

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

MINUTES

M-97-R-24

JULY 21, 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 MONTALVO,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
FLORENCIO PENA,	CITY MANAGER	
JAIME L. FLORES,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- City Council Meeting of June 2, 1997
City Council Meeting of June 16, 1997

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item X.(A), #60, C(1)(2), #47, G(1), H(1), F(3) and 43.A(1).

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Closing as a public easement that section of South Jarvis Avenue between Cleveland and Blaine Streets, also known as the 700 block of South Jarvis Avenue, and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Closing as a public easement a 3,502.12 square foot tract of land more or less out of the northeast quarter of the 1800 block of Palo Blanco Street between Tapeyste Avenue and the east right-of-way line of Highway 83, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, being more particularly described in "Exhibit A", and providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Amending Ordinance No. 97-O-108, approved on May 27, 1997, to correct the block number of a property erroneously identified as Lot 4-A, Block 1980, Eastern Division to hereby correct to read Lot 4-A, Block 1918, Eastern Division, providing for publication and effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Amending Ordinance No. 96-O-075, thereby correcting the named lessee from "International Customs Services, Inc.", to "Rafael Quiroz, Jr., D/B/A International Customs Services" thereby clearing the City Manager's authority to have signed the lease dated June 3, 1996, with Rafael Quiroz, Jr., D/B/A International Customs Services

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a subordination, Non-disturbance, and Attornment Agreement between the City of Laredo and Rafael Quiroz, Jr., D/B/A International Customs Services subordinating the lease agreement dated June 3, 1996, between the City of Laredo and Rafael Quiroz,

Jr., D/B/A International Customs Services, authorized by Ordinance No. 96-O-075, which ordinance was amended by Ordinance No.xx, at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey, to the Laredo National Bank, title to the "Surface Only" of a 0.44900 of an acre tract of land, more or less, being a trangular tract and situated immediately East of Lot 1A, Block 1173, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; said tract being generally described below and more particularly described by metes and bounds. Said conveyance being in exchange for the "Surface Only" of lots one (1) and two (2), Block 1190 and the "Surface Only" of a tract of land containing 0.1181 of an acre (5,144 square feet) all in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas. Said tracts being generally described below and more particularly described by metes and bounds; and providing for an effective date.
(Note: Action must first be initiated on item #22, prior to the initiation of any action on this item.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #97-O-151, #97-O-152, #97-O-153, #97-O-154, #97-O-155, #97-O-156, #97-O-157, #97-O-158, #97-O-159, and #97-O-160.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. 97-O-151 Ordinance approving an assignment from Aero Center, Inc. to the Laredo National Bank of that airport lease agreement for hanger #142, buildings #144, #147, and #148 approved by Ordinance No. 94-O-001 dated January 3, 1994 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Consent of Assignment.
(City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-151.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 97-O-152 Ordinance approving an assignment from Aero Center, Inc. to the International Bank of Commerce and Sanchez-O'Brien Oil and Gas Corporation, a joint venture, of that lease agreement for an approximate 1.001 acre tract of improved land approved by Ordinance No. 95-O-154 dated August 7, 1995, and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Consent of Assignment. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-152.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 97-O-153 Ordinance authorizing the City of Laredo City council to accept the assignment of a leased contract issued to Panorama Broadcasting for the use of an area of land for the construction of a television station tower and authorizing the City Manager to take such steps as are necessary to execute the document to finalize the transaction. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-153.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 97-O-154 Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to execute Quitclaim Deeds, to the following seven grantors, the City of Laredo's interest to the Mineral Rights acquired through the conveyance of seven tracts of additional right-of-way for the Mines Road Widening Project. Said seven tracts being Parcel Nos. 29, 42, 43, 53, 54, 55, and 57; being situated in Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date. PARCEL 29 (Santos Costilla and San Juanita Costilla, original grantors as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 48, Pages 023-024, real property records, Webb County, Texas). A 1.1006 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, original grantee, Abstract 280,

also being out of a 10.0 acre tract of land (Tract 2) unrecorded 172.90 acre tract subdivision, Webb County, Texas as conveyed by deed from Jack E. Blanco to Santos Costilla and San Juanita Costilla as recorded in volume 13, pages 747 and 748, real property records, Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 42 (Venola Sanchez, Original Grantor, as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 23, pages 233-234, real property records Webb County, Texas) - A 1.0080 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 280, also being out of a 4.4292 acre tract (Tract 1) as conveyed by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr., to Venola Sanchez as recorded in volume 517, pages 259-265, deed records, Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 43 (Ernestina B. Wolter, Original Grantor as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 21, pages 771-772, real property records, Webb County, Texas) - A 1.5225 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 280, also being out of a 5.3614 acre tract (Tract 14) as conveyed by deed from Fernando Babiak and wife, Elva Rosa Babiak to Ernestina B. Wolter as recorded in volume 572, Pages 97-101, deed records, Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 53 (Elias Herrera and wife, Olga F. Herrera, Original Grantors as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 160, pages 122-123, real property records, Webb County, Texas). A 1.3167 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 280, also being out of a 6.4119 acre tract (Tract 30) as conveyed by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr., to Elias Herrera and Olga P. Herrera as recorded in volume 517, pages 410-417, deed records, Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 54 (C.C.M. Financial Inc., Original Grantor as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 73, page 881, real property records, Webb County, Texas). An 1.3186 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 280, also being out of a 6.6788 acre tract (Tract 31) as conveyed by deed from Edward M. Pina, a single man to Carlos Nelli Marsicano, et al, as recorded in volume 1341, pages 5-8, deed records of Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 55 (Agustin Meza, Jr., and wife, Vilma Meza, Original Grantors as per warranty deed to the City of Laredo, recorded in volume 22, page 175, real

property records, Webb County, Texas). A 1.3186 acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 2280, also being out of a 7.2909 acre tract (Tract 32) as conveyed by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr. to Mr. Agustin Meza Jr., and Vilma S. Meza as recorded in volume 517, Pages 426-433, deed records, Webb County, Texas.

PARCEL 57 (Carlos Casiano, Jr., David Casiano, Ramon Casiano, Demetrios Casiano, Tomas Casiano, Daniel Casiano, Raquel Casiano Elliott, Guadalupe Casiano Calvitt, Reynaldo Mireles and Manuel Mireles, individually, and as independent executor, Original Grantors as per warranty deed recorded i Volume 100, Page 424, Real Property Records, Webb County, Texas) -A2.8669 of an acre tract being out of Porcion 10, Tomas Sanchez, Original Grantee, Abstract 280, also being out of a 5.1272 acre tract (Tract 69) as conveyed by deed from Rodolfo Salinas, Jr., to Carlos Casiano and wife, Julia Casiano, as recorded in volume 589, pages 7-3-605, deed records, Webb County, Texas. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-154.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. 97-O-155 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to revert a tract of land containing 20,380.31 square feet, more or less, out of the Mines Road (FM 1472) R.O.W. to its original owner, but retaining it as a Drainage & Utility Easement. Said tract of land being out of a 5.9755 acre tract of land situated in parts of Porcion Nos. 17 and 18, Webb County, Texas, and being generally described below and more particularly described by metes and bounds and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-155.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. 97-O-156 Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 95-O-299 by changing Exhibit A; thereby authorizing the City Manager to execute database access agreements with any requestor of online access to inspect city property tax records database via computer modem; contract term to change so all will end on September 30, 2002 and the annual maintenance, processing, programming, and data manipulation fee will be eliminated; a one time equipment fee is required for the cost of the equipment; providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-156.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. 97-O-157 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a ground lease with Alderete Communications, Inc., a Texas Corporation, for the erection, maintenance, and operation of a skeletal steel guyed communications tower and associated equipment building located at the Jefferson Street Water Complex.
1. Lease term will be fifteen (15) years commencing July 22, 1997 and ending August 22, 2012 (Date will be determined after second reading of this ordinance).
 2. Rent will be payable in advance; first year's rent is \$8,676.00, and adjusted annually according to changes in the consumer price index. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-157.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 97-O-158 Ordinance approving amendment to the budget in the amount of \$9,500.00, for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health Department and extension of contract term period from June 30, 1997, through August 31, 1997, providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-158.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 17. 97-O-159 Ordinance approving a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and budget in the amount of \$5,250.00, for the Education and Training Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 1997, through September 28, 1997, providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-159.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 18. 97-O-160 Ordinance approving a contract with the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation (TNRCC) and budget in the amount of \$25,000.00, to continue the operation of a continuous air monitoring station (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1997, through August 31, 1998, providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #97-O-160.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 19. 97-R-076 Re-appointing and appointing the following nominees of Mayor Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., to the Historic District/Landmark Board:
Position #1 Appoint Robert Cantu
Position #2 Re-Appoint Elia Pruneda
Position #3 Re-Appoint Lawrence Friedman
Position #4 Appoint Diana Sanchez Schultz

Motion to approve.

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

20. 97-R-077 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Texas Municipal League (TML) to participate in TML's Group Benefits Risk Pool Retiree Medical Plan and to provide for an effective date of October 1, 1997.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-077.

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

21. 97-R-078 Identifying and granting retiree benefits to employees who retired between January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1995; and providing for an effective date of October 1, 1997.

Motion to approve Resolution #97-R-078.

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

VIII. MOTIONS

22. Authorizing the competitive bid award to the Laredo National Bank for the sale to the City of Laredo of the "Surface Only" of a tract of land generally described as 0.44900 of an acre, more or less and being a triangular tract of land situated immediately east of Lot 1A, Block 1173, Eastern Division, as further described by metes and bounds, in exchange for the "Surface Only" of Lots 1 (one), and 2 (two), Block 1190, and the "Surface Only" of a tract of land containing 0.1181 of an acre (5,144 square feet) all in the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo, being more particularly described by metes and bounds.

Motion to approve.

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

- 23. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the purchase of two lift station pumps. The pumps are required to restore pumping capacity to the McPherson Lift Station to increase the production of effluent for reuse at the North Laredo Plant. The project will be funded by transferring reserve funds to a new project called "McPherson Lift Station" from the 1994 wastewater bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 24. Approval of bid specifications and authorizing the City Manager to advertise for bids for the following:
 - a) Portrait of Mr. Luciano Guajardo for the Historical Collection;
 - b) signage for book stacks and offices;
 - c) display system for the multi-purpose room;
 - d) archival digital scanning equipment;
 - e) video & CD-ROM servers; and a
 - f) photo ID machine.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 25. Refund of property taxes in various amounts to the following company:
 - a. Taco Bell/Austaco, Inc., in the amount of \$3,210.17, as a result of a double assessment.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 26. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and execute applicable documents to Central Power and Light Company in the amount of \$100,000.00, to sponsor the Computer Lab for GED and ESL instruction in the New Main Library.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Motion to authorize submittal of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 grant for \$2,407,189.00, operating assistance and \$1,376,000.00, capital/planning assistance for the El Metro Transit System. The funds represent estimated FY 1998 allocations of FTA funds.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Motion to authorize a \$2,912,500.00, (\$2,330,000.00 Federal Share), amendment to Project TX-90-X406 (Federal Transit Administration Section 5307) to provide funds for the purchase of eight buses, five vans, three support vehicles and maintenance equipment for the El Metro Transit System.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Motion to authorize submittal of a grant in the amount of \$1,320,457.00, to the Texas Department of Transportation for the State Urbanized Transportation Fund for the 1998-99 biennium. The funds requested will be used to support operating expenses at the El Metro Transit System during the 1998 fiscal year.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. To adopt three additional Retiree Medical Benefit Plans that will allow retirees under age 65 to purchase Medical Benefits at reduced rates and to provide for an effective date of October 1, 1997.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award of a thirty-six month rental contract in the estimated amount of \$58,824.00, to the LOW BIDDER, Ozped, Laredo, Texas, for providing eleven copiers for various City Departments. This contract is being awarded to the lowest bidder based on the lowest cost per copy cost. The per copy cost includes the use of the copier, a maintenance contract, and all consumable supplies (toner, developers) during the three year period. The contract pricing is approximately 5% less than the previous contract. A total of seven bids were received. Funding is available in the various department's contractual services - rental of equipment line item.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of supply contracts to the LOW BIDDERS, DPC Industries, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas (\$136,200.00), Bay Chemical and Supply, Odem, Texas (\$47,200.00), Van Waters & Rodgers, Corpus Christi, Texas (\$42,000.00), Polydnye, Inc., Parsippany, NJ (\$41,080.00), Calgon Industries, Pittsburgh, PA (\$23,496.00), Environmental Chemical, Alamo, Texas (\$20,400.00), La Roche Industries, Waxahachie, Texas (\$10,920.00), Phoenix Distribution Service, Houston, Texas (\$9,550.00), PENNCO, Belville, Texas (\$6,250.00), Acetylene Oxygen Co., Alice, Texas (\$4,980.00) and APG Lime Company, New Braunfels, Texas (\$4,886.40), for the purchase of chemicals for the Utilities Department. There is a tie bid from Van Waters & Rodgers, Corpus Christi, Texas and Kenwater North American, Antioch, California, for the purchase of ferric sulfate. The contract vendor will be determined by choosing lots. A total of twenty-one bids were received. Funding is available in the Utilities Department line items: Water Treatment Division-Chemicals and Wastewater Treatment Division-Chemicals.

Cw. Moreno drew lots for the tie bid with the winner being Kenwater North American for the purchase of ferric sulfate.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Award of five year coin telephone service contract to AT&T, Dallas, Texas. The City requested proposals from vendors interested in providing coin operated telephone service, including long distance service, on City property, in City facilities, and on City right of way. This includes all coin telephones placed at current and future locations during the term of the contract. AT&T provided the most responsive proposal based on revenue to the City, vendor qualifications, vendor capability, and general responsiveness to the City's Request for Proposal (RFP). AT&T has contracted Southwestern Bell to provide the telephone equipment and coin and intra-lata, long distance commissions. Based on the commission structure proposed, the City anticipates yearly revenue of approximately \$38,000.00. This represents a 73% increase in projected revenues. The Telecommunications Commission recommends approval of this contract.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Acceptance of the Pace Street Drainage Extension and the Ligarde/Barrios Drainage Project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$88,991.00, to Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas. Funding is available in the Drainage Fund - Pace Street and Ligarde/Barrios Drainage Project. Contract was completed within the contract time of 131 calendar days at the original contract amount of \$152,315.00.

Motion to table.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Approval to select: (1) Porras Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to provide consulting engineering services to include surveys, design, preparation of plans and specifications with cost estimates, for a 12 inch diameter Wastewater Trunk Line (approximately 3500 linear feet) to serve the Santo Nino and Las Americas areas which will provide relief to a 10 inch

line on Santa Clara; (2) Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to provide consulting engineering services to include surveys, design, preparation of plans and specifications with cost estimates for the relocation of utilities and/or adjustments in conjunction with the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) proposed widening of U.S. Highway 59 between San Dario and Ejido. A total of five firms responded to the City's request for proposals.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Award of an engineering contract to WSBC Civil Engineers, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$17,270.00, to conduct a feasibility study and provide preliminary design for a 16 Inch Water Line along U.S. Highway 359 to service the proposed new Fire Training Facility, and the anticipation of the water services to the colonias located on State Highway 359. The feasibility study is necessary to determine and recommend the water line's designated route. Funding is available in Waterworks System Fund. A total of ten firms responded to the City's request for proposals on this project. Contract time is 90 days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. Award of an Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Contract to Design Group International, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$23,924.00, for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for Roof Repairs at the Center for the Arts Building Project. Funding is available in General Fund Building Rehabilitation Account. A total of two firms responded to the City's request for proposals. Contract time is 60 days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 38. Award of an Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Contract to Design Group International, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$13,328.00, to provide surveys, design and the preparation of plans and specifications for the Market Street Tennis Courts Improvements. Funding is available in Community Development - Market Street Courts Account. A total of thirteen firms responded to the City's request for proposals. Contract time is 60 days.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 39. Approval of a change order no. 2, an increase of \$357.60, for balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Sidewalks, Storm Drainage, and Curb and Gutter Improvements on Calton Road, Maher Avenue and Thomas Avenue (3 streets - approximately 1,700 L.F.) around the New Laredo Police Station Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$30,352.80, to Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas. Original contract amount was for \$44,265.00. Final construction contract amount is \$50,861.80. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund. Contract was completed within the allotted contract time.

Motion to approve as amended with a correction in the final payment amount of \$30,852.80.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 40. Submission of the Fiscal Year 1997-1998 Annual Budget as per Article VI, Section 6.02, Submission of Budget of the Charter of the City of Laredo which states that "sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year, or any time before that, the City Manager shall present to the Council, in an open public meeting, after proper public notice, and having been placed on the Council meeting agenda, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying message."

Florencio Pena, City Manager, made the formal presentation of the City Budget to the Council as per Article VI, Section

6.02 of the City Charter. He added that Town Hall meetings will be scheduled from August 8th thru August 10th.

41. Presentation by the Administrative Services Department regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), with possible action.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, stated that representatives from TML were present and prepared to do a 15 minute presentation. He gave an overview of HIPAA which is Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act signed into law in August 19, 1997 and the intent of the law is to make health coverage available, portable, and guaranteed renewable for individuals. It affects the city in the sense that we as the city have to make a decision to either opt in or opt out prior to October 1st which is the beginning of the plan year and because we are non-federal government plan our health benefit program falls under those guidelines and we have the ability to opt out. If you are a private insurer you don't have that same provision. They want to come back to council with a proposal to opt out and they just basically want to give council an opportunity to be informed.

Cw. Moreno added that through the committee they spent two hours with many of these issues. It is the recommendation of the committee to opt out and what that does is that it reduces our liability, when we opt out it does not mean that we wouldn't necessary not provide any of the options that are provided here. It simply says that we opt out of the liability that goes with them, they will take each individually and decide to what extent they would want to cover those areas. In some cases for example, under the area of pre-existing conditions, what they now offer is better than what is being suggested here so when they opt out it is not that we will not be covering pre-existing conditions, we cover pre-existing conditions at a better level than what is being recommended here.

Motion to accept the committees recommendation, which is to opt out of the HIPAA regulations, that staff comes back with the proposal to opt out, and that staff keeps Council informed in any areas as to how they stay up with that.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Request for confirmation of Mr. Keith Selman for appointment to the position of Planning Director with possible Executive Session pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment.

Motion to confirming the appointment of Keith Selman as the Director of the Planning Department.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Proclaiming the month of August 1997, as "Picture a Prayer" month.

Mayor Ramirez publicly read the proclamation and presented it to the youth group present.

- b. Cm. Bruni stated he sent a letter to Honorable Judith Zaffirini requesting some guidance on a grant application for funding from the Alternatives Fuel Council and he received an answer from Carole Rylander, Commissioner of the Texas Railroad Commission. The letter updated on the Alternative Fuel Council Grant which was awarded on July 7th. It said the council awarded the City of Laredo \$35,000.00 to help fund the conversion of 24 city vehicles to compressed natural gas.

- c. Cm. Perez announced the Town Hall Meeting for District I tomorrow at 6:30 at the Cigarrroa Recreational Center.

Cm. Valdez announced the Town Hall Meeting for District V at 6:30 at the Northeast Recreation Center.

Mayor Ramirez announced the rest of the Town Hall Meetings for Districts VI, VII, VIII, III, II and IV.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

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

1. Congratulating the Olympia Track Team on qualifying for the National Junior Olympics to be held in North Carolina, and

requesting any assistance that the City may provide to facilitate their trip.

Mayor Ramirez congratulated the Olympia Track Team for qualifying for the National Junior Olympics.

Alex De Luna, Coach of the Olympia Track Team, stated that of the 29 locals kids who qualified for the meet, 5 qualified for the National Junior Olympics to be held in North Carolina. He presented the five youths as follows:

Angeles Pantoja from Cigarroa High School, Allen Myers, Jaime Valderas from United High, Bobby Most from United High, Andy Vera from Martin High School and Joe Rubio, III from Gutierrez Elementary.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to provide funding assistance to the group for the trip.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Requests by Mayor Pro Tem Jose R. Perez, Jr.

1. Directing staff to research the use of CDBG Section 108 Loan monies for use in Capital Improvements.

Cindy Collazo, CD Director, summarized the program, outlined the regulations and the use of eligible activities under Section 108 Loan monies.

The program consists of Level I which is when the city borrows federal funds and Level II which city borrows for non profit when they want to do Community Development activities. It is up to the discretion of the city to workout the terms of the loan, it could be either equal to, higher, or lower than the cost of the funds.

The eligible activities include Economic Development activities under CDBG, acquisition of real property, rehab for publicly owned real property, housing rehab eligible under CDBG, construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities (including street, sidewalk, and other site improvements); related relocation, clearance and site improvements, payment of interest on the guaranteed loan and issuance cost of public offerings; debt service reserves, public works and site improvements in

colonias; and in limited circumstances, housing construction as part of community economic development, Housing Development Grant, Nehemiah Housing Opportunity Grant Programs.

The rules apply as for CDBG you have to meet one of the national objectives which is to benefit low-and moderate-income persons or aid in the elimination or prevention of slums and blighted, or meet urgent needs of the community.

The maximum commitment amount is again, five times your grant amount which basically amounts to \$20 million.

What is the security that HUD is requesting? They are asking to pledge the current and future CDBG programs, HUD does not rely solely on CDBG funds to repay the loan. Additionally security equals to about 1.25 coverage is also requested so that at least HUD feels at comfort level with the amount pledged. Some forms of pledging include parking revenues, lease revenues, pledge of tolls, general obligation, real estate property, and anything of value that HUD will review.

The maximum repayment period for a Section 108 loan is 20 years, there are different options for repayment. The community can add a debt service to the loan amount, structure interest payments for a reasonable amount of time, create balloon payments.

Interest rates charged on interim borrowing is priced at the 3 month London Interbank Offered (LIBO) rate plus 20 basis points. As of today it was 5.75 plus 20 basis points. The permanent financing is based on treasury yield with similar maturity plus additional basis point spread.

The application is going to be submitted at any time, there is no particular window for that. The review period generally takes from 90-120 days (120 being the maximum). It is first submitted to the HUD-San Antonio Office where they review it on eligibility and completeness after that it is forwarded to HUD-Washington to determine any type of additional security. Once there is approval, then we work with the San Antonio Office, a public hearing is required, passage of a resolution is required authorizing the City Manager to submit the application, as well as executing the documents.

2. Status report regarding the
 - a) School Sidewalk Program

b) the CDBG Sidewalk Program to include completion schedules.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated this project covers 13 schools, 11 are CD and two are non CD. They have completed four schools - Buenos Aires, Ochoa Sanchez, Memorial Middle and Nixon High, this report was as of last week, they are about 25-30% complete, they have four months to complete them, they are on schedule are for completion on October.

Cindy Collazo, CD Director, stated that on the Neighborhood CD Program they received all the input from the council as far as streets were concern, they went on RFPs in June, staff worked with Mr. G.G. Salinas Engineer because they were authorized to negotiate contract which they need to bring back in August, however upon review by Mr. Salinas it was determined that the estimate was a lot higher because many of the sidewalks required retaining walls and driveways, and therefore staff is right now in the process of preparing and scaling down. They will be coming back to council because it will probably need a reduction in the number of sidewalks to be down to about 11 or 12. On August 4th they will bring back the item to go ahead and contract with Mr. Salinas because at this point it is important to keep in mind that any of the engineering cost comes from the same pot of money. As far as the time line, August to October for design, November accepting plans and authorization to advertise for bids, December award for the construction contract, January to April construction time and acceptance of the project.

C. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the City of Laredo Drug Testing Policy with possible action.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, stated that in April of 1995 they adopted a drug and alcohol testing program that met with the mandates that deal to the CDL Program and thus they have the ability to do random testing as well as pre-employment post accident and reasonable suspicion with our drivers of equipment that is over 26,000 pounds as well as the CDL drivers. They have had a very effective program, all the employees that fall within those categories are currently and have been in the past tested as needed. There is a random testing program going on. In January, 1997 the City Council adopted the Drug/Alcohol Testing Program which went beyond the DOT Program and allow to start doing pre-employment testing as well as post accident reasonable

suspicion which they are currently doing now. In 1996 they administered 75 alcohol oral testing, in drug only 17, in drug and alcohol 93 all relative to the CDL and DOT Program. In 1997 they did 47 random alcohol testings, 56 drug testing. In 1997 they had two (2) identifications of possible results and actions taken on those. In 1997 to date since they implemented this program in March they have done 188 pre-employment drug/alcohol tests of which five (5) of those were positive and they took action with those. They had one (1) reasonable suspicion to date, it was positive, and they have taken action with that. They have had ten (10) Post Accidents and have had three individuals that have come forward on a self referral and they are currently working with those. They have increased the exposure of testing and when they reviewed the random testing aspect of the drug/alcohol policy in early 1996, when they were proposing the program one of the comments that had to be addressed was are they going with reasonable suspicion and they agreed to do that. What were they going to do with random testing? With random testing they had to look at many things. The courts are not united, there is still the issue of privacy that they are having to deal with in some cases the courts rule in favor of the employer in some cases they don't and after they saw third party counsel outside they recommended that we not include random testing as part of our overall city-wide drug testing program. The other is, that if we were going to do a random test, they are talking about 1,700 employees they would be looking at possibly additional \$127,000-\$175,000 that would have to be budgeted for that.

Cw. Bruni is of the opinion that in order to safeguard the safety of the citizens and the liability of the City that we should have random drug testing and maybe even be looking at the possibility of drug testing all our employees including employees that work as subcontractors to the City of Laredo as long as it's within the perimeters of the attorney general's opinion and as long as it is legal.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that the primary concerns here is in regard to balancing the important interests of government and protecting that sensitive information, security of employees and enhancing the work by its integrity. The very important government interest vs. the very important 4th Amendment U.S. Constitution Right of Privacy that the employee has. So in random testing it's not that balancing where we are seeking to obtain. Courts have pretty much looked at both sides of the issue and rule from a municipality a government must have a compelling interest

in order and that compelling interest of the government must out weigh or be greater than the privacy interest in order for that privacy interest of the individual to be overcome and it can be especially in the areas where we are talking about security sensitive or safety (firefighters, policemen, nurses, technicians who have very high degree of safety where random testing is a compelling interest of the government vs. the privacy interest. So it would not be prudent or advisable to just go forward with random testing of all city employees taking the same mentioned factors in a secretarial job as opposed to a person who carries a firearm for example. They are looking at that in presenting to council a policy that would protect the employees of the City while respecting the very important privacy interest.

2. Presentation by Dr. Jose G. Garcia, M.D., M.P.H. on alcohol and drug abuse with possible action.

Dr. Garcia stated that he is in support of the idea or making sure that the rights of all of the employees are protected, however there is an area where he has some concern about that has to do with the area of testing for reasonable suspicion. It is his understanding that if the supervisors have not received adequate training for recognition of the elements that constitute reasonable suspicion and adequate documentation has not been maintained on a progressive basis, then the testing for reasonable suspicion may not be supported by court action. He thinks that the reasonable suspicion testing is the one that has to have the most detailed and most precise documentation, including very careful training of the personnel that makes the decision that a particular person falls under the category of reasonable suspicion. He thinks that type of training is what a complete package of drug testing must include, and that they have to have adequate training for the people that are going to be implementing the reasonable suspicion testing so they can recognize the individuals who in fact has a history of impairment that is more than likely caused by use of alcohol.

Motion to instruct staff to get together with Dr. Garcia to formulate something to guide us as to what needs to be done, what steps and technical must be taken, get recommendations, and get a cost estimate of what it would cost to implement Dr. Garcia's recommendations.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the Mayor Pro Tem's authority, duties, and responsibilities.

Cm. Casso stated that he received a letter from the City Manager addressed to the council which states that the basic issues were:

- (1) Does the election of a council member by his/her peers to the Office of Mayor Pro Tem divest that council member of his/her voting privileges to him/her by the electorate, and replace such voting power with the voting power of the mayor? or,
- (2) Does the Mayor Pro Tem retain his/her general voting privileges? and,
- (3) If the council member retains his/her voting power, does the council member gain, in addition to his/her vote as a council member, the voting powers of the Mayor?

Cm. Casso stated that his concern is that the City Charter provides explicit authority powers for the Office of the Mayor, but it does not do so for the Mayor Pro Tem. There is a city ordinance 90-0-101 which addresses the Mayor Pro Tem's duties, but it doesn't specifically address the issue of voting authority. So he thinks this is something this council need to debate and probably going to have to make an amendment to this ordinance and bring back to council because he knows staff already contacted the Attorney General's Office, TML, and it is up to this council to decide what it is going to be. The way he sees the issue is that there are 8 members on the council and the Mayor, so if the vote is 4 to 4 the Mayor breaks the tie, but if the Mayor resigns it will be a Mayor Pro Tem with seven Councilmembers and if for some reason council votes 4 to 3, he still retains his voting privileges and you would have grid lock for three long months. If he uses his veto power, he could veto anything he wants because the Charter explicitly states that you need 5 Councilmember votes to override his veto, he could literally veto everything and they wouldn't be able to do anything if they only have four members that would agree with him. So this poses a dilemma and he thinks this should be discussed as to what needs to be done because it up to this council and instruct staff to bring back an amendment if that is what council wants to do.

Motion to instruct staff to bring an amendment to the

ordinance on the powers of the Mayor Protem, that if the Mayor Protem accepts or assumes the responsibilities as Mayor Protem that he loses the power as a City Councilmember, the voting rights, so that he can carry out the Mayor's job.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Wrecker Service Ordinance.

Cm. Casso read a letter from a constituent as follows:

Mr. Casso: I've been trying to work with the Mayor on this problem, but we have trouble getting together, maybe you can also help. My wife's car was one of the ones that the PD recovered across the river and I was contacted last Thursday June 5th via registered mail that the car was at Orozco's. I do not mind paying a fare fee for the recovery of my property, but I feel that what is being asked is way out of line. Second fact, she has the charges that Orozco wants me to pay, I called another tow truck service locally to get a price for towing a vehicle, I told them that my car had been broken down at the airport and if they would be able to tow the car from Nuevo Laredo to my home in North Laredo. They said they would be able to do it with no problems, I asked the price, they quoted it would cost \$150.00 to \$180.00. Orozco is charging \$600.00 just for Nuevo Laredo towing. Also after being notified that the car was here in Laredo, I went to look at it and its missing the radio, battery and spare, I borrowed a battery and the car started with no problems, this car didn't need to be towed it could have been driven back from Nuevo Laredo. Like I stated before I don't mind paying a fare fee, but \$948.00 just doesn't seem right."

Cm. Casso stated this gentlemen is still asking about this fees and wants to know what staff recommends.

Mayor Ramirez stated he called the towing service and they told him they would work with him and that was the last he heard.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated he does not have the details on this situation, but that we have regulations as to how much they can charge and that he will look at the situation presented.

Mr. Hector Cabello, owner of Cabello Wrecker Service, stated he feels that being sustained from the rotation list hurt his business because he has 15 wreckers, to this time he does not know what violations occurred in his business or why was he dismissed from the rotation list.

Agustin Dovalina, Interim Chief of Police, stated that the bottom line is that his permit expired on June 30th and he did not renew it, so he was automatically not on the rotation list as of that date.

Mr. Cabello stated that to get a permit from the City of Laredo the officer has to sign this and he has to submit \$50.00, the check was ready the officer never came up with the permit. He presented a paper officer drawn by Officer Morales that has never been circled or filled out. He added he never got a notice for renewal or expiration of the permit.

Cm. Alvarado stated that due process was not followed, there is a check off list, if there are any non-complying items they should have provided them in writing, he asked Officer Morales to do it, and he said that he would.

Interim Chief Dovalina stated he will look into the matter and find exactly what transpired with Mr. Cabello.

Cm. Casso requested something in writing as to what staff is going to do.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a tree department and committee for the City's participation in the Tree City USA Program.

This item was discussed together with Cm. Valdez's F(2).

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that this task will be assigned to the new director.

Lynn Nava, from the Parks & Recreation Department, reported that it was the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee that a Tree Board be created.

Cm. Casso stated that he wants something in the budget for the next fiscal year and he suggested that the board be formed.

E. Requests by Councilmember Cecilia May Moreno

1. Discussion and possible action on setting a timeline identifying possible funding sources and alignment of the proposed Outer Loop.

Motion to set a timeline identifying possible funding sources and alignment of the proposed Outer Loop.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the upgrading of the lighting at Cruz Field.

Motion to look for monies and bring back during to the budget hearings.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the City initiating a tree reclamation program.

Cm. Valdez requested for staff to approach the City of Brownsville to see what they are doing and get costs.

3. Status report regarding where the City is with regard to the selection of a legislative liaison, with possible action. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Jose R. Perez, Jr.)

Motion to recommend Raul Liendo as the legislative liaison at \$12,500 per year as our Austin representative and instruct staff to bring back a contract for council approval.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

The second was withdrawn.

Cm. Casso requested that council should interview the applicants before hiring anyone or awarding a contract.

Mr. Liendo stated that he would bypass his presentation and

present it at an interview with council and the rest of the applicants.

Motion to set a date for interviews, advise the applicants of the date of the interviews, and bring back to council with a recommendation by the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

G. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra

1. Presentation by Frank Leach from the Laredo Development Foundation regarding the development of a Public/Private Partnership to Streamline the City's Platting & Building Permit Process.

Frank Leach spoke before Council on behalf of the Laredo Builders Association, Gateway Chapter/Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Laredo Chamber of Commerce and the Laredo Development Foundation to present 3 preliminary actions and 12 outlined recommendations to streamline the platting and building permit process.

The three preliminary actions were:

- (A) Request that City Staff members from Traffic, Planning, Environment, Utilities and Building Permits immediately schedule a meeting with our private sector group to further refine our recommendations into a list of action items to be considered by the City Council.
- (B) Request that the City Council Workshop to review these action items with City Staff and our private sector group to scheduled as soon as possible, preferably as soon as the City Budget Hearings are concluded.
- (C) Request that the City Staff immediately help our private sector group review and revise our draft City Specification Book.

The 12 outline recommendations were:

- 1 - Adoption of a City of Laredo Construction Specification Book is a top priority. A draft copy has been prepared and should be reviewed, revised and agreed-upon by the City Staff and the private sector beginning immediately.
- 2 - The private sector must be required to submit complete applications to all concerned City Departments for preliminary plans, master plans, construction plans,

permits, final approval, etc., based on written checklists maintained by each department.

- 3 - City Staff and the private sector should begin within the next 45 days to establish specific policy, procedures and checklist necessary to file plats, seek P & Z approvals, approve plans for construction, final acceptance of projects and final acceptance with letters in a timely manner. This would also include construction water meter permits, street cut permits, building permits and requirements necessary for environmental and traffic approvals.
- 4 - A Policy and Procedure Handbook should then be prepared to include a flow chart and specific requirements established by the City so that anyone, local or otherwise, would know exactly how to get something accomplished in this community.
- 5 - Private sector engineers should be made responsible for micro-managing & inspecting projects to reduce the City Staff workload & free-up City engineers for more important works such as preparing for future growth.
- 6 - A One-Stop Center for building permits and utility permits should be created to help speed-up the process of paying all the various permit fees.
- 7 - For private sector projects, the owner of the project will select the Testing Laboratory from a list of qualified testing laboratories to be maintained by the City Engineer.
- 8 - Planning & Zoning Commission Agendas: Any person or entity that files a plan that does not require a public hearing, and has the appropriate fees and submitted all required documentation, must be placed on the P & Z agenda for its next meeting. Any request requiring a public hearing should be placed on the agenda once proper notice of such meeting has been given as defined by State Law.
- 9 - Voluntary Annexations: To speed-up the entry of new projects into the marketplace, voluntary annexations should be made quarterly instead of annually. Although an additional staff person would be required at the Planning Department, this minor City expense would remove

what is now a time-constraint on the development of new projects.

- 10 - City Computer Equipment: To make the process more efficient the City should (a) invest in an Internet Server, (b) network all departmental computers so that inter-communication between department can be facilitated through e-mail, (c) place and keep updated all subdivision, development and zoning ordinances on the City's Web Site, and (d) purchase computers for the Building Permit Office.
- 11 - Fee Structure: All current City fees relating to building projects should be reviewed and compared to other Cities and revised if necessary to make Laredo cost competitive.
- 12 - Technical Review Board: (Not to duplicate any functions of the Planning & Zoning Commission)

The City should establish a Technical Review Board made up of representatives of City Staff and the private sector (engineers, contractors and testing labs)

The purpose of this group would be to provide input to the City Manager and City Council with regard to technical matters involved in construction and development. This board would seek to implement productive and efficient policies and procedures for the purpose of providing cost effective development and construction.

This Board would review all technical provisions and specification changes recommended by Engineering, Planning, Utilities, Environment, Traffic and Building Permit Department to provide private sector business input with regard to cost/benefit analysis and historical/practical use and effectiveness of the proposed changes.

Mr. Pena stated that what is referred to is the Ad Hoc Ordinance Committee that has been created by Council, staff has been meeting with them for the last three months, basically the approach that Mr. Leach and the other members are proposing is much more focused. They have met with this group already and he feels that they have made good progress with it, there are a few points

that they may still disagree, on but he will bring those to City Council.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed with the three steps that have been recommended by Mr. Leach and that they come back to Council within 90 days with a preliminary recommendation as to how to work this process up.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

H. Requests by Councilmember Mario G. Alvarado

1. Update by the Utilities Department regarding the Santa Isabel Water Well Project, with possible action.

Jerry Pinzon, Assistant Utilities Director, reported that after the exploratory drilling that they did to increase the production they found one of the indexes of the quality of the water was higher than what it was originally assigned for so what they are doing is a pilot test to see what they are going to have to do. They are going to have to do extra treatment for it and so they asked the engineering staff to investigate what that pre-treatment is going to be. They got some quality samples on Friday and were sent for testing and they will get the results by the end of the week.

Cm. Alvarado stated that the concern was that this well has been under construction since 1993 at a cost of \$1.5 million and not one single drop of water has been produced and that the area residents are waiting for water service.

Mr. Pinzon stated that the contractor was put on notice for delinquent charges, they started the project later than they were supposed to, so there has been some problems. The well has been constructed, it is the filtration system that is the problem.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that this project has had quite a few difficulties associated with it, one of the alternatives that they have in place right now is the Colonias Project which is going to provide water service along Mines Road. The Santa Isabel Project will then be a support system entirely at that point and a really not of much use at that point unless they can tie it as a redundant or a secondary system to that, so the priority right now is to get the Colonia Project done and it is unfortunate it was

a risk whenever you build water wells and the risk that was taken here, and the risk that was taken here has not played it way out completely at this point, they are trying to salvage as much as they can of this project.

Mayor Ramirez stated there is difficulty with the water quality and that the problem has been that the filtrations system installed was not capable of cleaning out the water.

Cm. Alvarado stated that he wants a written report and the status of the project at every first meeting of the month. He also requested that at the next meeting staff present a full budget report to how much money has been spent in this project.

2. Discussion and possible action requesting street maintenance on the railroad crossing at Industrial Boulevard.

Motion to force clean the area.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against:

Abstain: 0

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

3. Follow-up on a request by City Council for a traffic signal at Mines Road and Rancho Viejo, with possible action.

Luis Landin, Traffic Manager, reported that the signal design has already been completed, they will present to TxDoT for approval, it might be approved because that area warrants the signal, they have to order the poles which will take three months to received because they have to be fabricated. They might have the signal by the 1st of December.

Cm. Alvarado stated that on a previous meeting it was stated that it would be installed by November. His concern is that school starts in August and the biggest concern is the traffic trying to turn to Rancho Viejo. He wants staff to do anything that can be done to expedite the timetable earlier than November.

Mr. Murillo stated that the manufacturers have indicated that if they want a faster delivery of the poles, they might be able to do it but at a much higher cost.

Mr. Landin stated they will try to expedite this as soon as possible.

- 4. Discussion and possible action concerning acquiring an easement along the creek located between Finley Elementary School and Saint Jude Church.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that there is a drainage easement already in that area (north of Bristol Road all the way to Rancho Viejo), south of that is privately owned.

Cm. Alvarado stated that the concern that some people from the Parish have expressed whether the city needs to acquire some type of easement or right-of-way that is wide enough to be able to go in there with the machinery to do regular maintenance.

Mr. Rivera answered that Public Works does regular maintenance, and in fact done maintenance on the private area because of the health hazard. He added that it does belong to the city, it is a dedicated drainage easement that is part of the development.

Mayor Ramirez stated that we can go in there, and wants that staff check just to make sure, and see if there is adequate distance in the easement available in and out due to the construction by the church.

I. Requests by Councilmember Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo

- 1. Discussion and possible action regarding the sale of three surplus vehicles to our Sister City of Cienega de Flores, Nuevo Leon, Mexico, as follows:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Value</u>
a. 1977 Chevrolet C-65 Truck,	\$3500
b. 1986 Ford Pick-up,	\$2000
c. 1990 Chevrolet Pick-up.	\$4000

(Co-sponsored by Cm. Eliseo Valdez, Jr.)

Motion to proceed with the sale on the same basis as the vehicles that were sold to Nuevo Laredo.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

44. Public hearing concerning the application by B.P. Newman Investment Company, Max L. Watts, President amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 27.9858 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located on Ejido Avenue, south of Los Obispos Subdivision, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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 27.9858 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located on Ejido Avenue, south of Los Obispos Subdivision, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

45. Public hearing concerning the application by B.P. Newman Investment Company, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 20.0801 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located southeast of the intersection of Sierra Vista Boulevard and Ejido Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing 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 20.0801 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located southeast of the intersection of Sierra Vista Boulevard and Ejido Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-1-MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 46. Public hearing concerning the application by Antonio Gonzalez, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 2, Block 1, Los Presidentes Subdivision, Unit III, located at 3519 Pine Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business 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 2, Block 1, Los Presidentes Subdivision, Unit III, located at 3519 Pine Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Diego Rodriguez, 3509 Hein, spoke against the zone change request.

Mrs. Graciela Gonzalez, Child Care Provider, spoke in favor of the zone change request for the purpose of providing a Day Care Center. She presented a list of 72 signatures in favor of allowing the Day Care Center at this location.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Perez

- 47. Public hearing concerning the application by Del Trautman, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 22 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located on the south side of Del Mar Boulevard, south of Bermuda Dunes Subdivision, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial 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 22 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located on the south side of Del Mar Boulevard, south of Bermuda Dunes Subdivision, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Del Trautman, representing the property owner, appeared before the council to speak in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and table the item for the August 18th meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Public hearing concerning the application by Eduard C. Hachar and Robert D. Hachar, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a child education/day care center on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1697, Eastern Division, located at 2801 and 2807 East Fremont Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this conditional use permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a child education/day care center on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1697, Eastern Division, located at 2801 and 2807 East Fremont; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

There was no public input.

Cm. Bruni stated that the concerns were the off-street parking. When children will be dropped off, the residents were concern that they would be coming off Arkansas and blocking traffic, the residents on the north side, when trying to pull of their driveways would be impacted by vehicles that are parked there dropping off the children. He would like to make sure that there is no off-street parking at all and that the children are not dropped off in front of the building by somehow access thru the parking area in the back. He told his constituents that he met with 8 families of the area and that he would table issue to the following meeting so that they can get together with the developer and the residents so that they can rest assure that there will be no interruption of traffic going in and out.

Motion to close the public hearing, table for the next council meeting with the recommendation on site specific parking.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

49. Public hearing concerning the application by Ernesto J. Cardenas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a grocery store on Lot 7, and part of Lot 6, Lot 8, and part of Lot 5, Block 1705, Eastern Division, located at 2820 Chihuahua Street. On appeal, the City Council at the meeting of May 27, 1997, requested that the item be sent back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration of a conditional use permit. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of this conditional use permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a grocery store on Lot 7, and part of Lot 6, Lot 8, and part of Lot 5, Block 1705, Eastern Division, located at 2820 Chihuahua Street; providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Ernesto Cardenas, spoke in favor of the Conditional Use Permit for this property for use as a small grocery store.

Mr. Ernesto Cardenas, property owner, spoke in favor of being granted the zone change request.

Sylvia Tays of 2804 Rosario spoke in favor of the zone change request by Mr. Cardenas.

Ms. Nora Valdez spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Ms. Delfina Martinez spoke in favor.

Maria Ibarra, 2903 Chihuahua, spoke against the zone change requested by Mr. Cardenas.

Mrs. Maria Lara spoke against the zone change request.

Cm. Bruni turned in a list of 30 signatures who were in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and over rule the Planning and Zoning Commission and grant the zone change request.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Guerra
For: 3
Cm. Bruni
Cm. Casso
Cm. Guerra

Against: 5 Abstain: 0
Cm. Perez
Cw. Moreno
Cm. Valdez
Cm. Alvarado
Cw. Montalvo

- 50. Public hearing concerning the application by Jacaman Investment Group, LTD, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 107.74 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of Lake Casa Blanca, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1 (Single Family 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 107.74 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of Lake Casa Blanca, from AG (Agricultural 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: Cm. Alvarado
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 51. Public hearing concerning the application by Jacaman Investment Group, LTD, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 10.997 acres, located at 7100 Bob Bullock Loop, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business 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 10.997 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 7100 Bob Bullock Loop, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 52. Public hearing concerning the application by Jacaman Investment Group, LTD, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 21.849 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of Casa Blanca Lake, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family 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 21.849 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of Casa Blanca Lake, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 53. Public hearing concerning the application by Robert Kitzmiller for Border Broadcasters, Inc., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 1481-A, Eastern Division, located on South Zapata Highway at Wooster Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). This is an appeal from a recommendation for denial by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 1481-A, Eastern Division, located on South Zapata Highway at Wooster Street, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing property owner, spoke in favor stating the this facility will be use as a Community

Corrections Center/Halfway House for federal prisoners from the area.

Mr. Pedro Gonzalez spoke against this facility because it would be near his home.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the zone change request.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 54. Public hearing concerning the application by Dr. George Garcia, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.5 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 301 International Boulevard, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial 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 3.5 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 301 International Boulevard, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 55. Public hearing concerning the application by A.F. Muller, Jr., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2 acres, as further described by metes and

bounds, located at 405 A.F. Muller Sr., Memorial Boulevard, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (Community Business 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 2 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 405 A.F. Muller Sr., Memorial Boulevard, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

56. 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 3.409 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of F.M. 1472 across from the old municipal airport, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (Community Business 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 3.409 acres out of Porcion 19, Abstract 591, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of F.M. 1472 across from the old municipal airport, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of the Killam Industrial Park, spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 57. Public hearing concerning the application by Edmundo Gomez, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3, Block 619, Western Division, located at 2314 Ventura Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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 3, Block 619, Western Division, located at 2314 Ventura Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

58. Public hearing concerning the application by Applied Petroleum Technologies, Sam J. Susser, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 3, Block 169, Western Division, located at 1002 Santa Maria Avenue, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business 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 1 and 3, Block 169, Western Division, located at 1002 Santa Maria Avenue, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Sergio Davila spoke in favor to ease the traffic flow.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

59. Public hearing approving an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$37,691.00, for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department, and extension of contract term period from June 30, 1997 through January 31, 1998.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the budget in the amount of \$37,691.00, for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department, and extending the contract period from July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997 to July 1, 1996, through January 31, 1998; and increase revenue line item 226-0000-323-4058 from \$55,996.00, to \$93,687.00, and expenditure line item 226-6040 from \$55,996.00 to \$93,687.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Perez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 60. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the 1997 Consolidated Plan which identifies 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). The projects are as follows:

23rd Action Year CDBG (\$4,372,000)

<u>1. Administration</u>	. . . . .	.\$ 561,825	2.
Housing 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 II.	. . . . .	.\$ 800,000	
7. Gallagher Street Improvements	. . . . .	.\$ 110,000	
8. Guadalupe Street Improvements	. . . . .	.\$ 50,000	
9. Zacate Creek Beautification	. . . . .	.\$ 300,000	
10. El Portal Riverfront			
Feasibility	. . . . .	.\$ 23,000	
11. Sidewalk Program (All CD District			
\$307,296 and Districts 2, 3, & 4 -			
\$477,000)	. . . . .	.\$ 784,296	
12. Paving Project 60 Grants	. . . . .	.\$ 27,673	
13. Tinaja/Chacon Creek Pilot			
Channel Phase I	. . . . .	.\$ 358,000	
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. Maryland Toddler Park		
(Adjacent to Health Department) . . . .	.\$	6,000
20. Los Dos Laredo Park Improvements . . . .	.\$	4,000
21. Zacate Creek Park Soccer		
Field Improvements . . . . .	.\$	17,780
<u>HOME Investment Partnerships Program</u>		
<u>1997 Grant \$1,192,000</u>		
1. Downpayment Assistance . . . . .	.\$	700,000
2. New Construction . . . . .	.\$	200,134
3. Community Housing		
Development Organization . . . . .	.\$	178,800
4. Administration . . . . .	.\$	113,066
<u>Estimated HOME Program Income \$2,000,300</u>		
1. New Construction . . . . .	.\$	1,600,300
2. Substantial Rehabilitation . . . . .	.\$	100,000
3. Downpayment Assistance . . . . .	.\$	300,000
<u>Emergency Shelter Grant - \$115,000</u>		
1. Homeless Prevention . . . . .	.\$	34,500
2. Shelter Rehabilitation . . . . .	.\$	79,920
3. Administration . . . . .	.\$	580

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cindy Collazo, CD Director, reported that item #21 needs to reflect the correct amount of \$4,000, instead of \$17,780.

Mr. Richard Flynn asked how the homeless are to be served with the proposed \$34,500.

Mrs. Collazo replied that this amount is for RFPs for an agency to assist for mortgage payments, rent assistance, etc.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

61. Motion to adopt the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and 22% Goal for 1997-98.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

62. Approval of change order No. 6, an increase of \$16,716.12, to the Intermodal Transit Center construction contract with Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas, for the addition of elevator sump pumps, heat detectors and metal partitions to comply with recent State and Local elevator code revisions; and interior changes to the office towers as requested by City staff. Original contract amount was for \$8,009,000.00. This change order will bring the total \$8,735,959.45.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


Motion to adjourn.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 9:55 p.m

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 48 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, 1997. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY