

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M97-R-20

JUNE 16, 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
CONSUELO MONTALVO,	"	DISTRICT VIII
FLORENCIO PENA, III,	CITY MANAGER	
JAIME L. FLORES,	CITY ATTORNEY	

ABSENCES:

MARIO ALVARADO, COUNCILMEMBER, DISTRICT VII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR., CITY SECRETARY

Note: Cm. Alvarado was excuse from today's absence at a previous meeting. (June 2, 1997)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. City Council Meeting of May 19, 1997
 - City Council Meeting of May 27, 1997
 - COPS Workshop May 29, 1997
- Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cw. Moreno was not present.)

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. Appointing the members of the City of Laredo/Webb County Criminal Justice Committee to serve as the Advisory Board for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. This committee consists of representatives from the Laredo Police Department; Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District; the Texas Department of Human Services; the District Attorney's Office; Sheriff's Department; Community Supervision Corrections Department; Juvenile Probation Department; and County Commissioner's Court. The board will make nonbinding recommendations for the proposed use of funds received under this program and there must be at least one public hearing regarding the use of these funds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the following:
 a) safety footwear - all departments
 b) janitorial equipment - Airport Department
 A tentative bid award is scheduled for July 21, 1997.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Approve the bid specifications for the proposed public sale of two approximate 3.0 acres tracts of Airport Fund non-aeronautical use land located at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to solicit bids from the public. The subject property is bounded by Saunders Hwy 59 on the south, Bartlett to the east, San Pedro to the north and the new Mercy Regional Medical Center Hospital to the west. The appraised value of Tract No. 1 is \$1,484,000.00 and \$918,000.00, for Tract No. 2.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. Authorization to advertise for Request for Proposals (RFPs) to provide Professional Engineering and/or Surveying Services for Cells 9 and 10 of the City of Laredo Type I Landfill located on Texas Highway 359 and to include engineering design, preparation of plans and specifications with cost estimates, construction quality assurance, boundary and topographic surveying as required for compliance with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's Subtitle D Requirements of 30 TAC 330 Municipal Solid Waste Regulations.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Authorizing the City Manager to request proposals from financial institutions interested in providing permanent mortgage financing of up to \$40,000.00, per unit to qualifying low income homebuyers for the Los Obispos Affordable Housing Project, Phase I which consists of the construction of 50 single family units.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Pumps Unlimited Inc., Co., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$22,274.00, for the purchase of one submersible sewage pump for the Utilities Department. This replacement pump will be installed at the Zacate Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant's bifilter pump station. Delivery is expected within sixteen weeks. Funding is available in the Utilities Department - Wastewater Treatment Division. A total of 3 bids were received.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Chaparral Ford, Inc., Devine, Texas, in the amount of \$47,811.00, for the purchase of one 1/2 ton extended cab truck (\$23,111.74) for the Public Works Department and one truck (\$24,699.85) for the Risk Management Fund. These vehicles will be equipped with CNG bi-fuel fueling systems. Funding is available in the department's capital outlay budget. Delivery is anticipated within ninety days. A total of 3 bids were received for the 1/2 ton Extended Cab Truck and a total of 3 bids were received for the truck.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Unisource, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$23,500.00, for the purchase of 500,000 plastic bags for use in the City's Recycling Program. The per unit price is the \$0.002/bag less than the previous contract purchase. A total of five bids were received. Funding is available in the Landfill/Recycling Trust Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER MEETING SPECIFICATIONS, Industrial International, Inc., Helotes, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$56,926.00, for the purchase of approximately eighty fire hydrants for use by the Utilities Department in construction and replacement projects. The bid pricing will be fixed for the six month contract period and all hydrants will be purchased on an as need basis. The bid pricing is approximately 8% higher than the previous contract period. Funding is available in the Utilities Department - Water Transmission/Distribution Division Account. A total of 3 bids were received.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Award of contract to Micron Electronics Inc., Namp, Idaho, a State of Texas Qualified Information System Vendor, in the amount of \$43,678.00, for the purchase of twenty four personal computers for the Police Department's Financial Task Force. State grant funding will be used to purchase these computers. This purchase is contingent upon authorization from the HIDTA Director. Staff is recommending purchasing these computers through the State of Texas - Catalogue Purchase Program. Funding is available in the Financial Task Force 1996-1997 Grant - Capital Outlay.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Award of a contract to Danny R. Anderson Consultants, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$45,805.00 to provide Laboratory, Sampling and Testing Services of materials for quality control for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal and Related Airside/Landside Improvements Phase "C" which includes access road, parking lots, concrete drives, brick pavers, sanitary sewer and water system, irrigation, landscaping, and site lighting. Funding is available in Inspection Fees Account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Selection of seven (7) Professional Architectural/Engineering (A/E) contracts and authorization for the City Manager to negotiate professional Architectural/Engineering fees to provide surveying, design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Capital Improvements Projects for the FY 96-97 as follows:
1. Fire Fighting Facility to Mejia Engineering Company. Funding is available in Fire Training Facility Fund Engineering Fees Account.
 2. International Bridge No. 1 Pavement Reconstruction at Approaches, Phase I to Foster Engineering. Funding is available in Bridge Fund Construction Project Import Lot Line Item.
 3. Construction of sidewalks along Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Residential Neighborhood to connect to local schools to G.G. Salinas Engineering Company. Funding is available in Community Development Fund Street Improvements Sidewalk Line Item.
 4. Relocation of utilities and/or adjustments in conjunction with Texas Department of Transportation's proposed widening of U.S. 59 between San Dario and Ejido to Porrás Engineering. Funding is available in Water Fund 94 Construction Bond Utility Relocation TxDOT.
 5. 16-Inch water line on Highway 359 for the anticipation of the New Fire Training Facility and for water services to the colonias to WSBC Civil Engineers. Funding is available in Water Fund 97 Construction Bond Line Extension Fire Training Facility.
 6. Construction of a facility to house the Department of Public Works and other City Departments to Sepulveda & Associates, Inc. Funding is available in the General Fund Building Rehabilitation.
 7. Roof repairs at the Center for the Arts Building to Design Group International. Funding is available in the General Fund Reserve Appropriation Account.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Note: Cm. Guerra voted in favor on all items, except in item 2 where he abstained.)

26. Approval of change order no. 1, an increase of \$10,223.50, to the construction contract with Brothers Paving, Laredo, Texas, for Parking Lot Improvements for Three Neighborhood Centers (Cigarroa, Northeast-Hillside and Tarver) for additional construction work in conjunction with the relocation of the south parking lot of the Tarver Recreational Center to the rear (west side) of the recreational building in order to provide additional green space for recreational use by the City and Laredo Independent School District (LISD). Original contract was for \$100,451.60. This change order will bring the total to \$110,675.10. Funding is available in Recreation Centers - Improvements Other Than Building Account. Change order no. 1 is a 50% - 50% cost sharing project with Laredo Independent School District.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Approval of change order no. 2, a decrease of \$1,782.28, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add 6.5 blocks that were originally recommended for reconstruction and instead were recycled and resurfaced for continuity of construction and to extend their service life five (5) to ten (10) years, for a final total of 144.00 blocks, acceptance of the 1996-1997 Street Recycling Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$39,852.81 to Cutler Repaving, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas. Original contract was for \$257,803.04. This change order will bring the total to \$267,047.84. Funding is available in Capital Improvements Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

28. Status report by the City Council appointed Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee regarding recommendations on how to proceed regarding the development of a strategic economic development plan for the city of Laredo, with possible

action.

Mr. Jerry Schwebel, representing the committee, briefed council and explained that they have gathered and put an enormous amount of information to put together a strategic plan. These members have been working with the City Manager and Richard Perez. They discussed the process and decided that to accomplish this particular mission, it was important to incorporate other key members from throughout the community to assist them in the effort. They invited members from the Laredo Business Council and Mr. Pena appointed those members to include Dennis Nixon, Gary Jacobs, Ben Evert, Larry Norton, Dr. Ramon Dovalina, Dr. Charles Jennett from TAMIU, J.J. Maloy, Frank Leach, Robert Calton, Robert Sepulveda, Miguel Conchas, in addition Webb County will be joining with Mercurio Martinez and Carlos Villarreal.

The process is inclusive, they have begun the process by seeking TAMIU's technology and Economic Development Division, and the assistance of CP&L as they develop the plan. The process will consist of putting together focus groups that will discuss major issues relevant to our efforts to expand jobs, improve quality of life, and plan the economic growth of the City, this is the most important task which will require input from all sectors of the community. They have the tools and the individuals to present to council by fall a set of recommendations that council may consider in the adoption of an effective plan for economic development.

Mayor Ramirez stated that during the budget process we need to look at what kind of commitment we are going to have as a City Council for Economic Development. We need to invest money now, in the range of \$350,000.00 to \$500,000.00 for this coming year to make Economic Development a reality in our city.

Cm. Alvarado wants a big effort placed to improve our work force opportunities.

29. Presentation regarding the Community Oriented Policing Services Program (COPS), with possible action.

Motion to reschedule a workshop Thursday, July 10, 1997 at 5:30 at Council Chambers.

30. Staff report regarding the status of approved and funded traffic signals, and a presentation of the priority of warranted traffic signals which are not funded.

Mr. Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated they had prepared a priority list based on the accidents, school proximity, 24-hour traffic volumes on major street, posted speed limit on major street and classified those. The accidents being the number one criteria to be utilized.

The list is as follows:

<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
1. Canones/U.S. 83	\$55,000.00
2. Loop 20/New York	\$45,000.00
3. Loop 20/University Drive	\$45,000.00
4. Gale/Springfield	\$45,000.00
5. International/Sta. Maria	\$45,000.00
6. Buena Vista/U.S. 59	\$45,000.00

Mayor Ramirez suggested that these be presented during the Capital Improvements Plan for the five year program and at that time that council proceed accordingly.

It was suggested by several Councilmembers the intersections mentioned plus other three be included to the list such as (Masterson/U.S. 83, Del Mar/Loop 20, McPherson/Loop 20) and that a moratorium be declared on these.

Motion to set a moratorium on the traffic listing study presented and to include Del Mar/Loop 20, McPherson/Loop 20 and Masterson/U.S. 83 on this year's CIP.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Report providing a status report on the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Bridge IV).

Note: This item was taken in conjunction with item #37.A(1) and #37.A(2).

32. Declaring the "Surface Only" of a 0.44900 of an acre tract of land, more or less, as surplus property and authorizing City staff to advertise the public sale or exchange of said tract of land out of the Freddie Benavides Recreational Complex, said tract being situated in the Eastern Division and being more particularly described by metes and bounds with possible Executive Session for deliberation regarding real property as authorized by Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Award of bids for sale or for property exchange will be presented for City Council consideration at the meeting of July 21, 1997.

Note: There was no need for executive session on this matter.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Report requesting approval of the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the 23rd Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the 1997 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the 1997 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) for the purpose of identifying them in the 1997 Consolidated Plan. The projects are as follows:

23rd Action Year Community Development Block Grant
(\$4,372,000)

1.	Administration	\$	561,825
2.	House Rehab Admin.	\$	132,276
3.	Housing Rehab Loan Program	\$	350,000
4.	Code Enforcement	\$	254,830
5.	Graffiti Removal Program	\$	34,100
6.	Lafayette Widening Project Phase I .	\$1,600,000	
7.	Gallagher Street Improvements	\$	110,000
8.	Guadalupe Street Improvements. . . .	\$	50,000
9.	Zacate Creek Beautification	\$	300,000
10.	El Portal Riverfront Feasibility Study	\$	23,000
11.	School Approaches Sidewalk Program .	\$	307,296
12.	Paving Project 60 Grants	\$	27,673
*	13. Tinaja/Chacon Creek Pilot Channel Phase I Engineering	\$	35,000
	14. Paving Project 60	\$	400,000
**	15. Downtown Sidewalk Curb Construction	\$	119,000
	16. Paving Project 61 Engineering	\$	40,000
	<u>Park Improvements</u>		
	17. East Martin Field Improvements . . .	\$	3,000
	18. Benavides Softball Complex Irrigation System	\$	10,000
	19. Health Department Toddler Park . . .	\$	6,000
	20. Los Dos Laredo Park Improvements . .	\$	4,000
	21. Zacate Creek Park Soccer Field Improvements	\$	4,000

HOME Investment Partnerships Program 1997 Grant - \$1,192,000

1.	Downpayment Assistance	\$	700,000
2.	New Construction	\$	200,134
3.	Community Housing Development Organizations.	\$	178,800
4.	Administration	\$	113,066 <u>Estimated</u>

HOME Program Income - \$2,000,300

1.	New Construction	\$1,600,300
2.	Substantial Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000
3.	Downpayment Assistance	\$ 300,000

Emergency Shelter Grant - \$115,000

1.	Homeless Prevention	\$	34,500
2.	Shelter Rehabilitation	\$	79,920
3.	Administration	\$	580

* It is important to note that Paving Project 60 is estimated to cost \$912,000.00. Of the 24 blocks scheduled to be

paved, 22 are CDBG eligible. In order to award a contract in Fiscal year 1997-1998, the project may need to be broken down into two phases. Phase II would be programmed for Fiscal Year 1998-1999. A list of streets scheduled for paving is attached.

**Paving Project 61 is estimated to cost \$784,000.00, with an engineering cost of approximately \$78,000.00. Of the 28 blocks scheduled to be paved, 24 are CDBG eligible. Staff propose that \$40,000.00, in CDBG funds and \$40,000.00, in non-CDBG funds be allocated in Fiscal Year 1997-1998 for engineering. Construction of this project would be scheduled for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

Erasmus Villarreal of Community Development reported on the projects and was asking that council concur with the recommendations made so they can proceed to finish the document, incorporate it into the document, then allow a 30-day comment period, a public hearing to be held and then come before council on the first meeting of August for actual adoption of a plan to submit to HUD.

Cm. Perez was concerned with the projects outlined, he said last year there was a project (the diversion of the channel) where staff recommended that this project was no longer needed. He said that when council defers a project there is a reason for deferring, we were going to look at all the enhancements of the area within the past two years. There was much emphasis on these culverts that would take the water from that area, but the fact is that nature is funny, those culverts will be stuck with debris. We know we have crews to take care of them, the city cannot really come up and maintain those culverts, and every time it rains he will get at least a call from the residents fearing the flood areas and for us to take away that project is like taking away their security. He was asking that we need the plan and offer some kind of relief for these residents.

Mayor Ramirez stated that in substitution of the project mentioned, they have Tinaja/Chacon Creek Pilot Channel. He questioned, why only Phase I Engineering for \$35,000.00 when we are estimating it is a \$350,000.00 project? Why are we not funding it this year to get it done this year to provide relief? He also questioned if staff is sure that on item #6 we are going to be committed to \$1.6 million this fiscal year for the widening of Lafayette? Are we going to expand that money next year, the \$1.6 million? He added that the relief needs to be provided this year.

Cm. Perez stated his project was fully funded last year.

Mayor Ramirez stated that what Mr. Villarreal is saying is that the most practical solution is item #13 and that council should consider funding it fully.

Cw. Moreno said she thinks that they should divide the widening project into a two year program.

Motion to divide the widening project into a two year program (item #6, the Lafayette Widening Project).

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno stated that in reference to the sidewalks projects some district have certain needs, but these money is generated by everybody and everybody has the same needs.

Mayor Ramirez said two things need to be done, that whole blocks be done especially within the CD areas to start getting sidewalks around the houses, and that mailboxes be included in the sidewalk program.

Cm. Bruni expressed that District II has only a small area of CDGB and was concern that there has been no monies spent in that area, that finally District II is getting \$50,000.00 to fix the right-of-way of Tex-Mex and pave it. His concern was that his district does not get any money.

Cm. Casso was concerned with the \$1.6 million funds that will be allocated for the Lafayette widening and expressed that his district needs sidewalks.

Mayor Ramirez suggested that staff start pulling out all the blocks with the mapping system that don't have sidewalks, start looking at them as whole blocks, start paving them, and start with districts that are contiguous so that way we start at the borders/boundaries of the districts and work inwards to put the sidewalks so that both districts start to get the impact initially and then develop them.

Cm. Bruni stated he did not receive information he requested as to the breakdown by districts of money spent in each district in streets and projects.

Mr. Villarreal stated he broke it down by projects in the last five years, he had the totals and a report was given and presented to Council.

Motion that the money that has been freed be allocated so that we fund the Tinaja Creek Project Phase I and that the additional money be divided for sidewalks in District II, III, and IV.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Villarreal concluded by saying he will put these recommendations into place and finish the plan, put the plan for comment for 30 days and come back to council for public hearing on all the changes on the second meeting of July and come back in August for final adoption.

34. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a date of Saturday, July 26, 1997, from 9:00 am -1:00 pm as the date for the 1997-1998 Aid to Other Agencies Presentations to be held at the City Council Chambers.

Motion to set up July 19, 1997 from 9:00 am - 1:00 as the date for the 1997-1998 Aid to Other Agencies Presentations to be held at the City Council Chambers.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Discussion and possible action regarding setting a date of June 24, 1997, to receive a report from the City's airline consultant regarding the City's efforts to secure jet service.

Motion to schedule an informal presentation by the consultants on July 7, 1997 and a formal presentation before City Council on the same date.

36. Consideration and action regarding unilateral annexation of certain properties to be effective December 31, 1997. The three general areas of properties are as follows:
- a) Unitec Industrial Park, including a 1000' wide strip along I.H. 35 from the Union Pacific Port of Laredo up to the southern boundary of Unitec,
 - b) Highway 359 strip of underdeveloped properties to the terminus of the road improvements planned for Highway 359 (approximately 3.48 miles east of Loop 20), and
 - c) Various "donut hole" areas throughout the City.

Mr. Keith Selman, Planning Director, made the presentation.

(Cm. Perez, Cm. Guerra, Cm. Valdez stepped out. - 8:45 p.m.)

Motion to proceed with item A & B and eliminate item C.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Casso

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Cw. Moreno wants the Outer Loop subject brought back as an item for discussion.

Mayor Ramirez thinks it should be brought up in phases and for staff to prepare a summary of the work done to this point.

Cw. Moreno also wants the issue of retirees medical benefits be brought up.

Mr. Pena stated that before next council meeting there should be a meeting of the committee, so they can present this issue at the July 7th meeting.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

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

1. Presentation by Nuevo Laredo Municipal Officials regarding the status of their progress on International Bridge III (Bridge IV).

Sr. Marcos Alejandro Garcia, Presidente Municipal del Ayuntamiento de Nuevo Laredo and Arquitecto Jose L. Morales were before City Council to make a presentation and summarized the status of the construction on the Mexican side:

PROJECT UPDATE

* Project execution of the bridge structure
1 - 100% realized by the SCT, Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes of Mexico; sent to the Laredo City Government for translation inot english and to study it.

*Project execution of access roads
1 - Bridge access (construction of 5.5 kilometers, 4 lane highway) project fully developed, 100% by SCT.
2 - Access road MEX-2 (construction of 32.2 kilometers, 4 lane highway, with two overpasses and one crossroad) project 100% developed by SCT.
3 - Airport accesses (widening from 7 meters to 12 meters of 18.5 kilometers of the actual access road to the airport). Project fully developed, 100% by the Government of the State of Tamaulipas and the City Government of Nuevo Laredo.

* Project execution of the Border Port
1 - Under development by the State Government of Tamaulipas and the CABIN, Natioal Commission of Public Building Appraisals. It is actually 90% developed and is expected to be finished in July of 1997.
2 - Border Port: The technical and economic proposals for the development of the study are already received and are expected to be executed in 8 weeks after June 30th.

* Partial Development Plan

1 - On March 14, 1997 the City Council of Nuevo Laredo approved the first state regarding the use of the land.

2 - The document and plans of the use of the land were delivered to the Government of the State of Tamaulipas for its approval and authorization, so it could be later published in the Official State Newspaper and entered in the Public Records Registry.

* Right-of-way and construction of the Port

1 - On March 13, 1997 an agreement was signed between the authorities of Nuevo Laredo and the owners of the land where the Port will be located.

* Concession

1 - Granted by the SCT on the 30th of July of 1996 by the Government of the State of Tamaulipas.

2 - At this moment, the legal decision of the State Government is pending its decision to forward the concession to the Municipal Government.

* Works in progress

1 - Highway access to the bridge on route MEX 2, under construction by the SCT.

Description:

32 kilometers long

4 lanes on two bodies

12 meters wide

Hidraulic concrete, 28 centimeters thick

Crossroads:

On level surface, on road MEX 2, Nuevo Laredo - Piedras Negras.

Overpasses: on road NL-1, Nuevo Laredo - Anahuac.

On road MEX-2, Nuevo Laredo - Reynosa.

First State: 2 lanes, one body, west side.

Crossroads:

Nuevo Laredo - Piedras Negras (MEX-2) partial

Nuevo Laredo - Anahuac (NL-1) 2 lanes, one body

Nuevo Laredo - Reynosa (MEX-2), complete.

Cost: \$146,500 (on bid)

Construction start: December 30, 1996

Completion: August 31, 1997

Starts: October 1997

Actual advance: 5%, February 1997.

2. Discussion and possible action requesting a status report on the progress of Laredo's Bridge IV.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, briefed Council on the status

of advancements. It is proposed to use ISTEA funds for the financing, working with TxDot as well as federal government to finance approximately \$13.5 million. He added that instead of a tri-party agreement it appears it will only be a bi-party agreement with the state. The financing with the state has a few areas that concern the city and has to do with the transfer of operating funds. Mr. Peter Tart, the bond counsel, is working with TxDot to work out the differences. He added that with the exception of that issue, it seems that all other matters pertaining to the financing of the bridge do not appear to have a problem. They are going to their second draft by the first part of August, 1997.

On the design, council awarded a contract to SCA and the first task was to conduct a survey of the land for the location, approximately 100 acres, and they have submitted a survey map. The survey is substantially complete, we should get the final metes and bounds by the end of this week. There are two property owners involved in this exchange of land. The legal staff has prepared the deed to allow for the transfer to happen. Mr. Pena will be having a meeting this week with the property owners to discuss how the deed exchange can occur. The goal is to have these property deeds by the end of August. He wants to discuss with Council the desire to proceed with the final design of the structure itself. They authorized the engineering firm to meet with the Mexican side in designing the bridge to see if we could reduce possibly some over-design issues. They have done that and agreed on the design and does not appear to be an over-design on it.

The next step is to authorize the engineer to proceed interpreting those plans into the English language and finalizing the final design. They are going to negotiate what that cost is going to be. He advised council to begin the negotiation with the engineering firm and that we make certain that we have the land in our possession before we proceed to spend any large amounts of money in this project. It will take approximately 3-4 months to get the design prepared for the bridge, however until we have the land he would not recommend to proceed with that contract.

He added that on the re-alignment issue, Council opted to realign the road that would intersect the Fourth International Bridge, as a result of that TxDot required an environmental study be to conducted. We have been working with Parsons since July or August and the goal for them was to finish the assessment by March, 1997 and they did not meet the deadline. There were other factors and it appears that it will be finished until the end of this month which makes it two or three months behind on the assessment.

Erasmus Villarreal, Community Development, explained that the

Environmental Assessment was behind because the alignment of the roads. An additional alignment came out which is a fourth type of alignment on this area and that was not originally included in the study so they had to amend their contract to amend Phase II. Everything on this environmental assessment, on all alignments from 3464 and 1,000 ft. south should be totally completed. The firm has completed the archaeological, noise study, and traffic studies. Some studies have been submitted to TxDot for their review and comments. Currently documents still pending completion which should be completed by the end of this months are the major investment study. Still pending is the determination for the alternative comparison given that all factors have been analyzed on the environmental assessment study. He explained the process procedures that the environmental study is submitted to Transportation and Federal Highway Commission there is a 30-day comment period, public hearing must be held on this environmental assessment. They are estimating by the time this process takes place and reviews are done by both agencies and the process is ended, they anticipate that this process will by completed by the end of August.

Mr. Pena stated that this environmental assessment is on the re-alignment, not the bridge and TxDot will be the body that will be deciding the alignment issue. They are hoping not to get significant impact and that Texas Department of Transportation will rule on the issue of re-alignment. He added that the property in question is the right-of-way issue which is the same property owner that owns the majority of the land at the bridge. There have been discussion regarding his concerns that if certain alignment issues are not the way he has requested, he in fact will not be donating the land at the bridge head.

Mayor Ramirez stated that Council has gone on record supporting the new alignment, that is the position of council and it has not changed. There is no reason why the delay of deeds or the exchange of deeds should not take place.

Mr. Pena stated the primary conditions that were needed in order for the U.S. to agree to the exchange of diplomatic notes as follows:

- 1) Provide them with financial proposal.
- 2) That we determine who the operator of the bridge is.
- 3) That the right-of-way and the land on the bridge be donated or that the City have possession of it.
- 4) That a construction package be provided to them which would show a timeline of the design, contracting, opening of bids, and award of contract.

He added that if they get the four items done by September there is no reason why the diplomatic notes cannot be exchanged. The right-of-way needs to be resolved, as far as

diplomatic action, the action required is the approval of the diplomatic notes.

Motion to reaffirm the position of the City Council as it relates to the right-of-way necessary for the access road to the facility itself, to instruct staff to proceed to negotiate the price for the translation for this bridge and to proceed with this translation as soon as possible.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Casso wants staff to provide Council with a timeline regarding environmental assessment, public hearings, right-of-way, construction timeline, the exchange of the diplomatic notes and then after that get together with the Mexican counterparts and have them provide their timelines to put them together to see where we are at.

Mr. Pena stated that assuming that everything is complete, approved and everything works well the dates will be somewhere between December 1997 optimistically and in the worst case scenario by July 1998.

Mayor Ramirez stated that the translation of the bridge structure has to take place anyway, plus that we proceed in commitments to have the property because the environmental assessment has been cleared for 100 acres. What has not been cleared is the right-of-way between IH-35 and the Mines Road and he does not think that the property owners would have any problems in stipulating in the deeding of the property that it would only be subject to change as a result of a environmental assessment that shows a significant impact that would not allow us to proceed with construction in that right-of-way.

Cm. Valdez stated that he has the impression that we are far behind compared to the Mexican Counterparts in construction and that he would like a timeline schedule side by side to see what needs to be done so that we can catch up to make sure we are approaching the start up date at the same time.

3. Presentation by the Laredo Delegation regarding the President's Summit on America's Future held in Philadelphia from April 26-30, 1997, and their ongoing activities, with possible action.

Mr. Jose Luis Gutierrez, Executive Director of Communities in Schools, announced he was appointed President for the South Texas International Summit Committee representing Laredo in the South Texas area. He submitted Council information packet put together by the organization that participated in the gathering of information. When they went to the summit

they went strong and unified delegation, worked closely together, met 13 or 14 times a day, and when they showed up to the President's Summit out of 100 cities invited they were the only city that had a packet and information together. In the last few weeks they have been called by the State of Texas that want to use them as a showcase in the Texas State Summit. They are planning a retreat, scheduled for June 28th. He was before Council asking for commitment in being there and for financial support.

Rose Mary Welch stated the Summit is organized on the proposition that America's young people must have access to five fundamental resources that can help them lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives:

1. An ongoing Relationship with a Caring Adult: Mentor, Tutor, Coach.
- 2) Safe places and structured activities during non-school hours to learn and grow.
3. Marketable skills through effective education.
4. A healthy start
5. An opportunity to give back.

Mayor Ramirez said they look forward to committing themselves not only verbally, but financially and making sure that this obligation is met in developing one of the first mentor programs for this initiate.

4. Congratulating 18 year old Oscar J. Leal, Jr., for his exemplary academic and military accomplishments.

Recognition was made to Oscar J. Leal, Jr., for his exemplary academic and military accomplishments, son of Mrs. Sylvia Rodriguez and recently graduate from U.S. Marines. At age 18 he has been promoted as Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marines. He was recognized because he is a fine example of not just what he can do, but what Mrs. Rodriguez as a single parent has done in raising her son and creating a good citizen representing the community.

B. Requests by Councilmember Jose R. Perez

1. Presentation by Hector Farias on developing a landfill in partnership with the City and private enterprises, with possible action.

Mr. Hector Farias introduced Mr. Carlos Mejia who made a presentation and proposal to the City. He said the project is that of a South Texas Regional Waste Management Project. The project would be to construct a new state-of-the art sanitary landfill to be constructed south of La Salle County between Encinal and Cotulla. The proposal is to form a public/private partnership between the City to join the city's needs and advance the quality of waste management and

environment in the border region. The team is lead by a local firm Farias & Farias, Inc. who have joined with CES Environmental Projects, Inc. and have invited Mejia Engineer to be the local firm, they are in the process of establishing an office at La Posada.

Mr. Jim Barker, President of CES Environmental Projects, Inc., the Principal Partner, Project Developer and Manager, explained the problems facing Laredo on the depletion of landfill capacity. The rapid growth and urban population and use of landfill sludge disposal is shortening the expected

life of the City's landfill and the rapidly rising cost of landfill.

The proposal to the City as a partner in the project, the City would close its landfill and replace it with a transfer station, and dispose of all municipal solid waste (MSW) and water and wastewater treatment sludge at the new landfill, which is outside the Rio Grande watershed and easily accessible from Interstate Highway 35 or the Union Pacific Railroad.

In return for a long-term commitment by the City of the waste generated within Laredo and delivered from other sources to the new transfer station, the Project will:

- 1) Discount disposal fees and share project revenues with the City.
- 2) Enter into a contract that provides for 20 years of disposal service for a fixed price that escalates annually based on the CPI, and that gives the City up to 20 additional years through four 5-year extension options.
- 3) Build the new transfer station on City-owned land near the existing MRF.

The project includes a new landfill designed to meet or exceed RCRA Subtitle D standards, one or more transfer stations, and potential railhaul from the north, south and east. He spoke of the site location, 525 acres of undeveloped land within 100 kilometers of the Rio Grande River, north of the northern edge of the Rio Grande watershed.

He explained the financing, the project will be privately owned and operated. The debt portion of Project financing may include industrial development bonds or NADBank loans. However, there will be no public obligation for the debt. Disposal fees, the "gate fee" at the new landfill will be set at market rates for private landfills that conform to Subtitle D standards. However, the Project will charge the City deeply discounted rates for waste and sludge it delivers under long-term contract MSW: \$35 per ton and Sludge \$25 per cubic yard. For outside waste delivered to the city's

new transfer station from sources outside Laredo, the user fee charged by the City would be set so that the City would received net revenues of \$20 per ton after paying transportation and transfer operating costs and landfill fee.

He also explained the revenue sharing, the economic objective, the project primary roles and responsibilities, the advantages such as cost, secure disposal capacity, insulation from regulation, protection of the Rio Grande, land use, environmental leadership, leverage of private industry, municipal jobs, and recycling.

They were requesting that council pass a resolution that supports the project as described and establish a committee to negotiate, within a specific time frame, a letter of intent to enter into a contract that reflects, and is consistent with, the substance of the foregoing presentation and proposal.

Cw. Montalvo asked if they had the approval of the residents of the area and questioned in reference to the transporting to the site.

Mr. Barker stated there are no residents in the immediate vicinity, there are no residents within two miles of the site. The waste is trucked in large trailers, then you either do it in vehicles of your own or you would more likely contract with someone to deliver the waste to the site.

Cm. Casso stated if the bottom line is to close the our landfill, replace it with a transportation, what is the cost? Then they want us to dispose of the MSW and transfer to this new landfill outside the Rio Grande Watershed which is accessible through IH-35 or the railroad, what will that cost be to the city, the advantages and disadvantages of this project.

Mayor Ramirez stated we need a further analysis on cost comparison.

Mr. Pena stated that in the area of solid waste the city has been very progressive since 1988 when we acquired the 200 acres, the city has an application pending with TNRCC regarding vertical expansion of our landfill to extend the life of the landfill 20 years more. Our cost to run the landfill now is \$17 a ton, they are proposing to do it at \$35 a ton, but if you add the cost of transporting and operating transfer facility you are talking about adding a least \$10 a ton which in total is \$45 per ton compared to our \$17 per ton. We are currently in compliance and we have a long term plan for the use of that facility.

Mayor Ramirez stated that they should not close the door to this idea. There needs to be further analysis as it relates

to cost comparison. There is also the question of the longevity that we have currently and the investment of the current facility. There is a great deal of analysis that need to take place on our part for a complete commitment of shutting down our operations and shifting our entire solidwaste disposal to such a facility.

Cw. Moreno asked that we also invite other options besides the one presented, other alternatives on how we would be part of a regional facility.

Motion to proceed with meeting with these individuals and discussing the finer points of services and costs related to those services so that at the time of our budget workshops we can consider it in greater detail and proceed at that time as to what kind of commitment and endorsement this Council will be prepared to take at that time; to amend that Southern Sanitation be invited into the discussions; and that we put into it a 90 day day timeline.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Second to the motion agrees to amend.

2. Status report regarding the night illumination on Sierra Vista/Los Obispos area, with possible action.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that they did a survey of those areas, they looked at five phases in Los Obispos, and identified 22 lights that they feel are needed in the area. Most of those are at cul-de-sacs, he did approach the Legal and Planning Departments regarding the current ordinance with stipulates 300 feet and of all those identified, only two were over 300 feet, however they have started to get many calls on the cul-de-sacs on the old neighborhood and subdivisions because of the way the lights were placed (placed within 300 ft.).

They now have a new system whereby the Traffic Department reviews all subdivision plans for compliance of the street lighting before they are approved.

He added that on the case of Los Obispos the legal staff said they might be able to take action against the developers on two lights that are over 300 feet. The rest are within the requirements according to the ordinance.

He said Sierra Vista is so illuminated that they found one extra light and identified two or three that are out and have been already reported to CP&L, so no additional lights are needed there.

They estimate about \$2,500 per street light depending on location and from where the power is coming from.

Mayor Protem Perez asked if there is a Homeowners Association that can be contacted and advised or that the citizens request for those installations since they do not meet the criteria.

Mr. Pena stated there are only two or three that do not meet the requirements and they can proceed against the developer. They will research with legal to see what legal action can be taken against those developers.

Mr. Murillo suggested that maybe it would be possible to amend the ordinance to indicate the cul-de-sac requirements.

Mr. Pena said that besides the cul-de-sacs requirements, that they might also see lumins on minor collectors which might need to be upgraded, they will go back and review the ordinance to make the necessary changes.

C. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report regarding Airport Projects to include
 - a. Runway 17L/35R Reconstruction
 - b. Runway 17L/35R Extension
 - c. Noise abatement program implementation
 - d. New Airport Passenger Terminal with possible action.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, updated Council on the four projects.

- a. Runway 17L/35R is about 88% complete, they expect to be using the runway sometime in October, 1997.
- b. On Runway 17L/35R Extension, they have already started the process by doing the engineering for that section of the work. They started with the land acquisition project on 114 acres, land acquisition is pending condemnation proceedings hopefully that will be resolved soon, and they can apply for federal assistance so that the runway can be extended by additional 2,000 ft. This in particular has noise abatement benefits to noise impacted residential homes on the south end of the airport.
- c. The noise abatement is in place and they have installed airfield signs to encourage the pilot to employ the take-off procedures. They are encouraging aircraft that when they depart the runway 17R to 17L to where upon reaching elevation to make turn southeasterly directions which would put them away from commercial development, and over other compatible areas such as the lake. They are proposing that runway 14 be preferentially used as well,

over the gulf course where there is no residential impact. They are encouraging pilots to use FAA advisory circular procedures. Shifting commercial and military operations from our primary runway 17R.

All of the recommendations are in place, with the exception of some of them that are impacted by the runway reconstruction, so by October they will fully implement all the noise abatement recommendations.

- d. On the new passenger terminal they are getting "punch list phase" which means the building is substantially complete, the architects will be coming in and see what is missing so that it will be corrected. As part of that same project they will be having a groundbreaking ceremony tomorrow (June 17th) for the parking lot and access road to facility.

Cm. Bruni wanted to know on item (b) when will they see that extension, going out for bids and completed.

Mr. Flores said that is subject to the FAA funding, that could be within a year or two from happening which is under negotiations, first they have to do acquisition of property, it is underway by the legal staff.

Cm. Bruni wants the noise abatement program in effect for residents and that they notify the residents that will be impacted by notifying them through flyers that these funds will be existing to try and alleviate and resolve their problems on noise abatement.

2. Status report regarding the creek cleaning crew established in the FY 1995-1996 Annual Budget to include when the crew was hired, how many members are in the crew, how many creeks were cleaned on an annual basis before this crew was established and how many are cleaned now, and the number of creeks they have cleaned to date to include those located in District II, with possible action.

Joe Guerra, Public Works Directors, stated that Public Works is responsible for 60 miles of creeks, 341 acres of easements, and 743 acres of major creeks. They try to clean all the creeks they can. In 1994/95 they had five people on the creeks and went ahead and added another creek in 1995/96. In 1997 they have 13 people and one supervisor, 2 heavy equipment operators, 3 drivers, and 7 laborers. One of the biggest problems that they sometimes encounter is that there is no way they can get the equipment in some of the creeks because there is 10-12 foot easement and there is no way to get in there so they have to be done by hand. He has submitted a report to council on the creeks that have been cleaned in the last seven months.

Motion to move item D(2) and E(2) at this time.

Moved : Cm. Casso

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni asked in reference to the creek in Townlake.

Mr. Guerra stated that it will be concrete lined or storm drained this coming year. On Chacon Creek from Arkansas going to Gustavus by the bridge, he stated that it is not dedicated and it is not the city's.

Cm. Bruni suggested that they contact the owners and that it be cleaned.

Cm. Valdez spoke on his item E(2) on concrete lining of the creek located north of Hillside Road. He suggested that they break this into phases and tackle the problem. He said that we took the responsibility of doing International Blvd. and other streets where there were associations before.

Motion to proceed with preparing the cost estimates to buy smaller equipment if necessary to deal with the smaller creeks as well as the possibility of establishing a cost analysis of concrete lining the smaller creeks down at the bottom setting the base such as it was done with Zacate Creek, phasing them, and that this include all the small creeks in the city.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Casso spoke on item D(2), he said where Seymour ends behind the church on the right hand side there is a creek and wants to know who owns that creek. There is a drainage problem there and something needs to be done about it and that it needs to be cleaned.

3. Status report on the Chacon Creek Interceptor, with possible action.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, stated the project is on target with the schedule set. He pointed out that they had intended to complete their right-of-way acquisition in October of this year. CDA has informed that they have contacted 17 out of 23 landowners with whom they are negotiating, but they think it can be done by August.

There is another significant date associated with the environmental study, the finding of no significant impact as CPA calls it, which they are expecting by October. If it comes to them in October, then they will be able to bid this

project in November or December. They have identified the project into different phases, by the time it is finish will be about \$15.3 million. The have on hand a mixture of EPA and city funds, they have \$9.8 million so they have decided to break it into different phases, and have identified five phases.

He added that Phase I can be paid in its entirety, it's from the southside wastewater plant to the most critical junction, Milk and Ejido where the Larga Vista sewer line and all the 359 development will occur. They have the monies, it is just a matter of getting to the bidding date.

Phase II is between \$500,000 and \$1 million, that would be a 42" segment that would take them to the next important junction which is where Colonias are going to come in. Approximately where the Tex-Mex comes into play, they don't have the monies, they will have some EPA funds left over from the first phase, but will have to issue some additional obligations.

Phase III will take them all the way to the Inner Loop and Hwg. 59 which is the original scope, that is approximately \$2.5 to \$5 million. They are scheduled to arrive Highway 59 on September of 1999.

Phase IV would be going all the way to the north end of the East Corridor to meet their obligations. That will be about \$1.7 million and Phase V is getting all the lift stations eliminated (the crucial ones are the 21" line on District II creating some of the overflows) the rest of the lift stations they can wait and do them at the end, do them in-house with money from the project or contract them out.

4. Discussion and possible action on implementing the Data International Network Weather Center (DTN).

Mr. Bruce Earle Miller, Chairman of the Cable Commission, stated that the weather patterns have changed and Cw. Bruni brought it to their attention that they needed to be looking at some sort of a way to get a reliable weather prediction information for bad storms that roam through the area. While this system has nothing to do with air traffic control and radar, they have found a company called DTN (Data Transmission Network Corporation) which is a commodities provider, they have stock market, data reports and found out that they mirrored some of the satellites that the NOAA Weather Satellites have that cover the face of the earth for gathering information. They have put together a package that they offer for media for television/radio and they have no problem licensing a municipality.

This is a device that would give us the possibility to have regional data updated every 15 minutes. Hourly national

radar summary that gives information on the height, direction and intensity of storm cells and satellite cloud maps of US/ Canada/Mexico, Pacific and Atlantic Ocean regions and South America basically for a one time fee of \$318.00 plus shipping and handling of \$49.00. This company provides a VGA color monitor and a control panel that lets access all the different satellite maps that are available.

Where we live is a unique situation, Mexican/US Border and this company gives us the access to track information coming from Mexico if a storm is heading this way or if something is heading off in the gulf. It is an affordable system, they charge \$68.00 for this system, once the service is implemented after the service is on-line you can expand the pages and get other information for something like \$45.00 a quarter. They do have a trial period that is available.

Larry Dovalina, Civic Center Director, stated that since the Police Department has a 9-1-1 dispatcher, the excellent location would be at their communications room. Once the telecommunications building is up and running they can easily transfer the dish over and have it beam back through the access channels and through the city's internal network.

Motion to go instruct staff to proceed and get the detail information, the necessary costs into effect and see if it is an item that is unique to this particular company or whether it would have to be bid out and that it be brought to council for action at our second meeting in July.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Requests by Councilmember Alfonso "Poncho" Casso

1. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code dealing with personnel matters to discuss the Interim Police Chief's and City Manager's decision as it relates to a personnel matter.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code dealing with personnel matters to discuss the Interim Police Chief's and City Manager's decision as it relates to a personnel matter.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: Cw. Moreno did not participate in Executive Session.

After Executive Session Mayor Ramirez announced that no formal action was taken, no discussions were had in relation

to any specifics and dealt in general terms on personnel matters.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the drainage at the arroyo located at the end of Seymour.

Item taken in conjunction with item Cm. Bruni's item C(2).

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the animal health control department and how it interfaces with the police department.

Cm. Casso stated that he placed this item on the agenda because he received a call from a person that was bitten by a dog. It turned out the dog was not vaccinated and now she has to go through a serious of vaccinations. It is his understanding that if you have the dog quarantined, she does not have to go through that painful process, but she says she had no response from Police or the Animal Health Control and she wasn't getting any answers. The ordinance should be enforced, the owner should have been cited as a stray dog, and the lady should have been helped out so that she doesn't have to go through the rabies vaccination process. The case number is #9713614 and wants to know the process.

Jerry Robinson, Health Director, answered that the Animal Control is part of the Health Department and explained that they receive cases that have occurred through many sources, one is the Police Department.

Victor Oliveros of the Health Department, explained that this case happened on June 4th and the procedures taken, report process, that dog was put under observation, the lady was advised that the animal was o.k. and she did not have to undergo treatment. The physician was also advised, and from the part of the Health Department, the owner of the animal was given a citation for an unvaccinated dog. The dog has been declared to be dangerous, the owners have been sent a letter notifying them of the fact, to obtain a \$100,000.00 insurance policy and to register the animal as dangerous, and keep it under secure confinement. They have not received an answer yet from the owners of the animal. The lady indicated that she was seeking other damages and was told that it would have to be a civil case.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding wrecker service towing charges.

Cm. Casso requested that this item be tabled.

E. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Status report with possible action regarding the development and implementation of the notification process when a staff

person visits a site which reports a complaint or concern.

Mr. Pena stated they are considering using a form which would be used by Code Enforcement, waterworks employees, or any employee that is asked to go to a residence to answer questions or take some kind of action. Unfortunately on some occasions people are not there so this form will be used to notify them who they can call, who dropped by, the time and the phone number they can call to follow-up. They plan to pass these forms out to all the departments.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the concrete lining of the creek located north of Hillside Road and along the Northeast Hillside Recreation Center and the park, as well as the lining of the creek bottoms in the smaller creek areas north of Gale and Calle del Norte, or the possible purchase of equipment which will allow the cleaning of the bottoms of these creeks. A cost estimate is also requested to determine the cost to clean the creeks vs. the cost to concrete line them.

This item was discussed together with C(2).

3. Discussion and possible regarding the demolition of the abandoned homes located at the 500 and 600 Blocks of San Pedro as well as throughout District V.

Cm. Valdez stated that it should be the 700 block instead of the 600 Block of San Pedro. He received a report that it would be taken care of and the house would be torn down in two or three weeks. He wanted to know what the procedure is on abandoned houses because there are several houses in District V.

Mr. Benny Salinas pointed the procedures, first identify them, red tag them, go to the tax roles to see who the owner is, notify them, give them 30 days to respond, if they do not respond then they schedule it for the Standard Building Board Meeting, make a presentation, and also notify the property owner if they want to be present with their lawyers. At that time the board will make a determination on whether the structure can be rehabed or it has to be demolished. If it can be rehabed, they give them time to be bring it up to standard.

On the house of the 700 Block of San Pedro, it has gone to the Standard Building Board and they sent that with a list of other houses to CDA. Once the house is removed they put a lien against that property to recover the expenses incurred.

As to the other structure on the 500 Block of San Pedro they just identified that today, because they did not have it on their records yet.

4. Presentation by Wesley Boyd and Bob Kulick regarding the Laredo League for Family Fun and their annual 4th of July Celebration, with possible action to support this community endeavor. (Co-sponsored by Cm. Guerra)

Mr. Wesley Boyd and Mr. Kulick made the presentation. They thanked the council for their previous support and invited the council and public to Family Fun and their July 4th Celebration and were asking for support from the community and City Council.

E. Requests by Councilmember Mario G. Alvarado

1. Discussion and possible action requesting that the Laredo Police Department implement Senate Bill No. 267/House Bill No. 1379. This legislation allows for public notification of sex offenders when they come back into our community after being released from prison.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

38. Public hearing concerning the application by Jean Salinas amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 30 and 31, Block 12, Las Americas Subdivision, Unit II, located at 2018 and 2020 Durango Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 30 and 31, Block 12, Las Americas Subdivision, Unit II, located at 2018 and 2020 Durango Avenue, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman of the Planning Department made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk representing the applicant asked that council concur with staff and P&Z recommendations.

Mr. Jesus Ponce questioned if this land connected to the lawsuit that has been filed against the city for water/wastewater.

Mayor Ramirez stated it is and they have partially negotiated the settlement.

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with P&Z recommendation, and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 42. Public hearing concerning the application by Blackstone Dilworth, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 67.7 acres as further described by metes and bounds, located west of McPherson Road, north of the Bob Bullock Loop from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman made the presentation before council.

Mr. Carlos Mejia representing the prospective buyer was present to answer any questions.

Motion to close the public hearing, introduce the ordinance and concur with P&Z.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 43. Public hearing concerning the application by Armandina

Villarreal, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 864, Western Division, located at 1518 Burnside Street from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 864, Western Division, located at 1518 Burnside Street from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman of Planning made the presentation.

Motion to close the public hearing, introduce the ordinance and concur with P&Z recommendation.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 44. Public hearing concerning the application by Refugio Hinojosa, Oscar Hinojosa, Eduardo Hinojosa, and Carlos Hinojosa, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by revoking a Special Use Permit for a manufactured housing park, Ordinance No. 93-O-200 on 21.5921 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of FM 1472, across from the old municipal airport. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the revocation of this Special Use Permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by revoking a Special Use Permit for a manufactured housing park, Ordinance No. 93-O-200 on 21.5921 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds located west of FM 1472, across from the old municipal airport; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of the Killam Development, stated that this item and the next one are the same parcel of land and perhaps should be heard together. He asked that council approve the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing; concur with P&Z recommendation to revoke the special use permit, and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

45. Public hearing concerning the application by Refugio Hinojosa, Oscar Hinojosa, Eduardo Hinojosa, and Carlos Hinojosa, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 21.5921 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds located west of FM 1472, across from the old municipal airport, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 21.5921 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds located west of FM 1472, across from the old municipal airport, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman of Planning made the presentation.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk representing the Killam Investment Company made the presentation and asked that council override P&Z Commission and staff recommendation and allow the original development pattern to be expressed on this tract of land.

Motion to close the public hearing, override P&Z, and introduce an ordinance changing the zoning from M-1 to R-1.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

46. Public hearing concerning the application by Gateway Community Health Center amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8 and the north 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 485, Western Division, located at 309 Park Street from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8 and the north 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 485, Western Division, located at 309 Park Street from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-O (Residential/Office District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with P&Z recommendation, and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Montalvo
 Second: Cm. Bruni
 For: 6
 (Cm. Perez stepped out momentarily - 9:55 p.m.)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

47. Public hearing concerning the application by Ricardo Benavides amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1A Block 681, Western Division, located at 2302 Iturbide Street from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1A Block 681, Western Division, located at 2302 Iturbide Street from R-2 (Multi-Family District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 6
 (Cm. Perez was not present.)

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with P&Z, and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
 Second: Cm. Bruni
 For: 6
 (Cm. Perez was not present.)

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

48. Public hearing amending Section 24-62 of the Laredo Land Development Code relating to districts and boundaries; Section 24-82 relating to the permitted dimensions for on-premise and off-premise freestanding signs. This ordinance deletes the prohibition for on-premise freestanding signs within 350 feet of residential districts. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Section 24-62 of the Laredo Land Development Code relating to districts and boundaries; Section 24-82 relating to the permitted dimensions for on-premise and off-premise freestanding signs; providing for publication and effective date; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Valdez
 Second: Cm. Guerra
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Keith Selman of the Planning Department made the presentation. He said that what this will basically do is delete the 350 ft. and the 150 ft. prohibition on freestanding signs from a Residential District and will limit very large on-premise signs to highways and expressways.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk on behalf of various members of the sign industry asked that council support the Planning Commission recommendation as it stands.

Mr. Herb Scobey, General Manager of Lamar Advertising, asked that council accept the P&Z/staff changes to this ordinance.

Mr. Max Watts, P.B. Newman Investment, stated that this proposed change will affect them and are in great support of

these changes.

Mr. Raul Guzman asked that council follow staff's recommendation on this matter.

Mr. Javier de Anda, partner with B.P. Newman Investment, spoke in favor of staff's recommendations.

Mr. Arnold Cisneros, from IBC, was in support of the change and asked that council follow P&Z's recommendation.

Cm. Bruni had a concern with the 15 ft. on off-premises signs on B-4 and M-1 which is not acceptable to him and wanted the 15 ft. increased.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance in its present form.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 49. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1996-1997 budget in the amount of \$20,479.00 for additional salary and fringe benefit costs for six task force investigators in the Multi-Agency Financial Disruption Task Force awarded by the Office of National Drug Control Policy for the period of July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Cm. Perez stepped out momentarily - 10:05 p.m.)

Drainage District No. 1 and \$17,500 from the City of Laredo. The City will also provide \$25,000.00 in in-kind services.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1996-97 annual budget in the amount of \$325,000.00, for a grant awarded by the Texas Water Development Board to develop a Flood Protection Plan for the Chacon Watershed; the composition of the \$325,000.00, is \$260,000.00 from the Texas Water Development Board, \$42,500.00 Webb County, (\$17,500 cash and \$25,000.00 in-kind), \$5,000.00 from Webb County Drainage District No. 2 and \$17,500 from the City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Raj Guntnur of the Engineering Department made the presentation. This is a public hearing process which is a required part of the grant program. The program name is Chacon Flood Protection Plan or Storm Water Master Plan. Participants of this project are the City, Webb County, Webb County Drainage District 1, and Texas Water Development Board. The total project is \$350,000.00. The whole project has been phased in three phases:

- 1) The analysis of the existing land uses based on the hydrology/hydraulics, once these are analysis are completed they can delineate the new flood plain/flood risk within the Chacon area.
- 2) Ultimate Condition Analysis based on 20 year future plan.
- 3) Interim Condition Analysis to see what are the drainage problems in Chacon Creek watershed.

They will then recommend what are the top priorities based on that. They are looking at 12 months to complete the project.

Mr. Joe Gonzalez, representing residents of the area, stated that back in 1985 Council committed themselves to building a deferment canal leading to Chacon Creek and this canal was going to be built on the south side of Southgate Neighborhood. He wants to make sure that the City's intention of building the diversion channal project does go through on the next fiscal year, and that there be an item for discussion and action.

Mr. Pena stated that the engineering staff today are of the opinion that such facility is no longer needed, that it's not something that will help address the drainage problems. There is another project being proposed for approximately \$3 million that is downstream of Southgate and it will be

discussed later in the agenda.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 52. Public hearing approving an amendment to the City of Laredo's Annual Budget in the amount of \$24,000.00, for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$24,000.00, for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project, of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997; and increase revenue line item 226-0000-323-4055 from \$41,500.00 to \$65,500.00, and expenditure line item 226-6045 from \$41,500.00, to \$65,500.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

- 53. Public hearing establishing parking meter zones and associated parking meter rates for different parking areas within the Central Business District and authorizing the removal of several existing parking meters in outlying areas of the Central Business District, rescinding all previous conflicting ordinances, and providing for publication and effective date.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, made the presentation stating they had several concerns regarding the parking availability by downtown merchants and customers.

Mr. Larry Dovalina, C&V Director, stated that the general suggestion came from merchants and it was developed as a package where they were talking about increasing the fees in parking meters and keeping the fees at a parking structure at a lower level than what had been proposed.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 54. Public hearing amending Ordinance 86-O-226 and Article VIII, Stopping, Standing or Parking of Chapter 19, Motor Vehicles and Traffic Division 3, Violations, Penalties, Section 19-355 of the Code of Ordinances amending minimum penalties for violations of Article VIII of Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances, providing for publication and effective date.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Luis Landin and Mr. Roberto Murillo of the Traffic Department made the presentation.

Cw. Moreno wanted to know what rate of collection do we have,

and what percentage is outstanding.

Mr. Murillo stated that about 60% of the collection rate.

Mr. Jesus Ponce was opposed to the penalties/fines imposed.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

55. Public hearing amending Ordinance No. 88-O-006, as amended by Ordinance No. 89-O-131 which established fares for fixed route transit service and for EL METRO ID cards.
- A. The base adult fare will increase from sixty cents (\$0.60) to seventy-five cents (\$0.75).
 - B. The fare for children of ages 5 to 11 will remain unchanged at 25 cents (\$0.25)
 - C. The fare for children under 5 years of age will continue to be free of charge.
 - D. The fare for students will increase from thirty-five cents (\$0.35) to fifty cents (\$0.50).
 - E. During peak hours on Monday through Friday (except holidays), the peak fare for seniors and persons with disabilities will increase from ten cents (\$0.10) to fifty cents (\$0.50).
 - F. During off-peak hours, and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the fare for seniors and persons with disabilities, and possessing a valid ID card, will increase from zero (\$0.0) to twenty-five cents (\$0.25).
 - G. The fare for express route service will increase from sixty cents (\$0.60) to one dollar (\$1.00).
 - H. The charge for an initial or replacement EL METRO ID card will remain unchanged at \$2.00
 - I. An initial EL LIFT ID card will continue to be free of charge.
 - J. The charge for a replacement EL LIFT ID card will continue to be \$2.00.
- The ordinance provides for publication and an October 1, 1997 effective date.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Gilbert Segovia, Transit Director, was present to answer any questions.

Motion to amend the ordinance, that D, E, F remain as is.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Cm. Casso and Cm. Bruni were out at this time - 10:30 p.m.)

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the amendment.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 56. Public hearing amending Ordinance No. 89-O-122, which established fares for paratransit transportation service on the EL LIFT system.
 The fare for a one-way trip shall increase from \$0.75 to \$1.50. This ordinance provides for publication and an October 1, 1997 effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

necessitated by the major failure of a 1992 bus engine, which had accumulated over 250,000 miles. The engine bears a one-year warranty. The engine is available only through authorized Detroit Diesel dealers and was, therefore, a sole source procurement.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

60. Acknowledging the receipt of no proposals to lease the ground floor of the east tower of the Laredo Transit Center, and authorizing the General Manager to seek a tenant(s) to enter into a negotiated lease for this space.

Motion acknowledging the receipt of no proposals to lease the ground floor of the east tower of the Laredo Transit Center and authorizing the General Manager to seek a tenant(s) to enter into a negotiated lease for this space.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

61. Approval of change order #1 in the amount of \$7,601.06, to Star Data Systems, San Antonio, Texas, for providing additional data communication cabling and fiber optic provisions for the Laredo Transit System Center's telecommunication and data cabling system. The original contract award was for \$47,444.00 this change order will bring the total contract amount to \$55,045.06. Funding is available in Transit System - Section 3 Grant, Inter-Modal Transit Center.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Laredo Mass Transit Board and convene as The Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

62. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Sames Motor Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$22,300.00, for the purchase of one

cargo van and Chaparral Ford, Inc., Devine, Texas, in the amount of \$20,512.61 for the purchase of one 1/2 ton truck. These vehicles will be equipped with CNG bi-fuel fueling systems. Funding is available in the department's capital outlay budget. Delivery is anticipated within ninety days. A total of 3 bids were received for the cargo van and a total of 3 bids were received for the 1/2 ton truck.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 63. Approval of plans and specifications prepared by Turner, Hickey & Associates, Inc., and authorization to advertise for bids from general contractors for the construction of 50 units of affordable housing for the Lease/Purchase Program located in Riverhills Subdivision, Unit I. The final plans and specifications include ten (10) different floor plans and fourteen (14) front elevations (facades).

Mr. John Hickey made the presentation.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Valdez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0


XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 51 ARE TRUE COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 1997. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.


GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR
CITY SECRETARY