr. Jorge Anders a resident from Del Mar stated that the medians eliminate traffic that is going fast. He stated if the medians are eliminated more traffic accidents will occur. Mr. Anders thought that elimination is not the point and that council should also consider this.

Ms. Rebecca Martinez resident of the Park Place Condominiums was concerned about the medians because she has a hard time getting in and has to get on top of the curb. She stated that she didn't know if eliminating the median would help or maybe cutting them shorter.

Mr. Randy Blair resident of Del Mar Blvd. was concerned with traffic problems if more lanes are made in the current lanes. He added that more lanes would be dangerous in that area. Mr. Blair spoke in favor of possibly replacing the medians with shorter medians allowing the people of different projects, apartments and condominiums to be able to get in and out.

Ms. Connie Hughes resident of Park Place Condos was concerned and stated it's a detriment to all the residents there. She added they have to go against traffic regulations in order to get into the north side of the median because cars are unable to turn and as a result they contradict each other. Ms. Hughes added this is a very dangerous situation and she wishes that medians be removed.

Mr. Vargas stated that they will look into the signage situation and that he agrees that there should be some signage indicating that there is a reduction in lanes. He added given direction by council, we can proceed then to study the possibility of putting the turning lanes or putting in smaller medians that will not require landscaping but would be for traffic circulation purposes.

Cm. Perales stated that traffic violations are a problem in that area and that police will be issuing citations in that area.

Chief of Police, J.L. Martinez, stated they have been issuing citations in that area and have had numerous positive calls from residents of Del Mar.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Vargas stated that the recommendations and information of the plan and design will be brought to council in 30 days and the plan will take be taken care of immediately.

38. A public hearing regarding amending the 1991-1992 Health Department budget by appropriating \$84,313, for the grant period of April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993, for the HIV Care Consortia Project, to provide comprehensive outpatient services to persons with HIV/AIDS in the health service delivery area; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a budget amendment to add the HIV Care Consortia Project with the Texas Department of Health for the period beginning April 1, 1992, through March 31, 1993; and increasing Revenue Line Item #225-0000-323-4051 from \$0 to \$84,313; and increasing Expenditure Line Item #226-6054 from \$0 to \$84,313.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Juarez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Perales

Second: Cm. Juarez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cw. Aldridge stepped out momentarily at this time - 8:00)

39. Public hearing regarding amending the 1991-1992 General Fund budget to appropriate \$20,000 for the operation of an Environmental Engineering Division, and to authorize the creation of the Environmental Engineering Division and Engineering position; and that an ordinance be introduced.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

To amend the 1991-1992 General Fund budget to appropriate \$20,000 for the operation of an Environmental Engineering Division. To authorize the creation of the Environmental Engineering Division and Engineering position.

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.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

(Cw. Aldridge was out at this time.)

XII. MOTION TO RECESS AND TO CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Mass Transit Board.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 40. 92-RT-073 Declaring the public necessity to acquire Lots 2,4,6, and 8, Block 221; Lots 2,4,6, and 8, Block 239; and Lots 1-10 of Block 49, all in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, needed for the expansion of the present El Metro Facility, and for the construction of the Downtown Intermodal Transit Transfer Facility (Transit Center); and authorizing relocation benefit payments to persons that will be displaced as a result of the acquisition of these properties.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 41. Authorizing the hiring of the appraisers and review appraisers for the acquisition of properties necessary for

the El Metro Expansion Project and Downtown Intermodal Transit Transfer Facility (Transit Center).

Motion to authorize the hiring of the appraiser and review appraisers for the acquisition of properties necessary for the El Metro Expansion Project and Downtown Intermodal Transit Transfer Facility (Transit Center).

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

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

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

Cw. Arlene Aldridge stated that perhaps the items should be read so that people are informed of the actions taken. Cw. Aldridge added that we just go by the item numbers and the audience does not know what is involved in these items.

Cm. Castaneda suggested that Public Access show the action item that is voted on the screen so that viewers can see what the item is and what is involved.

Larry Dovalina stated that this cannot be done with the system that is in there now, but it can be done with another piece of equipment that can be connected into it.

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


(Cw. Aldridge came in at this time - 8:10 P.M.)

42. Award of construction contract to the ©Low ©Bidder, Alice Roofing & Sheet Metal Works, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$72,295.00, for the Re-Roofing Twenty Units of the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation Project.

Motion to award of construction contract to the low bidder, Alice Roofing & Sheet Metal Works, Inc.

Moved : Cm. Juarez
Second: Cm. Perez

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 29 ARE A TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF JUNE, 1992. 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: **JUL 6 1992**

CORRECTIONS: