

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

MINUTES

M97-R-03

JANUARY 27, 1997

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, Jr. led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

SAUL N. RAMIREZ, JR., MAYOR
JOSE R. PEREZ, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRUNI, " , DISTRICT II
ALFONSO I. "PONCHO" CASSO, " , DISTRICT III
CECILIA MAY MORENO, " , DISTRICT IV
ELISEO VALDEZ, JR., " , DISTRICT V
JOE A. GUERRA, " , DISTRICT VI
MARIO GEORGE ALVARADO, " , DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO, " , DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY
FLORENCIO PENA, III, INTERIM CITY MANAGER
JERRY BRUCE CAIN, ASST. CITY ATTORNEY

IV. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive final readings of ordinances #97-O-021, #97-O-028, #97-O-029, #97-O-030, #97-O-035, and #97-O-036.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. 97-O-021 Ordinance amending Section 24-82-4.1 of the Laredo Land Development Code relating to permitted dimensions of on-premises free-standing signs; providing for publication and effective date; and approval of a motion to amend the Ordinance introduced on January 6, 1997 as follows: 200 square feet for the first 100 feet of street

frontage plus 1 square foot per linear foot of street frontage over 200 feet up to a maximum of 800 square feet. A maximum of 500 feet of additional signage may be allowed if, and only if, the sign (s) is located more than 300 feet from any adjacent public right-of-way and the sign is located more than 150 feet from any residential district. The total allowable area of on-premises signage shall be reduced by one square foot for each square foot of free-standing off-premises signage located on the same premises. (City Council)

Cm. Bruni suggested three items for incorporation into the ordinance and suggested that items 1 and 2 be incorporated in the ordinance and that staff comes back with his third request which states as follows: (3) for the erection of new on premise or off-premise signs, there must be public hearings held with written notice of hearings to all property owners within 300 feet.

Motion to amend the final reading of Ordinance #97-O-021 to state that (1) all one face signs must be situated at least 150 ft. from the nearest residence, (2) all two phase signs must be situated at least 350 ft. from the nearest residential district hereafter before any building permit can be issued.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cm. Guerra
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Ramirez announced that the ordinance stands as amended.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with the third item as recommended by Cm. Bruni as it relates to Ordinance 97-O-021 in regards to public hearings and notifications.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cm. Guerra
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adopt Ordinance #97-O-028, as amended.

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

3. 97-O-028 Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the lease between the City of

Laredo, as Lessor, and Laredo Coachworks, Inc., as Lessee, dated January 6, 1992 and approved by Ordinance No. 92-O-001; said Amendment will change Lessee's name from Laredo Coachworks, Inc., to LCW Automotive Corporation; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-028.

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

4. 97-O-029 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a partial release of covenant (Vol. 1190 pg. 170 W.C.D.R.) for property originally platted as the Plaza, Southgate II, Units 1 and 2 (Vol. 3 page 11, W.C.P.R.) as replatted for the Southgate Subdivision Unit II-A, Phase 1, Planned Unit Development filed in Vol. 16 pgs. 69-70 W.C.P.R. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-029.

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

5. 97-O-030 Granting a license to Alestra De Mexico for the use of a telecommunications PVC conduit on Juarez Lincoln International Bridge and on city right-of-way on Iturbide Street. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-030.

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

6. 97-O-034 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's Special Police Program 1996/1997 budget in the amount of \$236,457.00 for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program from the U.S. Department of Justice for the first year funding of this grant for the period of October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to table for the next meeting.

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

- 7. 97-O-035 Ordinance approving a contract for fiscal year 1996-97 with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$78,916 for the HIV/AIDS counseling, testing, referral and partner elicitation/notification (CTRPE) project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997; and increasing revenue line item 226-0000-323-4043 from \$0 to \$78,916 and expenditure line item 226-6059 from \$0 to \$78,916; and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the contract. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-035.

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

- 8. 97-O-036 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 annual budget to reflect the projected revenues and expenses required to accept the donation of \$9,841 from Norwest Bank Texas, South, N.A. to purchase of four scoreboards for the new recreation centers. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-036.

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

Motion to waive the regular order of business and move up items D(1) and F(1).

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

V. MOTIONS

- 9. Amending the contract between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra for Fiscal Year 1996-1997 to provide the option to disburse payments in excess of the \$9,250 allocation per quarter with cumulative payments not exceeding the original contract award of \$37,000. The impetus behind this amendment is to allow a disbursement of \$20,718.50, since the majority of the LPO activity occurs within the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Motion amending the contract.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10. Presentation by Frank Carmichael, P.E., of Maxim Technologies, Inc., concerning the City's Pavement Management System.

Mr. Frank Carmichael of Maxim Technologies, Inc. made the presentation. The professional services contract was awarded on behalf of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study for the development of a pavement management system for an estimated 320 miles of streets. On March 11, 1996 the \$74,500 contract was amended on January 18, 1996 to add 197 miles of street to the project for a total of \$92,380. The L.U.T.S. was required under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to develop a pavement management system for the metropolitan area which must include, at a minimum, all streets and thoroughfares classified as collector or better. The Pavement Management System provides information concerning pavement condition based on criteria approved by the State of Texas, with objective assessment of maintenance priorities, pavement preservation strategies, anticipated pavement deterioration occasioned by usage and other factors, repair/rehabilitation costs, and effective scheduling of maintenance. The proposed system permits mapping of pavement condition and maintenance priorities and a five year initial maintenance/rehabilitation plan is proposed. The information will assist city personnel and elected officials in assessing the resource requirements for street maintenance in the annual budget and capital improvement program. The software has been installed at the Public Works Department and personnel will be trained.

Cm. Bruni requested a list of the information presented by districts.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VIII. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

11. Requests by Mayor and City Councilmembers for discussion and presentation.

A. Requests by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.

1. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the selection of a City Manager.

Mayor Ramirez requested from council if each member could arrive with a list of the top five candidates and after appropriate discussions and deliberations, a consensus can be reached on a short list of three individuals to travel to Laredo for face-to-face interviews. This would provide adequate time for the applicants to schedule and prepare for their interviews and suggested that the interviews be conducted on Saturday, February 15, 1997. He hoped that they will be able to reach a consensus on a new City Manager after they finished the interviews so that a formal announcement and contract approval can be made at the inception of the February 18, 1997 City Council Meeting.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss the selection of a City Manager.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Ramirez announced that no formal action was taken in executive session and proceeded to announce the recommendations of the top four candidates as follows:

- 1 - Florencio Peña III
- 2 - Gibert T. Perales
- 3 - Hollis V. Rotledge, Jr.
- 4 - Oscar S. Rodriguez

Motion to instruct Mayor Ramirez to proceed with contacting this four individuals for the recruiting and interviewing process for City Manager.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the traffic count at the intersection of McPherson and Alta Vista with possible action.

Robert Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that different types of intersection related traffic data were collected for the purpose of this study that included: 24 hour traffic counts, accident history, pedestrian counts, peak hour vehicle delay, and peak hour turning movement data. The traffic data collected was evaluated against the different applicable traffic signal warrants in the Texas Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices of which none were satisfied. Police accident history data collected indicated

that only one accident was reported within a two year period.

He continued by stating that two nearby traffic signals on McPherson Road presently is adequate for the vehicular traffic on Alta Vista Drive, to access McPherson Road, evidenced by their study findings as it pertains to the low vehicular delays obtained. The installation of a traffic signal would seriously disrupt the traffic flow on McPherson Road if installed. He added that flashing lights can be a possibility used with problems on blind corners, wide streets, etc.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed to set up pedestrian crossings signs or whatever traffic signalization would be in order to start making the vehicular traffic aware and warn motorist of increase pedestrian crossings plus the necessary markings at the crosswalks at the most direct route to the recreation centers.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Casso

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action on placing traffic signalization light on the intersection of McPherson and Alta Vista.

This item was discussed with item #2 above.

3. Discussion and possible action on installing additional lighting around B.P. Newman Elementary School.

Mr. Landin stated he met with staff from B.P. Newman, surveyed the area there, reported the lighting around the school is there, however he will recommend that they probably increase the luminage because the lights are every 300 feet as per the street light policy. His recommendation is to probably increase from 16,000 to 27,500 and added that he can request this from CP&L.

Motion to proceed as recommended by Mr. Landin, to increase the luminage of those lights, working in conjunction with CP&L for that area.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Discussion and possible action on the construction of a sidewalk on the city right-of-way around B.P. Newman Elementary School.

Mr. Rolando Benavides, School Principle, stated that he was requesting the sidewalks for the purpose of security and safety.

Cm. Bruni asked if staff can request a bid on what it would cost to a build the sidewalk and if he can get additional funding from the private sector to get this on a fast track.

Florencio Pena, Interim City Manager, stated that they already have an in-house cost estimate and the total cost is approximately \$112,000.00.

Motion to proceed to make our offer to the U.I.S.D. for the 50-50 arrangement with concurrence from the schools that they will be starting with B.P. Newman Elementary as a pilot project that they have selected as a city to see if it fits their agenda; to incorporate the possibility of the private sector coming up with part of the match for U.I.S.D. on this project, and included in that, an outside cost estimate from a private contractor as to the cost of construction.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Requests by Councilmember Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso

1. Discussion regarding investigative procedures used at the Police Department.

Cm. Casso stated for the record that it's costing them out of their money about \$8,000-\$10,000.00 on legal fees. The taxpayers are not picking up the tap on this issue, it is costing them money out of their pocket. He would like staff to try to answer to Mr. Aramabula how much it is costing the taxpayers. The reason he placed this item in the agenda regarding the investigative procedures used at the Police Department is because he understands that there is a report that the Interim Chief of Police has completed and he is not sure if it has been submitted and if he has signed the report or not, but he was wondering when this council was going to be briefed as to what that report contains.

Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, stated that in light of pending legal proceedings, he would cautioned council, the Chief is ready to provide a summary of some of the issues that have been discussed, but the report has not been finalized, it has not been turned over to him, at this time he asked council to give them more time to finalize it. This report is as a result of the November 6th meeting, they have been doing work at the Police Department in regards to investigative procedures in that department, they should have it finalized and provide a copy to council at their

request. He concluded by saying that they can expect the report within the next 10 days.

D. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Presentation by the Elks Lodge Organization, with possible action on a resolution supporting the return of the Elks Lodge to the City of Laredo.

Elks Lodge members from Brownsville gave a brief history of the Elks Lodge and the Laredo Lodge and of its benefits. They pledge their support for the reopening of the Laredo Elks Lodge and asked for the support of the City Council.

Motion to endorse the re-establishment of an Elks Lodge in our community and to present a resolution to that effect at the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the condition of the drainage outfalls that lead into the creek in and around the Hillside area along Kentucky Avenue.

Cm. Valdez stated that his concern was the erosion problem.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that the section behind the recreation center was built by the construction of McPherson and specifically when they had the project ongoing they met with the officials of the Wildlife and the Corp. of Engineers, and that section of the ditch was supposed to remain as an earthen ditch because they were having the rest of the channel (Hillside to Canal) concrete lined and as a result of voiding that section of all greenery they had to leave this section in that stage, as an earthen ditch. They had to plant trees, otherwise they would have had the project stopped.

3. Status report on lighting in the Community Park area located on Martens Street, and the replacement lighting to be placed in the Hidden Meadows area, with possible action.

Luis Landin, Traffic Manager, reported that CP&L is behind a month and a half because of the weather, the proposals have been signed by the City Manager, they are in the hands of CP&L and they promised to finish lighting area by the middle of February.

4. Status report on the replacement of street signs in Precinct 28 and 29.

Luis Landin, Traffic Manager, reported that the signs have been ordered and they will be replacing the lights in the San Luis Rey, Alma Pierce and Tomas Sanchez areas.

5. Discussion and possible action concerning vacant and abandoned buildings in residential areas located in District V.

Benny Salinas, Building Director, explained the procedure for citing the owners of vacant and abandoned buildings in residential areas. He stated that first the inspector goes out and identifies the house, red tags it, come back and goes to the tax rolls and identify who the property owner is, sends them a letter giving the 120 days for them to respond, and then takes it before the standard building board. The board then decides whether the structure can be repaired or if they can be teared down. He added that some of the structures that were of concern, have been identified, some buildings can be saved and some cannot. They work closely with CD to demolish some of the structures.

E. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra

1. Status report concerning the land acquisition for a fire station site to be located in the area of the Bob Bullock Loop and Del Mar Boulevard. **(Co-sponsored by Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr.)**

Mike Garza, Interim Fire Chief, reported to council that they have been communicating with landowners along the Bob Bullock Loop and have come up with several options which they will discuss with the landowners this week. Along Hwy. 359, they are waiting for a letter of land donation for two (2) acres by the end of this week.

2. Discussion and possible action concerning the placement of a warning beacon on Del Mar Boulevard at the St. Patricks Catholic Church.

Mr. Landin stated he called three towns to see if they have beacons and none of them have beacons on churches, they do place church zone signs.

Cm. Guerra suggested that maybe they can talk to the church club to participate in the cost.

Mayor Ramirez stated that what Mr. Landin is saying is that if we establish presidence, that we should be prepared to establish that presidence with everyone else. He added that they first take a pro-active position on this by installing the signs available and then perhaps approaching the church men's club at one of their meetings.

Mayor Ramirez instructed staff to go ahead with the placing of Church Zone signs on Del Mar Boulevard at the St. Patricks Catholic Church.

Mr. Landin stated they will install the signs.

F. Requests by Councilmember Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo

1. Presentation by Irma Morales concerning cargo transfer issues in Laredo.

Mrs. Irma L. Morales, representing Lozano Transfer, and Sylvia Montemayor Segovia, representing Montemayor Trucking, stated that they were appearing before the council to protest the hauling of goods back to Mexico by Mexican truck drivers. They also requested assistance from the council to have bridge open after midnight and assign another line for empty trucks to help with the delays by customs.

Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, stated that in regards to the bridge closing at midnight, that decision is a decision made by customs, the bridge is opened for vehicular traffic but customs as part of their memorandum of November 11th, has basically said that any tractors crossing after midnight have to cross through Colombia. He said that if council wishes they can initiate another meeting with Customs and they can bring this topic up.

Mrs. Morales stated she went to immigration, talked to Mr. Juarez, he will bring a representative from San Antonio and they will meet with other members and will call the city to have someone represent the City and they will be having a meeting on this issue.

Mayor Ramirez announced for the record that they had received correspondence from the Central Labor Council and that Mr. Rolando Herrera was present.

Mr. Rolando Herrera, President of the Labor Group, stated they had a concern about the high rate of unemployment in the city, businesses have many costs to operate, and the competition that is being presently given to them as far as workers is unfair, they are big contributors to our taxes and they are concerned. He wants to know what council can do and suggested that a committee be formed to study this deeper and that people in Washington be contacted in reference to this issue.

Cm. Guerra requested that if they do have that meeting with Customs he would like that Mr. Walter Cordy to be present and wants to instruct staff to contact him if this meeting ever takes place.

Motion to waive the rules and move item #18 and #19.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public hearing concerning the application by Sonat Exploration Company, Houston, Texas, authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Gas Extraction on 2.75 acres out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as described by metes and bounds, located west of Hwy. 83, south of Masterson Road, and east of Riverside Subdivision. Known as the Sonat-L.A. Wright #7 Well. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a gas extraction facility to Sonat Exploration Company for a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as described by metes and bounds, located West of Hwy. 83, south of Masterson Road, and east of Riverside Subdivision, known as the Sonat-L.A. Wright No. 7 Well, of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

13. Public hearing concerning the application by Sonat Exploration Company, Houston, Texas, authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a gas extraction facility to Sonat Exploration Company for a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as described by metes and bounds, located west of Hwy. 83 and the South Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, known as the Sonat-L.A. Wright No. 14 Well. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this special use permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a gas extraction facility to Sonat Exploration Company for a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as described by metes and bounds, located west of Hwy. 83 and the South Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, known as the Sonat-L.A. Wright No. 14 Well, of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

14. Public hearing concerning the application by Anastacio Ramirez, amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the west 1/3 of Lot 7 and the east 1/3 of Lot 8, Block 1991, Eastern Division, located at 3206 Ash Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the west 1/3 of Lot 7 and the east 1/3 of Lot 8, Block 1991, Eastern Division, located at 3206 Ash Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 15. Public hearing concerning the application by North House, Inc., amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 25.3348 acres out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, as described by metes and bounds, located on the southside of US 59 and immediately south of the Heritage Park Subdivision, from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 25.3348 acres out of Porcion 28, Abstract 241, as described by metes and bounds, located on the southside of US 59 and immediately south of the Heritage Park Subdivision, from R-1A (Single-Family Reduced Area District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Valdez
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Alvarado
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 16. Public hearing concerning the application by Robert Muller, Ltd., amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 26.9405 acres out of Porcion 18, Abstract 591, as described by metes and bounds, located west of FM 1472 at the end of Killam Industrial Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) and M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (Map) of the City of

Laredo by rezoning 26.9405 acres out of Porcion 18, Abstract 591, as described by metes and bounds, located West of FM 1472 at the end of Killam Industrial Boulevard, from AG (Agricultural District) and M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 17. Public hearing concerning the application by Pacific Southwest Bank, amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning lots 9 and 10, Block 111, Western Division, located at 817 San Dario Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance (map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning lots 9 and 10, Block 111, Western Division, located at 817 San Dario Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

X. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Approval of a contract with Greyhound Lines and it's affiliates, Turismos Rapidos and Futura, for the operation of 16 buses (8, 4, 4 respectively) for two days (2-21-97 & 2-22-97) at the estimated cost of \$15,520.00, but not to exceed \$17,000.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Approval of a contract between the Laredo Municipal Transit System and the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and Jalapeno, Inc., to provide transportation services associated with the 100th Annual Washington's Birthday Celebration.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Mass Transit Board and convene as the City Council.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Time: 7:25 p.m.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 17 ARE TRUE COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

Minutes approved on: February 18, 1997