

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M97-R-17

MAY 19, 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, " , DISTRICT V

JOE A. GUERRA, " , DISTRICT VI

MARIO GEORGE ALVARADO, " , DISTRICT VII

CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO " , DISTRICT VIII

GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY

FLORENCIO PENA, CITY MANAGER

JAIME L. FLORES, CITY ATTORNEY

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. City Council Meeting of April 21, 1997
- City Council Meeting of April 28, 1997
- City Council Meeting of May 5, 1997

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and move up items XI-A(1), #43, #47 and #10.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to Mr. Gilbert Narvaez and wife Diana G. Narvaez for the sale at fair market value of "The Surface Only" of certain property described as being a tract of land containing 0.17715 of an acre (7,716.73 square feet) more or less, being out of the southerly 138.89' x 55.56' of Lot 4-A, Block 1980 formerly known as the south half section of the 2000 block of S. Smith Avenue between Chestnut and Vicente Streets situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Closing as a public easement those sections of:
 - A. South Buena Vista between Chacota and Tinaja Streets, also known as the 2600 block of South Buena Vista Avenue;
 - B. Chacota Street between South Buena Vista and Tapeyste Avenues, also; known as the 1800 block of Chacota Street, situated in the Eastern Division, and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to a 0.2237 acre tract of land and a 0.2372 acre tract of land to Gateway Centennial Development Co. Inc., and Northtown Development Co. Inc., in accordance with the terms of the agreement approved by Resolution No. 91-R-067 dated August 14, 1991. Said properties were to be reconveyed to the grantors in the event that the City of Laredo was unable to meet the mutually agreed-upon deadline date for acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for the project. Said tracts being situated in The Don Rey of Texas Subdivision, Webb County, Texas, and being more particularly described "Exhibits A & B", and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey the "Surface Only" of an approximately 0.556 acre tract of land, (approximately 24,224 square feet) out of a 1.0 acre tract of land out of Block 1, Don Rey of Texas, Inc., Subdivision, as per plat recorded in Volume 5, page 82 of the plat records of Webb County, Texas, with improvements located at 202 West Del Mar Boulevard (formerly the Dairy Queen Restaurant), to Gateway Centennial Development Company, Inc., and Northtown Development Company, Inc., as described in "Exhibits A" and providing for an effective date. A total of four proposals were received for this purchase. Said property being sold to the highest bidder as accepted by the Laredo City Council pursuant to public sale of the property on May 19, 1997. **(Note: Action must first be taken on Item # 14 prior to the initiation of action on this item.)**

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #97-O-106 and #97-O-107.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 7. 97-O-106 Ordinance amending Section 2-17 of Article II, Chapter 2 of the code of ordinances to create a utilities billing division in the Utilities Department, and to create a Tax Assessing and Collection Division in the Tax Department. This amendment will restructure the Tax and Utilities Departments by moving the utilities billing function to the Utilities department. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-106.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 8. 97-O-107 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with United Exports Trading Association

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for professional services to: 1) Perform drug and alcohol testing for City of Laredo employees; and 2) Provide services for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. Authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) for consulting services to design and prepare plans and specifications for Roof Repairs for the Center for the Arts Building.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. Approval of bid specification and authorization to advertise for bids for the following:
- a) blue recycling bags - Public Works Department
 - b) chemicals, annual contract - Utilities Department
 - c) office supplies, four month contract
 - d) granular activated carton - Utilities Department
 - e) relocation contract -Public Library
 - f) computer equipment - Health Department

A tentative bid award for blue recycling bags (Public Works Department), office supplies, granular activated carbon (Utilities Department), and computer equipment (Health Department) is scheduled for June 16, 1997. A tentative bid award for chemicals, annual contract (Utilities Department) and relocation contract (Public Library) is scheduled for July 7, 1997.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 19. Approval of construction plans and concurrence with Webb County to advertise for bids for the Wormser Road Realignment Project which will extend Southgate Boulevard from Columbia Drive to Wormser Road which is being constructed through a joint effort between the City of Laredo and Webb County. The City's share is approximately \$64,212.12 for the construction cost of the section of the road that lies between Columbia Drive and the East City's Limits (approximately 572 feet). Webb County contracted Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation, Houston, Texas, to design and prepare plans and specifications. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 20. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the paving of International Boulevard from Salinas Key Subdivision, approximately 1,800 L.F. Tentative award is scheduled for July 7, 1997. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. ' Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 21. Refund of property taxes in various amounts to the following individuals or companies:
 - a. International Bank of Commerce in the amount of \$1,071.76, as a result of a payment in error,
 - b. International Bank of Commerce in the amount of \$907.88, as a result of a double payment,
 - c. Countrywide in the amount of \$1,420.00, as a result of an overpayment, and
 - d. First Nationwide Mortgage in the amount of \$2,982.13 as a result of an overpayment.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 22. Award of a construction contract to the **LOWEST BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS**, Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in

the amount of \$313,682.32, for the City of Laredo and Laredo Independent School District (LISD) Sidewalk Program (13 Schools) for Buenos Aires Elementary, Ochoa/Sanchez Elementary, J.C. Martin Elementary, D.D. Hachar Elementary, Kawas Elementary, Ligarde Elementary, Daiches Elementary, Zachary Elementary, Cigarroa Middle, Memorial Middle, Lamar Middle, Cigarroa High and Nixon High Schools. The City of Laredo will pay 50% of the costs as will the Laredo Independent School District. A total of five bids were received for this work. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund/School Sidewalks and in the Community Development. Construction time is 90 working days. This item was tabled at the May 5, 1997, City Council Meeting pending a City Attorney opinion on the matter.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported to council that Berlanga Construction was the lowest bidder after arithmetic corrections were made but they did not sign the bid proposal. Paragon Builders were third after arithmetic corrections and thus they were recommending Pete Gallegos as the lowest qualified bidder for this project.

Cm. Bruni wanted a school list as per their construction schedule to which Mr. Rivera replied that all sidewalks will be completed within 90 days.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of a contract to the Sole Bidder, Records Consultants, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$18,400.00, to conduct a physical records inventory for ten city departments. Funding is available in the City Secretary's budget, account number 101-1700-513-55-00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Award of a contract to the LOW BIDDER, Library Interiors, Inc., Bastrop, Texas in the amount of \$474,925.55 for Library furniture and shelving for the New Main Library. Furnishings include 20,826 linear feet of shelving capable of housing

approximately 400,000 volumes; and will seat 850 persons. Funding is available in New Main Library account made possible through the sale of \$1.5 million in C.O.'s in January. A total of six bids were received for this contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Award of contract to SOLE BIDDER, Ameritech (Dynix), Chicago, Illinois for a system network, hardware and software which will integrate functions for the New Main Library in the amount of \$462,318.00. Funding is available in the New Main Library account made possible through the sale of \$1.5 million in C.O.'s in January.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of contract to LOW BIDDER, Dell Computers, Austin, Texas, for 113 personal computers in the amount of \$277,641.00. These computers will be networked to access the online card catalog, the Internet, CD-Rom and Video Servers etc. for the New Main Library. Funding is available in the New Main Library account made possible through the sale of \$1.5 million in C.O.'s in January. A total of nine bids were received for this contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of annual supply contracts to the LOW BIDDERS, Industrial International, Inc., San Antonio, Texas (\$137,498.35), and U.S. Filter Distribution Group, Laredo, Texas (\$130,534.37), for the purchase of water works materials on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects by the Utilities Department. The bid pricing is approximately 17% less than the previous contract period. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget. A total of four bids were received for this purchase.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of six month supply contracts to the LOW BIDDERS, A to Z Tire & Battery, Laredo, Texas (\$40,998.36), Goodyear Auto Store, Laredo, Texas (\$30,229.14), ThreadCo, Laredo, Texas (\$18,765.84), and STR Tire Company, Laredo, Texas (\$2,040.77) to supply tires and tubes on an as needed basis for all City vehicles. The bid pricing is approximately 2% higher than the previous contract period. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance fund. A total of four bids were received for this purchase.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award of a construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER, Don Krueger Construction Company, Victoria, Texas, in the amount of \$2,097,481.75 for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal and Related Airside/Landside Improvements Phase "C" (Landside and Landscape) which will enable the opening of the new airport passenger terminal during the next five to six months. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund. The Federal Aviation Administration is funding approximately 90 percent of the cost. Contract time is 180 working days. A total of three bids were received for this contract.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award of a construction contract to the Low Bidder, McLean Construction Company, Inc., Killeen, Texas, in the amount of \$485,726.05 for the Montgomery/India Drainage Improvements. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. Contract time is 175 working days. A total of three bids were received for this contract.

Cm. Bruni wanted to know why the deduct alternates 1 and 2 were not done, specifically the drainage at Ash/Ejido and the storm

drainage improvements at New York and Travis.

Mr. Rogelio Rivera stated they are doing the alternatives, the \$485,726. is for the base bid which is the complete package which includes the upstream and downstream of the main project which is to enhance the drainage system.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 31. Award of a construction contract to the **SOLE BIDDER,** Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas, in the amount of \$908,136.00 for the San Salvador/Pine/Chestnut Drainage Improvements. Funding is available from Community Development Department monies. Contract time is 130 working days.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Guerra

Motion to reconsider the item, rescind the prior action and to table subject to an easement clearance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 32. Acceptance of the Drainage System for the South Side of Del Mar Boulevard from San Dario Avenue to Springfield Avenue Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$4,504.70 to McLean Construction Company, Killeen, Texas. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. The contract was completed within the 60 working days allowed by the contract.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 33. Approval of change order no. 1, a decrease of \$3,416.00, for balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of Re-roofing Airport Building No. 1005, (approximately 25,240.00 square feet), and approval of final payment in the

amount of \$8,958.40 to American Contracting Corporation, Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the Airport Fund. Project was completed within the allotted contract time.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Award of a professional services contract to Frank Architects, Inc. Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$13,500.00 to provide surveys, design and the preparation of plans and specifications for the Azteca Neighborhood Park at Zacate Creek. A total of seven (7) Request for Proposals. Funding is available in the Community Development 22nd Action Year Azteca Park.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Award of a professional services contract to Danny R. Anderson Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas to provide Laboratory, Sampling and Testing Services of materials for quality control for an amount not to exceed \$34,030.00 for the 18 Inch Diameter Sanitary Sewer Main along Bustamante Street from Meadow Avenue to East San Francisco Avenue at Zacate Creek, part of an EDA Grant. A total of five proposals were received for this project. Funding is available in EDA Airport/Medical Park.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Awarding a professional service contract between the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (L.U.T.S.) (MPO-PL112 Funds) and Science Applications International Corporation for professional services in the development of a Computer Simulation Model for a State-of-the-art International Port of Entry by and through the City Manager of Laredo, in the aggregate amount of \$39,957.00. The computer simulation model will be used to verify design decisions and investigate operational alternatives that effect vehicle flows and cargo processing

activities in a state of the art U.S.-Mexican border crossing facility. The L.U.T.S. received only one proposal which was evaluated by a committee which included City, TxDOT, U.S. Customs, U.S.D.A., F.D.A., DOT, and L.T.A. representatives. The project must be complete by August 31, 1997.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. Award of a professional services contract between the City of Laredo, a Texas Municipal Corporation and Armando Hinojosa, Artist for professional services in the development and creation of a life sized bronze sculpture depicting a "CAMPFIRE SCENE," being comprised of a (1) South Texas Cowboy, (2) Mexican Charro, (3) two Quarter Horses with saddle and gear, and (4) campfire ornaments for placement at the Laredo International Airport Terminal in a total contract amount of \$200,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract. Funding is available in the City's General Fund Reserve Appropriation for Capital Improvements Account recently created by City Council (\$288,000.00).

Motion to **approve**.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

38. Award of annual concession services contracts to Ruben Castillo, Laredo, Texas for the exclusive right to sell food items at the Benavides Softball Park complex and Chez Mauricette, Laredo, Texas, for the exclusive rights to sell food items at the Civic Center pool. The successful vendors will be allowed to sell food, drinks (non-alcoholic), and miscellaneous items at the respective concession stands.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the rules of order and consider item 42 at this time.

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

Against: 0

Against: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

39. Presentation regarding the status of the City's Truck Parking Ordinance.

Richard Perez, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that staff is looking at ways of enforcing this ordinance. Their main goal is to bring all trucking element issues into one ordinance to minimize the rules for trucking. They will bring a draft report in about 30 days for council consideration.

Florencio Peña, City Manager, stated that staff will review the draft ordinance with the Laredo Transportation Association, hold public hearings and bring back a draft report.

40. Presentation and possible action regarding the establishment of a City tree management program whose guidelines would enable the City to qualify as a "Tree City USA".

Joe Garza, Parks & Recreation Director, reported that they have done the research and what is needed is to establish a comprehensive tree management plan in order to take a more systematic approach to plant trees which would include the following:

- * utilization of tree fund monies to plant trees in various subdivisions as per the agreements with the individual developers;
- * identification of areas throughout the city which lack trees and implementation of a plan to plant trees in the areas;
- * identification of trees which may be diseased and implementation of a plan to remove and replace these trees;
- * a tree pruning program; and
- * possible establishment and management of a tree farm.

Garza stated that in order to attain the Tree City USA designation, staff is recommending that the following take place:

- 1 - City Council authorize the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to act in an advisory capacity to the Parks & Recreation Dept. to provide direction and guidance for the establishment and implementation of a tree management program. The establishment of this body will meet Tree City USA guideline #1 which calls for the establishment of a tree board or department.

- 2 - City Council direct the committee to review and recommend any changes to the current tree ordinance to insure that it meets Tree City guideline #2. The guidelines call for the ordinance to provide for clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees from streets, parks and other public places.
- 3 - Staff work on establishing a plan of action or programs whose goal is to plant trees in various subdivisions as per the numerous agreements with developers (approx. \$100,000 in the "tree fund"). In addition, staff will work on establishing a budget which outlines how much of our current parks division operations are dedicated to the tree maintenance. Accomplishing this will help meet Tree City USA guidelines #3 which calls for the establishment of a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.
- 4 - Tree City USA guideline #4 calls for an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Cm. Casso suggested that a separate tree board be created rather than the existing body.

Mayor Ramirez suggested to go ahead and follow the suggestion presented by Cm. Casso and getting the two boards together by getting the active members incorporated with eight other community interested persons at **large** such as master gardeners and others who would like to get involved.

Motion to direct staff to carry out the 4 objectives plan.

Moved : Cm. Casso

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Attorney-Client Retainer Agreements with the Law Firm of Denton, McKamie, and Navarro, a Professional Corporation, for legal services including advice and representation by attorney in the following cases pending in the courts of Texas:
 1. Jacaman Investment Group, Ltd., John S. Jacaman Cattle Co, Ltd., John Jacaman and Laura Jacaman Sanchez vs. The City of Laredo, Cause No. C-95-00259-D2, in the 111th Judicial District; to date the City has paid \$8,537.00, with an outstanding balance of \$6,548.05, and
 2. City of Laredo vs. Jacaman Investment Group, Ltd., et al Cause No. E-96-0002-C1, to date the City has paid \$13,718.20.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 42. Presentation and possible action regarding a HazMat ordinance as prepared by the Citizens Ad Hoc HazMat Committee.

Maria Eugenia Guerra, Chairperson of the Citizens HazMat Committee, introduced Ms. Monika Schurtman professor of Law at St. Mary's University and Philip Doyle a law student at St. Mary's University who helped draft the ordinance. Mr. Doyle stated that they worked under the confines of state and federal laws and explained how the ordinance is structured. Ms. Guerra explained that the draft ordinance is finished for council consideration and a draft copy is available in the agenda book for public review.

Cm. Casso requested that staff include the financial impact prior to going into the budget hearings.

Motion to proceed to place the ordinance for introduction and to hold a public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 43. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem as per Ordinance No. 90-O-101 which states that at the second meeting of the month of May or at the first meeting after all councilmembers are elected and qualified, City Council shall confirm one of the Councilmembers who shall be known and designated as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion appointing Cm. Jose R. Perez, Jr. as Mayor Pro-tem as per Ordinance No. 90-O-101.

Moved : Cm. Valdez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For : 5

Against: 4 Abstain: 0

Cm. Perez Cm. Bruni
Cw. Moreno Cm. Casso
Cm. Valdez Cm. Guerra
Cw. Montalvo Cm. Alvarado

Mayor Ramirez voted in favor to break the tie.

44. Report regarding funding for the Santa Maria Avenue Drainage Improvements Project. Funding for this project is available from several sources: Drainage Fund \$1,551,705.00; additional funding from Community Development Fund (CDBG) \$225,172.00; and the Zacate Creek Upper Reach (Drainage Fund) Project savings of \$216,599.00.

Motion to approve the funding with an amendment to instruct staff to proceed to acquire the right-of-ways needed to widen the road.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

45. Requesting City Council concurrence regarding the 1) removal of the railroad tie median located on Del Mar Boulevard from the Mary Help of Christian School to Broadcrest Avenue, and 2) the complete reconstruction of San Lorenzo Road.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Requesting City Council concurrence on setting the date of May 28, 1997, for a City Council Workshop regarding the City's COPS Program, and reminding the City Council that the next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 1997, as a result of the Memorial Day holiday.

Motion to set the date of May 29th at the Police Station.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Authorization from the City Council to cancel the third City Council Meeting for the month of June (June 23, 1997) and July (July 28, 1997) as a result of scheduling conflicts with various City Councilmembers. The City Council, in previous years, has taken a similar action in order to have maximum City Council attendance. Staff will move all planning and zoning items to the second meeting of each month in order to insure that P & Z items are acted upon in a timely fashion.

Motion to proceed.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Cm. Casso congratulated City Manager Peña on his newborn.

Mayor Ramirez announced a proclamation and ceremony on a unique book of Los Dos Laredos Tecolotes on international sports written by Alan Klin entitled "Baseball on the Border". He read the proclamation and recognized Mr. Klin who will be at Book Mark Store at 6:00 p.m. to autograph his book.

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item 48(D)(2).

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Casso

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

A. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Presentation by Mr. David Cape, Land Manager of Sonat Exploration with possible action.

Mr. Cape from Sonat stated that Sonat Exploration wanted to express their appreciation to the city by contributing 25% of the low bid amount for the sidewalk construction for B.P. Newman Elementary School. Mr. Cape gave the Mayor a check in the amount of \$15,712.50, the Mayor in turn handed the check over to the City Manager.

2. Discussion and possible action on the street recycling at the 1300 and 1400 block of Hibiscus and 1400 block of Wildrose.

Cm. Bruni stated that there were \$200,000 left over from the Montgomery/India Drainage Project which was budgeted at \$650,000 and the bid came in at \$450,000 (the actual bid amount was \$485,726.05 as approved in item #30 of this agenda). He was asking to use this excess money towards the recycling of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of Hibiscus and the 1400 block of Wildrose.

Motion to use the excess money from the Montgomery/India Drainage Project to recycle these 3 blocks.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Casso

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present.)

3. Status report on the intersection of Hwy 59 and Ejido with possible action.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that a cost of about \$30,000 is needed to improve the drainage and do repair work. They have drawn the plans as per council directive and have submitted for a permit with TxDOT.

Motion to use excess money from the Montgomery/India Project savings for the drainage problem at Ejido.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Status report on the paving of the TexMex Right-of-Way at the intersection of Guadalupe and Arkansas.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that he met with the railroad people and that they are in agreement with the south side of the intersection, but are not in agreement on the north side due to safety reasons. He is now proceeding to formalize the surveys in order to complete the project.

Cm. Bruni would like a timeline on the survey work and cost from staff.

5. Status report on the Chacon Creek interceptor with possible action.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, stated that this project

was originally scheduled to have various phases of the design and right-of-way acquisition completed this year. The design is complete and are proceeding with right-of-way acquisitions. They have estimates that they can finish it in September, they had originally estimated that they would finish it in October. The project will be complete by December or January of next year and having that they will reach the critical junction of this project (the portion that will receive the water that comes from areas of Larga Vista and 359), they will then be reaching that intersection on January of 1999. They will then complete the project as they had originally planned it, at Hwy 59 and then Inner Loop in September of 1999 (nine months later). They have a different scope in line for this so they can reach the north part of the East corridor on the Inner Loop and serve the area north of Casa Blanca Lake. They will be coming back to council with a recommendation for budget and issuance of bonds which they are considering.

Cm. Bruni asked that this project be expedited during the budget hearings and be placed on a fast track.

6. Status report on the number of citations issued to tractor trailers being cited off the truck route on Arkansas and Clark Boulevard, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni said that there will be an increased amount of 18-wheelers trying to take a short cut going from Bob Bullock to Clark Boulevard and wants to see if they can get a special unit out at Clark and Arkansas stopping and citing the individuals that are not on the truck route.

Interim Police Chief Agustin Dovalina stated that from June to March 1997 they had a total of 402 overall traffic violation citations, 29 of these were issued around the area of Arkansas and Clark. For 1996 there were a total of 1,101 traffic violations overall most of these were concentrated on the west side of the city towards the Mines Road and the areas close to downtown.

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

1. Discussion regarding the status of the city's investigation of the Police Department violating the wrecker service ordinance.

Cm. Casso said he sent Mr. Peña a letter and inquired as to when will he get a response letter from Mr. Peña. On the letter he was requesting an investigation on the Nuevo Laredo return of stolen vehicles.

Florencio Peña, City Manager, stated that Cm. Casso had requested an investigation be done regarding the usage of Orozco Wrecking Company as part of bringing back 29 stolen vehicles from Nuevo Laredo. He said that they will get a report by May 27th and added that the Police Internal Affairs in addition with the Risk Manager who will be working along with the Police Department conducting an investigation on the matter.

Mr. Sergio Mora, owner of Gruas Mora in Nuevo Laredo, appeared before the council and stated that the return of the stolen vehicles was coordinated with Commandante Muniz. They made the arrangement with Laredo Orozco Towing Service for the return of these vehicles. He didn't think this would create a scandal which named Commandante Muniz and Police Officer Alardin. He was before council to clarify the situation and added that the intent was to deliver the vehicles to Laredo, Texas. He expressed that they were upset to the fact that there were newspapers publications made involving Mr. Alardin, Comandante Muniz and himself because they had done this in good faith and with a good intention. He clarified that at no time was Mr. Alardin, Comandante Muniz nor himself involved in partition of monies at any time.

Mayor Ramirez thanked them for the returning of these vehicles and added that there has never been a transaction such as this. He said that the ordinance as it stands now is only for vehicles that are being picked up daily in Laredo. The ordinance the was written only specifies towing services within city initiated towing and not for foreign initiated towing services. He apologized for any inconvenience caused by us or any body else as a result of the procedures taken.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the reconstruction of Meadow Street and the Chacon Bridge.

Cm. Casso wanted to know where to get monies to finalize its construction and also for the bridge over the Tex-Mex railroad track and the bridge over Chacon Creek.

Florencio Peña, City Manager, stated that the redoing of the bridge is in TxDOT's program for 1998. He added that the reconstruction of Meadow is included in Project 59.

Mayor Ramirez asked if the Chacon Creek is also included to be widen and not only reconstructed by the state?

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, explained that he spoke to TxDot staff and they said the bridge is going to be widened and reconstructed. They are doing the street up to the bridge with Project 59, and TxDot will have to do that with the width of the street plus they have to allow for sidewalks. He explained that TxDot is also going to do the Tex-Mex bridge which is scheduled for 1999. He added that Meadow is included in Project 59, it is an ongoing project, they are working on the utilities removing the poles are relocating them, then they will have Entex go in, then the contractor by the end of the month.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Tree City USA.

This item was discussed in item #40.

C. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Update on the speed hump study and directing staff to develop a pilot program in order to test the feasibility of using speed humps as a deterrent to speeding.

Mr. Roberto Murillo provided a survey done in 1996 by members of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) of which he is a member. He said the survey not only talks about speed bumps but other traffic calming devices presently being utilized. He stated there have been many complaints about speeding, and very few methods to address them other than citing them or having **speed** limit signage and they have little effect because it requires a lot of enforcement and it is difficult because there is not enough manpower to enforce. The topic of speed bumps was discussed in great detail since more cities are now implementing them mainly due to its low cost and measured effectiveness compared to the other types of traffic calming devices. He explained the difference between speed "humps" and speed "bumps" and pointed some recommended ITE guidelines in the installation of speed bumps as follows:

1. A traffic engineering study should precede any installation with consideration to alternative traffic control measures.
2. Speed humps should only be installed on two-lane residential streets with volume greater than 500 vpd but less than 3000 vpd and functionally classified as "local streets. Posted or prima facie speed should be 30 mph or less, and street width should be less than 40 feet. Higher traffic volumes have been considered in some cities but

require special evaluation and justification before approval. An 85th percentile speed of at least 35mph should also be considered as a minimum requirement for speed hump consideration

3. Hump location should be closely coordinated with street geometry and grades.
4. They should not be installed on streets with significant amounts of emergency vehicles, transit or long wheeled vehicles. Special consideration should be given to motorcycles, bicycles, and other types of special vehicles that may use the streets. Speed humps impacts on these individual vehicle types should be considered in the decision to install humps and ultimately considered in their design and location.
5. Support from a documented majority of affected residents should be obtained before any installation.

As recommended by ITE guidelines above, speed bumps should only be installed on those roadway facilities functionally classified as "local" streets which generally permit direct access to abutting lands, connect to higher classification streets, and offer low mobility. In addition, these "local" streets should be residential in nature.

Several requests have been made to address speeding concerns on streets for which speed bumps are not recommended. These include those streets with road classification higher than a local street and/or those which carry significant amounts of traffic. Regular police enforcement or other methods will need to be developed to address speeding concerns in these areas. It is important to note that no speed humps has been developed to address speeding concerns for use on streets with speed limits higher than 30 mph for those street which classification is other than a "local" street. These higher classification streets are for the purpose of moving traffic and therefore the installation of speed hump on these roads would seriously disrupt the intended use of the street. Also, speed humps on these roads can pose an increased liability potential for the city.

Some of the main advantages of speed humps, as has been experienced by cities already utilizing them, as follows:

- (1) where designed and installed with proper planning and review, speed bumps have been found to be effective at

- reducing vehicle speeds without creating accidents or increasing accident rates, thereby improving the inherent safety of the particular street or residential area,
- (2) traffic speeds are decreased at the humps and at locations between properly spaced successive humps. Speeds of the fastest drivers are affected as well as those of average drivers. Speed reductions of 15-25 MPH at the hump and 25 to 30 MPH between adequately spaced humps have been recorded, and
 - (3) the majority of local street residents normally support speed hump installations and endorse their continued use.

There are several advantages in the use of speed humps on public streets but there are also some concerns some of which include:

- (a) the potential liability of the City,
- (b) the potential for complaints of noise by immediately adjacent residents,
- (c) emergency vehicles may experience delays,
- (d) the potential hazards that such pavement modifications may create for children on bicycles and roller blades,
- (e) the potential cost of a program if applied and paid entirely by the City.

Instructions were given to staff to bring back this item with recommendations, criteria, and costs on the following streets: Fenwick, McPherson Road, Shiloh Blvd., Taylor, Colorado, Kentucky, the areas around Alma Pierce and Tomas Sanchez, Bristol Road, and Rancho Viejo.

D. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra

1. Request for information concerning the upcoming appointment of the Chief of Police with possible action.

Cm. Guerra stated that the City has been without a Police Chief for almost a year, perhaps the City Attorney can enlighten as to the possible adverse legal ramifications and/or repercussions if any, the City may face for having this position unfilled by permanent appointee for that length of time.

On April 21st this Council instructed the City Manager to be prepared to make his recommendation for Chief of Police during the meeting of April 28, 1997. On April 28, 1997 before the

City Manager was able to comply with council instructions, the corresponding agenda item was tabled on a motion by Cm. Perez and a second by Cw. Moreno. Councilmembers Bruni, Casso and himself tried to open the matter for discussion only to be out voted by Councilmembers Perez, Moreno, Valdez, and Montalvo. Cm. Perez was later quoted by the media as saying that this Council needed more time to consider the matter. He added that the Texas Local Government Code and the City Charter both state that the Chief of Police must be appointed by the City Manager and that choice must be confirmed by the City Council. They may openly discuss their views and opinions on this matter, but they are prohibited from unduly influencing his decision. Mr. Peña has already indicated that he is ready to make his recommendation and he made this choice known and it is up to Council to either confirm or reject that choice. He added that if council accepts this choice its fine, if they don't then Mr. Peña needs to know so that he may begin to seek other qualified applicants immediately. Whatever happens, they cannot afford to wait any longer, they must get on with their duty to administer to needs of the city. His question is what is there to consider and why is more time needed?

Cm. Perez stated that his previous motion stands as approved.

Cw. Montalvo went on record wanting something in writing from the Legal Department on the question whether Cm. Alvarado has a conflict of interest if he were to vote on Mr. Laurel since Mr. Laurel is the Chairperson for SCAN and Cm. Alvarado is an employee of SCAN and Cw. Guerra is a second cousin to Mr. E. J. Laurel.

Cm. Guerra requested thas item be brought back to council for consideration after written opinions on Cw. Montalvo's questions and after the wrecker service investigation report is complete and given to council.

Mayor Ramirez asked that council consider leaving this item tabled as it stands and when the City Manager is prepared to bring back the report plus the other questions that have been brought up that at that time a date can be set for consideration.

2. Presentation by Renato Zapata, Jr. regarding a traffic violation on F.M. 1472 (Mines Road) with possible action.

Mr. Zapata stated that one of his shipments was ticketed twice by the Police Department on a shipment being sent to be weighted for a permit which was over 80,000 pounds and which

was trucked back by Orozco Wrecker Service at \$150. He asked that if an accident were to occur, who is responsible and how is he going to get the permits in the future?

Florencio Peña, City Manager, replied that he will look at the ordinance. If the ordinance is not specific, then he sees no problem with providing the Bill of Lading for weights, but he will find a way to resolve the issue.

Mayor Ramirez stated that whoever is doing the hauling is responsible for damages.

E. Requests by Councilmember Mario G. Alvarado

1. Presentation by the delegation of Laredoans who attended the President's Summit on America's Future in Philadelphia (April 26-30, 1997).

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Acknowledgment of the Laredo Civic Center, Parks and Recreation Department, and Guerra Communications personnel for their work with this year's Mothers Day Concert.

Cm. Alvarado publicly recognized and congratulated the personnel and departments involved with this year's Mothers Day Concert.

F. Requests by Councilmember Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo

1. Discussion and possible action to maintain branch library services at Bruni Plaza.

Cw. Montalvo stated that she is asking that this be considered for the benefit of the students in the west side of Laredo.

Florencio Peña, City Manager, stated that staff will make a presentation on impact in next year's budget.

Janice Webber, Library Director, identified various alternatives on using the Bruni Branch Library services and added that it will be around December when we will be able to get into the New Main Library.

The proposal for the use of the Bruni Branch Library is as follows:

Operating Plan

Option A: Service 40 hours per week:

Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m...	27 hours
Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.....	8 hours
Saturday 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.....	5 hours
Total	40 hours per week

This schedule will necessitate at least five library service personnel and one custodian.

Option B: Service 20 hours per week:

Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m...	20 hours
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This schedule will require one Librarian I, half-time; two Clerk I's and a custodian half-time.

Part of the Bruni Plaza site, approximately 1/3, would be used for limited library services; a core collection of reference books and access to on-line services with the Main Library; as well as a reading room accommodating approximately 30 people. Initial core reference collection will cost approximately \$80,000. Resources from the Main Library will be accessible to the Bruni Branch Library by fax/modem or daily courier, as is the case with Services provided to the Santo Niño Branch Library. Staffing levels for the proposed Branch should be considered above and beyond staffing needs for the New Library.

Option C: Joint effort with the Boy's & Girl's Club on Moctezuma.

Annual Operating Budget Estimates Summary:

Option A:	\$285,450
Option B:	\$164,340
Option C:	\$164.340

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 49. Public hearing adopting a annual budget for the new fund, Friends of the Library Trust Fund for a donation by the Friends of the Library, Laredo, Texas, Inc. in the amount of

\$125,000.00 to be used for enhancements for the New Main Library.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance adopting a annual budget for the new fund, Friends of the Library Trust Fund for a donation by the Friends of the Library, Laredo, Texas, Inc. in the amount of \$125,000.00 to be used for enhancements for the New Main Library.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

50. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget to increase the revenues by an amount of \$1,890,990.00 received from Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer No. 3-48-0136-19-97 and from an amendment to Grant Offer No. 3-48-0136-18-96 and appropriating \$2,111,101.00 comprising of the \$1,890,990.00 in grants received plus the local match of \$211,111.00 to the Airport Capital Outlay/Improvements other than Buildings account for the purpose of constructing the access road and parking lot to the new airport passenger terminal. The local match to the grants is available in the Airport passenger terminal reserve account line item.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1996-97 Annual Budget to increase the revenues by an amount of \$1,890,990.00 received from Federal Aviation Administration Grant Offer No. 3-48-0136-19-97 and from an amendment to Grant Offer No. 3-48-0136-18-96 and appropriating \$2,111,101.00 comprising of the \$1,890,990.00 in grants received plus the local match of \$211,111.00 to the Airport Capital Outlay/Improvements other than Buildings account for the purpose of constructing the access road and parking lot to the new airport passenger terminal. The local match is available in the Airport new

passenger terminal reserve account line item.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Guerra & Cm. Casso were out temporarily)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Guerra & Cm. Casso were out temporarily)

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 51. Public hearing amending Ordinance No. 94-O-021 to authorize the City Laredo Health Department to increase the fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per person, who is not a Health Department patient, for phlebotomy services at the Laboratory of the Department.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 92-O-021 authorizing the Health Department to increase the fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per person who are not health department patients for phlebotomy services at the Health Department Laboratory; and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 54. Public hearing amending Ordinance No. 90-O-179 to authorize the Health Department to revise the fee schedule for clinical services for the Primary Health Care Services (La Familia) Program and the Adult Health/Chronic Disease Prevention (Buena Vida) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 90-O-179 to revise the fee schedule for clinical services for the primary Health Care Services (La Familia) Program and the Adult Health/Chronic Disease Prevention (Buena Vida) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department, providing for effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Valdez was out temporarily)

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Valdez was out temporarily)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 55. Public hearing to amend the City of Laredo's 1996-97 Annual Budget by increasing the Drainage Fund revenues and expenditures by \$225,172.00 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. The increase of \$225,172.00 in revenues and expenditures in the Drainage Fund is needed to complete

funding for the construction contract of the Santa Maria Avenue Drainage Improvements between Del Mar Boulevard and Markley Lane.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance to amend the City of Laredo's 1996-97 Annual Budget by increasing the Drainage Fund revenues and expenditures by \$225,172.00 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. The increase of \$225,172.00 in revenues and expenditures in the Drainage Fund is needed to complete funding for the construction contract of the Santa Maria Avenue Drainage Improvements between Del Mar Boulevard and Markley Lane.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Valdez was not present.

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Valdez not present.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 55a. Motion to award of a construction contract to the **LOWEST BIDDER,** Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas in the alternate base bid amount of \$1,993,475.00 for the Santa Maria Avenue Drainage Improvements between Del Mar Boulevard and Markley Lane. A total of four bids were received for this contract. Contract time is 180 working days.

Motioapprove.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. 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. Guerra
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

56. Award of contracts to the LOW BIDDER, Southwestern Bell, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$20,576.29, for the purchase of the Laredo Transit System Center's phone system. The equipment includes forty phone sets for all City and Transit System operations.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

57. Award of three year contract to the LOW BIDDER, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, in the estimated amount of \$204,564.63, for providing tires to be used for the Laredo Municipal Transit System's coaches (43) and Para-transit vehicles -"El Lift" (13). The Transit System will be charged monthly on a per-mile, per tire basis for the actual miles operated by each vehicle. The transit industry typically has been leasing tires because it can forego the large investment which purchasing tires constitutes. The bid pricing is approximately 38% less than the previous contract period.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as The Laredo Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

58. Approval of a contract with Interlex for \$22,000.00, to design a meeting planner guide, a general brochure, and a tour operator guide. A total of three proposals were submitted for this work. This contract was recommended for approval by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Advisory Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

59. Approval of a contract with Lammert Publications to produce a Visitors Guide Magazine for the Convention and Visitors Bureau at no cost to the Bureau. Quantity will be 30,000 copies. A total of two proposals were received for this work. This contract was recommended for approval by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Advisory Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

60. Approval of a contract with Vendor, S.A. de C.V, for the rental of 16 billboard to be used for outdoor advertising in Mexico in the amount of \$76,896.00. This contract was recommended for approval by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Advisory Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and reconvene as City Council.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Casso


For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 8:15 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 36 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH DAY OF MAY, 1997. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

Minutes approved on: June 19, 1997