

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**MINUTES**

**M97-R-04**

**FEBRUARY 3, 1997**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present Mayor Protem Casso called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Protem Casso led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

JOSE R. PEREZ,	COUNCILMEMBER,	DISTRICT I
LOUIS H. BRINI,	"	, 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
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
FLORENCIO PENA,	INTERIM CITY MANAGER	
JERRY CAIN,	ASST. CITY ATTORNEY	

Motion to excuse Cw. Montalvo due to illness and Mayor Ramirez due to out-of-town business commitment.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present)

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**2. City Council Meeting of January 20, 1997**

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno was not present and Mayor Protem Casso was chairing the meeting.

Cw. Moreno arrived at 5:40 p.m.

**V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

- 3. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a lease with Texas Migrant Council (CCMS) for approximately 883 square feet of office space constituting Suite No. 5 of Building #134 located at 4603 Maher Avenue. Lease term is for ten (10) months commencing February 1, 1997 and ending November 30, 1997 and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending November 30, 1998 and November 30, 1999. Monthly rent shall be \$679.91 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute two leases with Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems for an antenna installation lease at the water tanks located on McPherson Avenue and at the Laredo International Airport.
  - 1. Terms of the leases are for fifteen (15) years commencing on February XX, 1997 and ending February XX, 2012.
  - 2. Annual rent shall be \$7,200.00 payable in advance, and will be adjusted annually during the term of the lease according to changes in the consumer price index, providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**VI. FINAL READINGS**

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #97-O-031, #97-O-032, #97-O-033, #97-O-034, #97-O-037, #97-O-038, #97-O-039, #97-O-040, #97-O-041, and #97-O-042.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 6

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 5. 97-O-031 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas General Obligation Bonds, Series 1997, in the amount of \$5,830,000.00 for the purpose of constructing and permanently equipping three fire stations; constructing and installing and equipping a fire training tower and training facility; and all other matters related thereto. (City Council)

Noe Hinojosa of Estrada-Hinojosa & Company made the presentation to the council and announced the lowest bids for the bonds.

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-031 and awarding the low bidder of Smith-Barney with a Net Interest Rate of 5.471940%.

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

- 6. 97-O-032 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas combination tax and waterworks system revenue certificates of obligation, Series 1997-A, in the principal amount of \$2,860,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations for improvements and extensions to the City's Waterworks System and for paying legal, fiscal, and engineering fees in connection with this project and other matters relating thereto. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-032 and award the low bid to Legg Mason with a Net Interest Rate of 5.482725%.

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

- 7. 97-O-033 Ordinance, as amended, authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, Series 1997-B, in the principal amount of \$3,660,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the city's contractual obligation for the acquisition of fire trucks and related equipment; acquisition of library equipment and construction of improvements at new main library; purchase and acquisition of material recycling facility from Southern Sanitation Services, Inc.; and for paying legal, fiscal, architectural, and engineering fees in connection with such projects; and other matters relating thereto. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-033 and to award the low bid to Rausher-Pierce at a Net Interest Rate of 4.674203%.

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

- 8. 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 approve Ordinance #97-0-034.

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

9. 97-0-037 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for gas extraction facility to Sonat Exploration Company for a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as further 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. (Jose R. Perez)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-037.

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

10. 97-0-038 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. (Jose R. Perez)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-038.

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

11. 97-0-039 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. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-039.

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

12. 97-0-040 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. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-040.

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

13. 97-0-041 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. (Mario G. Alvarado)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-041.

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

14. 97-0-042 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. (Consuelo Montalvo)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-0-042.

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

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

15. 97-R-004 Accepting 18.0 acres of land included in Block 21, Lot 1 River Oaks Park Subdivision from the Killam Development Corporation for use as park and open space, subject to the terms of an existing two year lease, and granting credit against park dedication requirements in future development. the lease may be

terminated with 180 days notice by either the city or the lessee.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-004.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 6                          Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

- 16. 97-R-012    Authorizing the Interim City Manager of the City of Laredo to accept an allocation of FY95 redirected funds from the Texas Historical Commission's Certified Local Government Program in the amount of \$4,004.00, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-012.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 6                          Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

- 17. 97-R-014    Authorizing the issuance of a drilling permit to drill and operate a gas extraction well on a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located west of U.S. Hwy 83 and the South of Masterson Road, East of Riverside Subdivision, known as Sonat -L.A. Wright No. 7 Well, of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-014.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 6                          Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

- 18. 97-R-015    Authorizing the issuance of a drilling permit to drill and operate a gas extraction well on a 2.75 acre tract out of Porcion 36, Abstract 473, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located west of U.S. Hwy 83 and the South Laredo Sewer Treatment Plant, known as Sonat - L.A. Wright No. 14 Well, of the City of Laredo; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-015.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 6                          Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

- 19. 97-R-016 Supporting the re-establishment of an Elks Lodge in Laredo, Texas.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-016.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**VIII. MOTIONS**

- 20. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to solicit request for proposals from qualified environmental contractors for the removal of underground storage tanks from the City of Laredo Airport Fuel Farm.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
 Second: Cm. Perez  
 For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0  
 Cw. Moreno was temporarily chairing the meeting while Mayor Protem Casso was signing the bond documents.

- 21. Authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) from area Architects/Engineers to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the Azteca Neighborhood Park (Zacate Creek) C.I.P. No. 97-31-006. Funding is available in the Community Development 22nd Action Year -Azteca Park.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado  
 Second: Cm. Perez  
 For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 23. Authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) from area Engineers to include surveys, design and the preparation of plans and specifications for the Juarez-Lincoln Bridge 2 Expansion Joints Replacement Project. Funding is available in the Bridge Fund.

Motion to amend the authorization to include the resurfacing of the two bridges.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
 Second: Cm. Bruni  
 For: 5                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to approve to advertise for Request for Proposals.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 24. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the following:
  - a) annual contract - armored car service, Bridge System, City Hall, Civic Center, Health Department
  - b) security guard services - Bridge System, City Hall, Civic Center, Health Department
 Bids will be received on February 27, 1997 with a tentative bid award for March 17, 1997.

Motion to amend the specifications by including a cost out of security guard services for all four centers.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Motion to approve the bid specifications as amended.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 25. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of police package sedans. The purchase of seventeen vehicles was authorized by City Council on December 15, 1996, however, staff will be requesting bid pricing for the purchase of up to ten additional units. The Police Department anticipates receiving additional trust fund monies and savings in vehicle maintenance which will be used to purchase these additional vehicles. Bids will be received on February 26, 1997 with a tentative bid award for March 3, 1997.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 26. Authorizing the Interim City Manager to solicit bids for the purchase and installation of the passenger loading bridges to the new airport passenger terminal.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0



- 27. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Pace Street Drainage Extension and the Ligarde/Barrios Drainage Project with tentative award on March 17, 1997. Funding is available in Drainage Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Against: 0

- 28. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Malinche Avenue Re-alignment Street Improvements from Bartlett/Locust to Frost Street adjacent to J.W. Nixon High School with tentative award on March 17, 1997. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 29. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for Parking Lot Improvements for Three Neighborhood Centers (Cigarroa, Northeast-Hillside and Tarver) once Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Reprogrammed Funds have been cleared (Cigarroa & Tarver). Funds for the Northeast-Hillside Recreation Center are available in the Recreational Center Fund (bond proceeds).

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 30. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Repairs to the Tinaja Creek Concrete Channel Improvements between San Salvador and Pecan Street with tentative award on March 3, 1997. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund - Tinaja Creek Channel Repairs Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 31. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the construction of an 18 Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer Main along Bustamante Street from Meadow Avenue to east San Francisco Avenue at Zacate Creek with a tentative

bid award on March 17, 1997. This project is part of a grant application package submitted to the Economic Development Administration. Funding is available in the Sewer Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of a construction contract in the amount of \$95,000.00, to the Second Lowest Bidder, Paragon Builders, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the construction of a Freight Booth in Lane 6 at the Juarez-Lincoln International Bridge No. 2. Funding is available in the Bridge Fund -Toll Plaza Improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of annual contract to the Low Bidder, Aldo T. Rodriguez DBA Laredo Electric Motor, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$30,000.00, for providing electric motor repair service for the Utilities Department. The bid pricing will be firm during the contract period and all repair work will be secured on an as need basis.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Approval of fund transfers for payment of the utilities portion of the Hilltop Road project, in the amount of \$25,000.00 for water and \$44,000.00 for wastewater, from paving reserves.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award of construction contract to the Low Bidder, Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$226,634.90 for the Paving Improvements on Hilltop Road, approximately 1250 L.F. from Interstate IH-35 to Wagner Court. Funding is available in the Street Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 5   Against: 0                         Abstain: 0

36. Award of contract to Core Laboratories, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$37,350.00 for laboratory analytical services to analyze 50 stormwater samples in compliance with the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permit.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 5   Against: 0                         Abstain: 0

37. Award of a contract to Reed-Stowe of Austin, Texas for the development of an impact fee study. The study which will have a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00, will include a cost of service analysis, the development of impact fees based on a 10-year CIP program, and an implementation and trading methodology.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 5   Against: 0                         Abstain: 0

38. Award of a contract to NRS Engineers, of Harlingen, Texas, for the preparation of a 10-year Capital Improvements Program for water and wastewater. The study, which will provide information for the impact fee study, will cost \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 5   Against: 0                         Abstain: 0

39. Award of contract to Micron Electronics, Inc., Nampa, Idaho, a State of Texas Qualified Information System Vendor, in the amount of \$100,274.00 for the purchase of forty personal computers. Staff is recommending purchasing these computers through the State of Texas - Catalogue Purchase Program. Purchasing micro-computers from State qualified vendors allow the City to tailor the computer to the needs and budgets of the departments.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 5   Against: 0                         Abstain: 0

40. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$1,646.20, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, and an increase to the contract time of 72 working days due to delays beyond the contractor's control, acceptance of the North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Sanitary Sewer Improvements along Del Mar Boulevard (EDA Project No. 08-01-02878) from the sanitary system at Winfield Subdivision to the Webb County Detention Center, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$144,836.13 to Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$1,197,356.63. Funding is available in North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Protem Casso returned to chair the meeting.

41. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$21,648.53 to the architectural/engineering contract with Ashley Humphries & Sanchez Architects for the Father Charles McNaboe Recreational Complex. This increase was not anticipated, however, the approval of a grant from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission augmented the cost of the recreational facility from \$931,000.00 to \$1,223,327.00 to accommodate the Stormwater Pollution Control features in the Ecology Demonstration Showcase. Original A/E fee of \$69,000.00 is increased by \$21,648.53 for a current A/E of \$90,648.53.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Authorizing the Utilities Department to allow the construction of a 12" water line to temporarily serve the future Pan American Trailer Park, in exchange for a letter of credit covering the cost of the trailer park's participation in a future reimbursement contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Approving a request from the Washington Birthday Celebration Association to use airport premises for the purpose of a public display of aircraft and other National Guard resources at no cost to the Washington Birthday Celebration Association. This event will be held on Sunday, February 23, 1997. There will be no charge to the public to attend the event.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Authorizing the award of 1996 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Funds made available by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to: Catholic Social Services of Laredo, Inc. (CSSL) in the amount of \$74,750.00 for the rehabilitation of the Frontera Halfway House to include a study/library center which can also be utilized as additional bed space in times of emergency and the construction of a hallway connecting the cafeteria to the main shelter structure; and to the Laredo Webb County Community Action Agency (CAA) in the amount of \$34,500.00 for the provision of homeless prevention services; and authorizing the execution of any and all documents resulting from such an award.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Authorizing the award of 1993 and 1995 HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set aside funds to: Habitat for Humanity (\$103,800) for the acquisition of 6 lots on which 6 single family housing units for homeownership will be constructed with non HOME funds; Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corporation (\$40,000) for the acquisition of 2 lots within the Azteca Neighborhood on which 2 single family affordable rental units will be constructed with non HOME funds; and Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services (\$112,250) for the provision of downpayment assistance to 36 first time homebuyers.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, gave an overview of the project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Approval of agreement authorizing Narseco Sandoval to act as an agent for the City of Laredo to sell fence spaces at West Martin Field for the purpose of advertising. The agent will be selling the spaces at \$1,200.00 per sign and will be paid a flat fee of \$100.00 per sign sold. The term of the agreement will be for one (1) year.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

47. Establishing the need to widen blocks 1700-2200 of Lafayette St. from 18 feet up to 31 feet of right-of-way, or as may be deemed necessary, including the reconstruction of a 4 feet sidewalk to address safety concerns. In order to carry forth this improvement, staff also seeks authorization to initiate the amendment process necessary to reprogram \$1,000,000.00 in 22nd Action Year Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) previously allocated for the acquisition of land and \$633,886.00 in 19th and 20th Action year CDBG fund balances for the purpose of acquiring necessary right-of-way and relocating affected residents through Phase I of this project. Also requesting City Council authorization to plan opening of bridge on or by February 14, 1997.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
 Second: Cm. Alvarado  
 For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Presentation of the 1995-96 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Baum & Mejia CPA's.

Mr. Clayton Baum, of Baum & Mejia CPA's, introduced Mr. Raul Garza who gave the council an overview of eight reports. He reported that they have gone over these findings and the financial statements in detail with management and the Audit Committee. These eight reports cover three general areas of the city, the financial statements, the Internal Control structure of the city and the compliance with the governing laws and regulations. The report which they have issued is unqualified or in other words "a clean report", which is that they did not find anything wrong with the financial, internal control structure or the compliance of the city that they consider to be material. They did however find some immaterial instances with the aforementioned areas, and they have addressed their recommendations in detail with management and the Audit Committee.

He went over the general purpose financial statements, and focused on the general fund assets and added that on 9/30 the total assets amount to \$18,304,980.00, liabilities amount to \$8,555,874 which resulted in the audited fund balance of \$9,749,106 and comparing that to the estimated fund balance at

9/30/96 which was included in the budget you had expected fund balance of \$9,067,471.00. On the actual balance you came up \$681,635.00 better than anticipated. On 1996/97 period it was estimated a beginning fund balance of \$8,351,898.00 whereas the actual fund balance is \$9,749,106.00 which is approximately \$1.3 million cushion that is not in the budget.

Cw. Moreno stated that the committee met with staff and with representatives from the company, the meeting was very informative, beneficial and they were very satisfied with all the information they got.

Motion to accept the report as presented by Mr. Raul Garza.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

49. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss land acquisitions in conjunction with the siting of fire stations in both north and south Laredo.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss land acquisitions in conjunction with the siting of fire stations in both north and south Laredo.

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

Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

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

## **X. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Presentation by Andrew Neblett, Director of the Office of Pollution Prevention and Recycling and Helen Lowman, Clean Cities 2000 Coordinator of a membership certificate to the Mayor and City Council and a city limit sign with the "Clean Cities 2000 Member" logo.

Ms. Helen Lowman of the Clean Cities 2000 Coordinator made the presentation to the council and presented the Mayor Protem with the logo sign.

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

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

**A. Requests by Councilmember Cecilia May Moreno**

1. Approval of my nominee, Nick Villarreal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion to approve nominee, Nick Villarreal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**B. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra**

1. Approval of my nominees, Mark Pease and Antonio Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Beautification Committee respectively.

Motion to approve nominees, Mark Pease and Antonio Hernandez to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Beautification Committee.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

51. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 Annual Budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the General Fund by \$4,004.00, resulting from redirected funds from the Texas Historical Commission's Certified Local Government Program, and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said budget.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 annual budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the General Fund by \$4,004.00 and authorizing the Interim City Manager to implement said budget, providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

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: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

**XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION**

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

52. Approval of bid specification and authorization to advertise for bids for the following: security guard services - Tomas Flores Apartment Complex.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XIV. 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: Cw. Moreno  
 For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Award of contract to Micron Electronics Inc., Nampa, Idaho, a State of Texas Qualified Information System Vendor, in the amount of \$23,384.00, for the purchase of eight personal computers. Staff is recommending purchasing these computers through the State of Texas - Catalogue Purchase Program.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.


Time of adjournment: 8:43 p.m.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 18 ARE TRUE COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDING OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1997. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

  
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GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.  
CITY SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON: February 18, 1997