

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

M98-R-17

MINUTES

APRIL 20, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

ELIZABETH G. FLORES,	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 G. ALVARADO,	"	, DISTRICT VII
CONSUELO "CHELO" MONTALVO,	"	, DISTRICT VIII
GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.,	CITY SECRETARY	
FLORENCIO PENA, III,	CITY MANAGER	
JAIME L. FLORES,	CITY ATTORNEY	

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. City Council Meeting of February 23, 1998
Workshop on Economic Development on February 24, 1998
Workshop with Legislative Consultant on February 25, 1998
City Council Meeting of March 2, 1998
City Council Meeting of March 16, 1998

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Casso was not present.

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item D(1).

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to waive the rules of order and move item A(1).

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Bowden Medical, Incorporated for approximately 3,588 square feet constituting Buildings #1432, #1438 and #1439. Building #1432 is located at 1803 Pappas Street, and Buildings #1438 and #1439 are located at 1719 Pappas Street.
 - a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing May 1, 1998 and ending April 30, 1999.
 - b. Monthly rent shall be \$674.10. Previous monthly rent was \$630.00.
 Premises are used to store medical equipment and supplies.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Texas/Illinois Cellular Limited Partnership, by it's general partner Southwestern Bell Wireless, Inc., (sub-tenant) to co-located on the existing self support cellular tower constructed under that certain ground lease for cellular tower dated September 1, 1996 between the City of Laredo (Landlord) and Lar-Tex Cellular Telephone Company (Tenant) reference 96-0-132, located on a tract of land out of and a part of lots 3 and 4, Block 552, of the Eastern Division of the City of Laredo. The sub-tenant desires to attach and construct on such premises cellular phone antennas, and coaxial cables to the existing tower and install and equipment building.
 1. Term of the lease is 10 years with an option for 2 successive 5 year renewals.
 2. Annual rent will be \$2,500.00, to be adjusted on each

anniversary dated according to the changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 5. Closing as a public easement **PARCEL A**, consisting of 175.09 square feet of land, more or less; and **PARCEL B**, consisting of 254.65 square feet of land, more or less; both parcels being out of and part of the 400 Block of Price Street between Springfield and Maryland Avenues. Said parcels of land being encroached upon by the improvements of the abutting properties, being Lots 11 and 12, Block 337, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; and authorizing the sale of the "Surface Only" of said parcels at the combined fair market value of \$1,289.22, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to Cristina Cedillo and Librada Ramirez de Escobedo, respectively for said parcels being more particularly described by metes and bounds and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Taxation, Article II, Hotel Occupancy Tax, Section 30-17; Levy; Exceptions, adding Subsections b (1,2,3,4, and 5), amending Subsection (c), and adding Subsections (d), (1,2,3, and 4), (e), (f), f(1), and (g) to the Code of Ordinances.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #98-O-098, #98-O-099, #98-O-100, #98-O-101, #98-O-102, #98-O-103, #98-O-105, #98-O-106, #98-O-107, #98-O-108, and #98-O-109.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 7. 98-O-098 Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 92-O-113 granting Southwestern Bell Telephone Company the non-exclusive right to use the rights-of-way in the City for its telecommunications business, by amending Section 4 to extend the franchise term for a period of two months from the date of expiration of March 31, 1998 until May 30, 1998; providing for publication and effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-098.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 98-O-099 Ordinance closing as a public easement that section of the 3000 block of Ross Street between India and Canada Avenues, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-099.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 98-O-100 Ordinance authorizing the granting and conveyance of a 12 foot wide utility easement located behind the Freddie Benavides Outdoor Recreational Complex to Central Power and Light Company, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any necessary documents of conveyance, in order to allow for the provision of electrical services to the New Laredo National Bank South Branch building located at the intersection of State Highway 83 at Chacota Street said 12 foot wide utility easement being more particularly described by metes and bounds. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-100.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 98-O-101 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the City of Laredo for approximately 4,000 square feet of office space constituting the Second Floor of Building No. 132 located at 4719 Maher Avenue.
- a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing May 1, 1998 and ending April 30, 1999, and may be extended for four (4) terms of one (1) year each ending April 30, 2000, April 30, 2001, April 30, 2002, and April 30, 2003.

b. Monthly rent shall be \$3,200.00, and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. This office space was previously occupied by the Airport Director's Administrative Staff. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-101

Moved : Cm. Perez
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 98-O-102 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with South Texas Workforce Development Board for approximately 4,234 square feet constituting Building No. 1054 located at 4812 North Bartlett Avenue.
- a. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing March 1, 1998 and ending February 28, 1999, and may be extended for one (1) year ending February 29, 2000.
 - b. Monthly rent shall be \$3,600.00, and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease. Previous monthly rent was \$3,437.89. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-102.

Moved : Cm. Perez
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 98-O-103 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Lease and Specialty Gift Shop Concession Agreement approved by Ordinance No. 97-O-322 dated January 5, 1998, between the City of Laredo and Jesus Garcia. Said amendment will include the requirements for operating a Retail News/Gift Shop Concession and because of a typing error change the square footage from 1,556 to 556. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-103.

Moved : Cm. Perez
 Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 98-O-105 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1997-1998 Annual Budget in the amount of \$90,000.00, for a donation by the Friends of the Library, Laredo, Texas, providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-105.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 98-O-106 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998 budget in the amount of \$356,086.00, for funding of operating expenses and personnel for an organized Multi-Agency Financial Disruption Task Force for the period of January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-106.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 98-O-107 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1537, Eastern Division, located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ash St., and Texas Ave., from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of this zone change. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-107.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 98-O-108 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 Annual Budget in the amount of \$5,000.00, and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Office of the Comptroller for the reimbursement of \$5,000.00, for funding a Tobacco Compliance program. This money will be used to pay overtime wages for Laredo Police Crime

Prevention officers involved in this operation. This will be the first year the City has entered into this agreement and is at no cost to the City. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-108.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 17. 98-O-109 Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget revision for the Tuberculosis Prevention Control Projects of the City of Laredo Health Department to reflect two budgets: the TB Federal Projects for the period beginning January 1, 1998, through December 31, 1998, in the amount of \$99,950.00, and the "Los Dos Laredos" TB Binational Project for the period beginning January 1, 1998, through June 30, 1998, in the amount of \$46,438.00. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-109.

Moved : Cm. Perez
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 18. 98-R-053 Accepting a grant from the Texas Alternate Fuel Council in the amount of \$35,000.00 with the City designating \$37,839.49 in matching funds and/or in-kind services for a total of \$72,839.49, for conversion of 12 new and used fleet vehicles to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) from several City of Laredo Departments from February 1, 1998 through August 31, 1998.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-053.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 19. 98-R-062 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$285,938.00, for the HIV Ryan White Care Consortium Project of the City of

Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-062.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 20. 98-R-063 Accepting Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order no. 107439, regarding the construction of the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge) and its connecting facilities, from U.S. Interstate Highway 35 to the international border crossing at the Rio Grande River, located approximately 2.5 miles southwest of U.S. Interstate Highway 35. Said international bridge and facilities construction being subject to the project participation provisions enumerated for the City of Laredo and the State of Texas, on Minute Order.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-063.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 21. 98-R-064 Accepting a grant from Entex in the amount of \$20,000.00, to be used toward the purchase of dedicated CNG (compressed natural gas) equipped vehicles or conversions of existing fleet vehicles to CNG fuel.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-064.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 22. 98-R-066 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a clinical affiliation agreement between the City of Laredo Fire Department EMS and Texas A&M International University Canseco School of Nursing.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-066.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Award of contract to the SOLE BIDDER, H&V Equipment Services, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of the \$201,801.00, for the purchase of four tractors with mower attachments. This equipment will be assigned to the Public Works department and used in the creek cleaning operations. This equipment will be delivered within ninety days. Funding is available in the Public Works Department - Street Maintenance Division -Capital Outlay.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Power Equipment International, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$119,772.00, for the purchase of two, 12 cubic yard dump trucks for the Public Works Department. These trucks are for replacement and will be assigned to the creek cleaning operation. It is anticipated that these trucks will be delivered within one hundred and twenty days. The City received a total of two bids for this purchase. Funding is available in the Public Works Department - Street Maintenance -Capital Outlay.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Valu Care Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$43,734.00, for providing laundry dry cleaning services for Police Department uniforms. The bid pricing is approximately 12% less than the previous contract period. The City received a total of three bids for these services. Funding is available in the Police Department's contractual services, linen and laundry service.

Luis Dovalina, President of the Laredo Police Officers Association, requested that Valu Care Cleaners not be awarded the contract because they only have one location. He asked that it be awarded to Gateway Cleaners, because they have

more locations, hours of operation are more convenient to officers and they provide good service to them.

Mayor Flores suggested that the next time we go out on bids that the number of locations be made part of the requirements and that the hours of operation also be included.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Award of construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER, Bridge America, Inc., Alexandria, MN, in the amount of \$38,977.00, for the Pre-Engineered/Prefabricated Steel Pedestrian Bridge for the Northeast Hillside Recreation Center and Park. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Northeast Hillside Park.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Approval of professional services contract with Dr. Maurice Click in the amount not to exceed \$12,720.00 per year to continue to serve as the Health Department's Health Authority under Section 121.033 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, for the period of April 1, 1998, through March 31, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Approval of amendment no. 1, an increase of \$6,500.00, for additional Resident Project Representative (inspection services) to the engineering contract with Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for the Laredo International Airport Passenger Terminal Phase B. The additional inspection services is due mainly to several construction contract modifications and contract time extension to the construction contract. The original contract amount was \$104,000.00 and this amendment will bring the total contract amount to

\$110,500.00. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Inspection Fees.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 32. Authorization to enter into Adopt-A-Park agreement with community organizations. This agreement between the Parks and Recreation Department and community organizations stipulates the various responsibilities of each entity. The purpose of the agreement is to gain active support from the community in beautifying our parks. The agreement is for three years and automatically renews for a two year period.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 33. Approval of contract with Columbia Telecommunications Corporation to prepare request for proposals for the institutional network equipment in the amount of \$12,402.50.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 34. Refund of property taxes to the following individual or company:
 - a. Nations Banc Mortgage Corporation in the amount of \$514.26 as a result of a clerical error.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 35. Authorizing the selection of a consultant for the West Laredo Traffic Circulation Study. The consultants recommended for selection are Lockwood, Andrews, and Newman.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 36. Authorizing the transfer of reserve funds from the 1994 Water and Sewer bond issues to the following projects:

Water

97-98 Recycling Project	\$ 20,000
Hillside Water Lane Replacement	\$ 50,000

Wastewater

North Laredo Belt Filter Press	\$349,000
South Laredo Belt Filter Press	\$330,000
97-98 Recycling Project	\$ 20,000
Privatization RFP (Request for Proposals)	\$ 50,000

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 37. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of the Ad Hoc Cemetery Board.

Mr. John Vidaurri, Parks & Recreation Director, reported that the proposed Ad Hoc Committee would oversee the operational effectiveness of the cemetery division of the Parks & Recreation Department. He would envision and recommend that the Ad Hoc Committee initially be charged with the responsibility of reviewing our current ordinances for the operation of the city cemetery. In addition to that, to be looking at key issues in cemetery including possibly acquiring a new site for the cemetery because we are running out of space. He asked that they also review site selection possibilities and in turn make recommendations to the City Council.

Mr. Vidaurri suggested that Councilmembers provide the names of the appointees so they can be formally recognized as sitting on the Ad Hoc Cemetery Board.

Cm. Guerra asked if Nina Nixon Mendez can serve in an advisory capacity to that board.

Motion that all Councilmembers submit names of their appointees to Mr. John Vidaurri so they can be formally recognized as sitting on that Ad Hoc Board by the next council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: Against: 0 Abstain: 0

38. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of Laredo and Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Keever & McDaniel, L.L.P., Attorney's at Law, to represent the City of Laredo in Hurd Urban Development, L.C., et. al. v. Federal Highway Administration, Kenneth R. Wykle, et.al., Case Number: A-98CA-204-JN, in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to move item #39 to the end of the meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 00 Abstain: 0

Motion to move item #40 to the end of the meeting.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

39. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to discuss pending litigation in Cause No. A-98CA-204-JN, Hurd Urban Development, L.C., et.al. v. Federal Highway Administration, Kenneth R. Wykle, et.al., in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, and return to open session for possible action thereon.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to discuss pending litigation in Cause No. A-98CA-204-JN, Hurd Urban Development, L.C., et.al. v. Federal Highway

Administration, Kenneth R. Wykle, et.al., in the United States District Court, Western District of Texas.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Flores announced that no action was taken in executive session.

40. Discussion and possible action regarding a water line reimbursement contract with Twin Peaks L.L.C., with possible Request for Executive Session to be conducted pursuant to Section 551.071(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Casso

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Discussion and possible action on the reorganization of City Hall offices. An appropriation of \$50,000 is available to implement these changes.

Mr. Pena made the presentation and explained the movement of several offices at City Hall.

Mayor Flores stated that her only concern is that there is no office space on the third floor for the Public Information Officer, but there is a space for the Internal Auditor who she believes is always working outside of their office and is not as crucial at this time for that office to be on the third floor. She asked that they reconsider those two spaces. She said that the P.I.O. needs to work closely with the City Manager and the Mayor's office as well.

Mr. Pena said he will be looking into it and mentioned that they provided office space for City Council on the third floor, next to the Mayor's Office, plus a waiting room area for citizens.

Motion to approve to proceed with the reorganization of City Hall offices of the second and third floor.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Status report on the Regional Water Management Plan prepared in conjunction with the South Texas Development Council.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, explained that the Water Management Plan was born nine months ago out of the desire of the State to begin some planning at a regional level. They decided to work with the STDC sort of mirroring the efforts that the lower Rio Grande Valley were doing at the time. In the mist of this came Senate Bill 1 which is a 50-year water supply plan, so they started doing what Senate Bill 1 is asking the rest of the State to do.

He said he has a draft of Phase I Plan, which is a basic document, it describes the study area, it looks at the planning area basins, it looks at prior studies, describes practices in the State and the current legislation. It looks at forecasts of the next 20-30 years and discusses the supply, but in reality it's just an inventory of needs assessment and a listing of future studies that need to be undertaken that will eventually translate into engineering projects such as reservoirs, pipelines from one basin to the other, aquifer or groundwater exploration etc.

He said he will have the consultant here, possibly by May 4th. STDC and him have been talking about coming to the council with a full presentation by the consultants who did this report so they can give council more details. Doing it on the 4th would be a good preparation for the public hearing that is required under the Texas Water Development Board which will be conducted on May 13th, that way they will give council some advance knowledge of what the public is going to see on the 13th.

Florencio Peña, Interim City Manager, stated that Senate Bill 1 created various regional districts across the State of Texas and we are part of the lower Rio Grande Valley District. The long term plan of that group is to develop a master plan for water supply. The only commonality between us and the valley is the Rio Grande. His recommendation to the Ad Hoc Committee, is to run a parallel program to continue our efforts to find additional underground water supply by continuing with our efforts with storage recovery program as well as our USGS study which is finding these points where we can possibly find some groundwater. He said we can't afford to wait for Senate Bill 1 to determine where additional water supply is going to come from. We need to work with them, and in conjunction with them, but at the same time or parallel to that continue our

efforts to find additional water supply. We basically have a general understanding of where that is, which is basically northwest Webb County, and possibly La Salle County, but we need to finish those studies to get a determination of where we need to purchase possibly some land. We cannot wait until the end 1999 and until Senate Bill 1 finishes its studies. They are proceeding along that tract and will be working with the Water Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the hiring of any additional engineering firms that may be needed to find additional test wells and proceed with that.

Cm. Bruni stated he has a big concern on the water issues, Laredo has only one source of drinking water, the Rio Grande. Amistad is still at record low, and if we do not get any major events we are going to probably end up rationing or curtail water starting spring. He said if we do not go out and take the initiative, look, and a make sure we acquire the necessary property where we know these water sands are, the private sector is going to do it for us and then they are going to sell it to us at a premium. He said we should partner up with a private city partnership in looking at this to see how this might work. He instructed staff to parallel this project and expedite it.

Cm. Guerra asked that staff also explore other programs such cloud seeding. Also that they explore another measures that can be used such as capturing our treated wastewater maybe storing it or pumping it somewhere into some underground facility.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Mayor Protem Perez announced that the South Laredo Youth Alliance has received a community award for "Make a Difference Day" for the second year in a row and are listed in Today's U.S.A. weekend.

He instructed staff to prepare something to recognize them at the next council meeting.

- b. Cw. Montalvo thanked city staff, Mr. Joe Luis Flores, and the effort of Cm. Bruni for receiving the \$8.3 million for the noise abatement from FAA.
- c. Mayor Flores read letter from Betty Ann Caine, our Washington Representative, sent in reference to the ISTEIA authorization as follows:

"Before leaving for Easter recess the House of Representatives passed its version of a bill reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act (ISTEA) program. The House Bill, H.R. 2400, is known as BESTEA. It differs in some ways from the Senate version, S. 1173, which was passed in mid March. The differences will be resolved by a conference committee when Congress reconvenes next week. Both versions of the bill include several provisions of particular benefit and importance to Laredo. This memo summarizes these provisions. This memo also includes recommended actions to communicate to the Laredo Congressional delegation in support of provisions favorable to the City.

1. Special Funding for Border and Trade Corridor Infrastructure

Section 1116 of S.1173 authorizes \$125 million a year for the next six years specifically set aside for discretionary grants transportation infrastructure for trade corridors and border crossings. This set aside is in addition to the regular highway and transit funding that would come to the States and localities under the legislation. This section also includes \$1.4 million a year for planning grants for border crossings and \$3 million a year for planning grants for trade corridors.

H.R. 2400 includes similar provisions, but they are divided into two separate sections. Section 115 requires DOT to establish and implement a program to make discretionary allocations to State "for coordinated planning design, and construction of corridors of national significance, economic growth, and international or interregional trade." Section 116 establishes a program of funding just for transportation infrastructure and safety projects in border states (defined as states bordering Mexico or Canada). The section also includes a separate authorization of \$25 million in fiscal 1998 and \$20 million in the next 5 years for the state safety inspection programs at the border.

Recommendation: Thank the delegation for supporting border infrastructure. The approach of having a separate program in H.R. 2400 is probably preferable, because the border would not be competing with other states for funds, as it would be in the trade corridor provisions of S.1173. Specifically ask that Laredo's needs for two new overpasses over the rail lines be mentioned in the

conference report as a priority project in the border infrastructure section.

2. Inclusion of Airport Infrastructure in Border Infrastructure Set Aside Funding.

An amendment to S.1173 by Senator Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey which makes airports that are impacted by NAFTA also eligible for the additional trade corridor and border crossing funding. Senator Lautenberg intended this to help Newark Airport in his state, which handles a lot of cargo. However, Laredo will also benefit from this amendment, due to the significant increase in NAFTA related cargo at Laredo International Airport.

There is no similar language in H.R. 2400.

Recommendation: Ask that the conferees support the Senate language which includes airports, and that the report make the kinds of cargo-related projects at gateway airports that are eligible for funding as inclusive as possible.

3. Funding for Rail-Crossing Improvements

S.1173 earmarks 2 percent of highway funds for rail-grade crossing signals, 2 percent for other rail improvements, and another 6 percent for either category, in addition to the special funds for trade corridors and border crossings. States, however, could use these funds for other purposes if they said they did not them for rail-highway safety.

H.R. 2400 includes in section 906 a program of direct loans and loan guarantees to state and local governments, as well as to railroads, for railroad infrastructure acquisition and rehabilitation, including rail bridges. H.R.2400 also keeps in place the current program that provides funding for signalization and other improvements to rail grade crossings.

Recommendation: Ask the delegation to support adequate funding for rail grade crossings and for additional funding for overpass. Specifically ask that Laredo's need for two new overpasses over the rail lines be mentioned in the conference report as a priority project in the border infrastructure section (see above).

4. General Funding Level

The House bill sets a much higher overall funding lever (\$217 billion for surface transportation than the Senate bill. This means that both the allocation to the State of Texas for reallocation to localities, and the amount of discretionary funding available for various projects that Laredo would apply for, is larger and to the City's advantage. Part of the increase in the House is due to specific earmarks, however. The House funding level exceeds the budget agreement and has been challenged by the President and other inside and outside the administration. Some groups fee that transportation is being funding at the expense of other social needs. Transportation and Infrastructure Committee chairman Bud Shuster has defended the higher level by using a "trigger" mechanism, under which the amounts in excess of the balanced budget agreement would only be authorized if surpluses occurred. The House bill also takes the Highway Trust Fund "off budget," freeing the funds from being used to plug other gaps."

Mayor Flores asked that the City Manager and Councilmembers write letters to our Texas Legislation and specifically ask and insist that Laredo be helped because of the NAFTA impact.

Cw. Montalvo asked for copies of the document from the Mayor's Office.

XI. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION

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

A. Requests by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Presentation by Audrey Salgado, Local Chapter President of the American Association of University of Women, regarding the AAUW Convention to be held in Laredo.

Mrs. Audrey Salgado proudly announced that on behalf of AAUW Laredo has been selected as the site for the AAUW Texas State Convention 2002. She added that this convention will bring 5,000 participants to Laredo and thanked the City for assisting AAUW in obtaining this award.

Cm. Casso joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

B. Requests by Councilmember Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the ongoing construction on Hwy 59 (Saunders), with possible action. (Co-sponsored by Councilman Eliseo Valdez).

Mr. Juan Villarreal, Area Engineer for TxDot, reported that the last time he presented the status report they were up to Meadow. At this time they already milled from Meadow all the way to IH-35. The previous time they were working on Stormsewer System #3 (from Bartlett to Ejido) and System #2 (from McPherson to Bartlett), both of those systems are the trunk lines, and both are complete. They already started doing the hot mix paving, it is completed from Ejido to Meadow at this time. They have started with the curb and gutter, it is under construction between Ejido and Meadow.

At the present time the contractor is working on Stormsewer System #1 which starts at Zacate Creek and runs to Meadow. All the utility work has been completed in that area. They are going to start with the concrete pavement. There are several intersections that are going to be reconstructed with concrete starting next Monday such as Arkansas. They are going to use fast track concrete which allows for the intersection to be opened sooner than the conventional concrete instead of the 14 day cure time before you can get traffic on there, it can be opened in three days. They will do Arkansas first, next Bartlett, Meadow, and probably after Meadow they will start at IH-35. The project is approximately 20% complete and time wise its pending about 13%, so they are ahead of schedule.

It is a 24-month project which they said they would bring down to 18. He does not have an actual set date, if they continue improving there is a possibility that it will be done before the 18 months are over.

Cm. Bruni asked Police presence during peak hours to expedite the traffic jam and to have orderly movement of traffic in the area.

On the questions of liability, if PD was directing traffic versus signalization, he asked that staff look into this issue.

Another concern he has is that 16 months from now when that project is finished, there will be no businesses present on Saunders because they will be broke. He stated some businesses have been shut down and wants to investigate some possibilities to either partner up with the bank, the SBA, or something to

provide emergency funding, maybe low interest loans, defer interest in the principle payments for 12 months, because if something is not done to help these people there will be no businesses in that area.

Cm. Valdez said that the City Manager's Office sent a letter to the Economic Development Office in Austin and he wants to know if they have received a response to see what kind of aid or grants there are for these people.

Mr. Pena stated that "yes" they did receive a response and they did identify five programs that may be available including a loan program. He did not have the letter with him, but he will provide a copy of the letter to businesses to share it with them and provide a copy to Cm. Valdez.

Mr. Landin, Traffic Director, stated that the illumination has been coordinated with TxDot from Ejido to Meadow, so they are on target on the illumination.

2. Status report on the lack of waste water infrastructure on the north side of Hwy 59 between Ejido Street and the entrance of Casa Blanca State Park, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni read a letter from Mr. Ruben Gariby owner of A-1 Auto Stop dated February 24th addressed to Mr. Alberto Gonzalez of the Utilities Department. He quoted the letter as follows:

Re: Emergency Request

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

On January 24th, I was in your office and ordered a 6" sewer tap for my business. I was told to pay for the tap, which I did immediately (check #21643). Your personnel gave me a wooden stake marked with the word "SEWER", and directed me to put the stake in the ground on my lot, where I wanted to have the tap line.

After 30 days, I still do not have my sewer tap. I am concerned that the Saunders paving project will soon be done right over the area, without the necessary utility taps for my property and the neighbors adjacent to me. This would be a terrible waste of tax dollars, and create an additional inconvenience when the crews to go break up the new asphalt and make the taps later. Sure this is not the plan?

All of the commercial taxpayers on this block have paid City of

Laredo taxes without receiving sewer service to our properties. Our taxes have gone up several times in the past few years, yet we cannot obtain services?

After seeing the unwise practice of the city crews tearing up newly-laid asphalt just to install a "forgotten" utility line, I'm attempting to help you avoid the additional inconvenience to drivers and expense to taxpayers in this case. Surely you are not going to tell me to "wait until later", after you already had my sewer tap paid for, promised, and scheduled. Please contact me IMMEDIATELY to let me know when my tap will be installed. Hopefully it will be BEFORE paving over the work."

Cm. Bruni wants to know in reference to the above mentioned letter. He also wants a report as to where we are pertaining to the lack of wastewater for these businesses that are on the north side of Highway 59. He stated for the record, "I do not think it is fair that these people have been paying city taxes and yet are not receiving city services when it comes to wastewater infrastructure. I wouldn't want to see some kind of wastewater impact fee applied to them, I think that we should expedite or find the funding necessary to put in this wastewater line and treat them like other citizens, cause they are not being treated like other ratepayers/taxpayers or citizens."

Mr. Roman answered that when he received the letter and realized that the people building at that section had made a mistake by incorrectly assessing that there was a sewer line in front of the property. He said they have refunded the money approximately a month ago.

On the second point, the lack of infrastructure and regarding the cost of the project. He said that the last time, there was a cost of approximately \$47,000. They intend to install an 8" line outside of the constructed portion of the highway, they do not have to touch it therefore we are not in conflict with the TxDot project because they have space for alignment. A project will include approximately 1,600 feet of sewer line. Our regulations say that either the person requesting that pays for that or we go on a sewer assessment. The sewer assessment is a mechanism by which we get 50% of the people in the area interested in that and committed to paying up to 90% of the materials and then by virtue having the 50%, then they can include everyone in there and the assessment indeed takes place pretty much like a paving assessment. Those are the two mechanism that they have to extend lines to properties without anything else. Doing an extension without a sewer assessment would be unlike the project that they have done in the past and

would require council's direction because it goes against the present regulations. They have contacted the owners of the establishments, three indicated that they would be willing to pay a portion of that, they circulated a petition asking them to at least sign with their intent and some of them did not like the idea of paying or paying as much, and some did not say much, so that is yet to be decided.

Cm. Bruni would like to see if staff can come with recommendations as to how they can help them because he does not think it is fair and this it goes back to the same problems as with the Casa Verde people, all these people paying taxes and not receiving city services.

Mr. Pena stated this is a very difficult public policy and the Charter is very clear, it requires any extension for water/sewer services and any requests for extension be borne by the persons requesting the development. There are several areas in town that don't have water or sewer services and the practice is that they request it, we can extend, but its on a sewer assessment basis. There is a \$49,000 cost approximately, they feel they can up-front this cost with the sewer fund, but they would have to go through a public hearing process to determine the assessment, which is basically their recommendation.

Motion to start the necessary procedures to start the public hearing process and earmark the \$47,000.00.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Status report on the Brown and Root drainage study at the Laredo International Airport, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni stated there was concern about runoff from the airport that was affecting some properties including property owned by Paul Young. He said that on a subsequent meeting with council they had addressed the issue and instructed staff to expand the project to include the drainage problems that are happening right now. The county was going to pay for their share of the study, include the A-1 property, and Paul Young's property. He wanted a status report on this issue.

Mr. Pena answered that they did receive a proposal from Brown & Root which is the primary contractor that is doing the drainage study at Chacon Creek. They have asked them what it would cost for a preliminary assessment of the upper portions of the Chacon

Creek to include the runoff from the airport. They provided a project cost not to exceed \$10,000 and basically it would include a preliminary analysis of impact that the airport project would have, in particular, the expansion of the runway and other improvements that have occurred there and what impact they are having on the Chacon Creek. The county has not been approached for participation in this extra \$10,000 cost, but they plan to do that this week.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated the first phase would be an analysis of the conditions that were existing there previously before the terminal and the runway were constructed, and the drainage as it is now. The impacts it would have on the realignment on some of the drainages by the golf course, and the construction of the buildings on the Paul Young property. The second phase which is not included in the \$10,000 fee would determine cost estimates for improvements.

Cm. Bruni asked if there will be additional \$10,000 to include this extra property for the study.

Mr. Rivera answered yes. He added that they need to approach the county since they were in agreement to participate.

Mr. Bruni asked that staff meet with Webb County Commissioner Reyes or whoever is appointed to see if they will participate.

Mr. Rivera stated that as soon as they have the funding in line, they would like to have a meeting with all the parties that will be impacted by this drainage study.

Mr. Pena stated they will bring a status report back to Council on May 4th.

4. Status report regarding the widening and storm drainage improvements to Cherry Hill Drive between Calton Road and Bustamante Street, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni wanted the status on a motion made and approved on November 2, 1998. He quoted the motion, "Motion to instruct staff to find the funding for the design work, to go out on bids, and to identify the right-of-ways needed."

Mr. Pena stated there is a project cost that involves land acquisition of \$125,000 and a total of \$465,000.000 for this project. At the present time, they have not found a source of money for this project. They are just initiating our \$16.4 million Certificates of Obligation Project. They have just

awarded some engineering contracts and those projects need to be funded fully and they need to maintain a reserve in the event that those projects exceed the amount that was budgeted for them. At the present time he has not been able to find any kind of funding, when they get into the Capital Improvement Program process and as they get closer to closing some projects if council sees this as a high priority they could possibly proceed with it. He said that there are other projects in that general vicinity that have been brought to his attention in the last weeks, that may also be a priority such as the widening of McPherson Road, and the connection of Jacaman Road between McPherson and the Loop. He advised the council that we do have the cost estimates for this major projects, but they want to meet with council to review the traffic counts, etc. so they can make a wise decision of the limited resources that they have.

Cm. Bruni asked if they found the funding for the design work?

Mr. Pena stated they have not found the funding for the design work, what they will have to do is look into the Capital Improvements Fund to see if there are any reserves there.

Cm. Bruni asked that he do something and that he follow council directives, because council has already made a motion.

Mr. Pena stated that he will bring back the item at the next meeting to have this project approved by council.

C. Requests by Councilmember Alfonso "Poncho" Casso

1. Discussion and possible action on the city wide Rabies Vacuna Program and the Animal Protective Society's role.

Cm. Casso said he looked at the minutes and noticed that this item was discussed on April 21, 1997 which is almost a year ago since it was discussed. He read through the minutes and of significance on the synopsis of minutes was that we were going to give all veterinarians an opportunity to participate in the vacuna program.

He questioned what is the policy going to be of this city regarding the Animal Protective Society because there are certain policy decisions that are coming from staff right now, that are going to destroy the Animal Protective Society as a operation. Much of the funds that the Animal Protective Society depends on come from the vacuna drive and there are certain things that staff is doing that is going to diminish or

undermine the APS's role. What he is trying to get at is that last time this item was brought before council he was talking about certain individuals that were under cutting prices and undermining the efforts of the vacuna drive and the APS and there was nothing council could do because it is free enterprise and people can do what they want out there as long as they follow certain ordinances. He remembers there was operating in K-Mart and that was also part of the discussion and they cannot operate without permission from the owner and even though they were violating certain city ordinances. The problem he has is that he understands the city is going to bid out these services. Now we are changing policy and what we are going to do is we are not going to allow all these vets to participate in the vacuna drive and the APS depends on the vacuna drive. If the city is going to give it to one vet, we are going to end up having to come back and fund the APS from the general fund. If the APS doesn't succeed we are going to have to open up our own pound and it will cost approximately \$500,000. He wants to know what staff is doing in terms of bidding it out because this is contrary to what was discussed a year ago.

Mr. Pena stated his understanding was that the APS was not interested in running a vacuna campaign this spring, they have traditionally done it and the city has worked with them. As far as last year and previous years, the veterinarians in town worked with APS, they charged \$5.00 for vaccinations, \$3 was kept by the veterinarians and \$2 was used for donation to Animal Protective Society.

Last year there was also concern because there was one veterinarian that used the momentum of the vacuna campaign to set up shop in various locations throughout the city to also vaccinate animals.

This year the APS advised us that they were not interested in running a vacuna campaign so the city went out for proposals. The interest of the city is to make certain that rabies is combatted, so we must run a spring campaign so since they were not interested in pursuing it the city has asked for proposals and basically they are to be received here in a few days, and they will be working with one veterinarian to run the vacuna campaign. This does not keep any veterinarian in town to do the same thing, voluntarily and to be charging the amounts that they charge to vaccinate as many animals as possible.

Roger Garcia, from the Health Department, stated this does not preclude the Health Department in the future working with either the Animal Protective Society or the local vets. They are

willing to working with them in October which is when they said they would be interested in doing so. Right now he thinks there is a problem, historically the vacuna has been held during the spring and the city wishes to continue it that way because of convenience, availability, and because of the \$5.00 fee.

Ms. Isabel Mendez who works at the Animal Protective Society, said that yes, the history of the vacuna is that the Sisters Divine (Ella and Jenny) who started the animal shelter were the ones who got together with the veterinarians to make the vacuna a reality. They would spend four or five months going from corner through corner throughout the neighborhood to make anything to encourage people to come and bring their animals for vaccination. What has happened is that this year, they simply said they didn't want to do it in the spring, they want to do it in the fall, the weather will be better and the animals will be brought will not be exposed to as much parboil and distemper. Right now what happens is that there are a lot of puppies, there is much sickness and by bringing them together during the vacuna we are actually getting them sick they are going to die healthy or from something else instead of the rabbies which was their reason for wanting to do this. They are trying to work with the vets and prepare for a vacuna in October but if they have one in the spring, well they do not need to do that. She said that it is one of their major fundraisers. The city and county have supported the shelter in full extreme and have provided the funds that they need to operate what is known as the impoundment facility, but the money that they raise during the vacuna drive helps them operate the shelter.

Cm. Casso asked if they pursue the present policy that the city is recommending to bid it out and go with one sole source, then they are going to have to come back and fund the Animal Protective Society because they will not have those funds from the fundraiser?

Dr. John Spruiell spoke of the vacuna, it was a community wide effort, the vacuna has geared at public health, now it has an ugly side, we are talking dollars because when you get in to giving the parbo shot and distemper shots you have trespassed and they have not stayed in the round of what is good for the public health. He said they just want to keep the plane in a fair field and keep it geared into public health and not get over into a territory of money raking situation because that destroys the unity.

Cm. Casso said that the city should not be bidding this out, he thinks the city should be doing that, we are not being

consistent with our policy. The reason he brought this issue is because here we are a year later, they did not do what they needed to do then, there is one individual out there who is profiting which has caused all this issue, which is why they are going to bid because of that one individual, and now he is going into other areas of services besides rabies vacuna.

Mr. Pena said yes there is a veterinarian providing the rabies shots outside of the Animal Protective Society Program, but there was nothing in our ordinances from keeping him from doing that.

He said they will see if they send an extension and amendment to allow to revisit the RFP to get bidders in.

D. Requests by Councilmember Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Presentation by Robert Peña on UPCOD, Inc. (Underprivileged Children of Divorce).

Mr. Robert Pena stated that the corporation is licensed by the State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service and announced the grand opening of an office here in Laredo on corner of Bartlett and Santa Clara on the 13th of May and formally invited the Councilmembers to attend.

2. Request to instruct staff to conduct a traffic study a St. James and Calle Del Norte for the possible need of a traffic light.

Motion to instruct staff to conduct a traffic study at St. James and Calle del Norte.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Status report on the frequency of water line breakage in the Hillside area particularly on Kentucky/India.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, stated that item #36 contains a transfer of funds from reserve to projects which council just authorized (Hillside water Lane Replacement for \$50,000) to kick-off the mentioned program. They have approximately 4,000 feet of water lines that they will replace on a priority basis on the Mayberry, India, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. They had estimated the cost of this program to be approximately \$120,000 and that is the cost of the materials. As they go into looking at replacing the other streets have been

popping up, they will probably be looking at quarter of a million dollars, but they will be doing it in phases. Phase I is starting on May 26th after they work Gustavus and Buena Vista which are ready for resurfacing and once they free those crews, then they will moving to this direction. With the \$50,000 that were authorized they will be beginning the first phase of this, and as they identify the funds from other projects that close they will transferring back up to the program and continue on the phases.

Cm. Valdez wants to see if they can get to the Kentucky and Indiana area, because in the last few years they have had as many as 15-20 breakages in that area so he asked that they see if this can be part of Phase II.

Mr. Roman stated that they have included Indiana, and they can see if they can include Kentucky in the first phase.

E. Requests by Councilmember Joe A. Guerra

1. Update on the status of sidewalk leading to Clark Elementary School, request for staff to find funding, with possible action.

Mr. Pena stated that basically they have done the analysis and the estimated the cost of this project is \$40,200.00

He outlined the project as follows:

Hillside Road (Southside) (San Francisco to Haynes)	\$20,000.00
San Francisco Ave. (Both sides) (Hillside Road to Calton Road)	\$13,500.00
Estimated Construction Cost	\$33,500.00
A/E Fee	\$ 3,350.00
Testing/Contingencies	\$ 3,350.00
Estimated Project Cost	\$40,200.00

The project includes the construction of sidewalks and ramps, reconstruction of driveways, and some demolition.

He will go into the Capital Improvements Fund to see what the status of that fund is and see if there are funds available for this project.

His recommendation to council is that since there will be a tremendous need for sidewalks all over town, now that our streets are paved, that we embark in a program of sidewalk assessments which will be done on a volunteer basis and on the basis of 50% of the block signing up to get this done. That we allocate some funds either C.O.'s or look for some funding where this program can continue on an ongoing basis through a volunteer petition basis.

Cm. Guerra said this is fine, but that will take a long time and he has a commitment with this school. He would like the sidewalks built between now and the time school starts again in September even if they have to do them in phases. The highest priority is on Hillside Road (the southside). If they can do the first phase along Hillside, then do the second phase on San Francisco that would be acceptable.

Motion to instruct staff to find the funds to do the first phase of the project (Hillside Road along the southside).

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status report on the traffic congestion problems at Unitec Industrial Park, with possible action.

Cm. Guerra asked that the item be tabled.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

44. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo 1997-1998 (LEOSE) Account Fund Budget in the amount of \$28,307.67. Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (LEOSE) Account for continuing education for Police Officers for the period of October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo 1997-1998 (LEOSE) Account Fund Budget in the amount of \$28,307.67. Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (LEOSE) Account for continuing education for Police Officers for the period of October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

Municipal Housing Authority.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. 98-RMH-060 Requesting the approval from the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) Board of Directors to accept and implement the Residential Lease/Purchase Agreement for the prospective tenants at the Riverhills Subdivision, Unit 1, under the Lease/Purchase Program, plus authorization to implement a one time \$500.00, maintenance fee, plus authorization to implement a \$20.00, monthly late fee and provide the basis for the estimated monthly rental rate for the houses under Lease/Purchase Program.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Award of contract to the **LOW BIDDER**, R&R Uniforms, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$15,632.50, for the purchase of uniforms for the El Metro bus drivers. A total of 600 shirts and 300 trousers will be purchased. The bid pricing includes sewing the Transit patches and pant length alterations. Bulk orders will be placed by the Transit System and issued to the operators on scheduled

intervals.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Perez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 7:50 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE MINUTES CONTAINED IN PAGES 01 TO 34 ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1998. A CERTIFIED COPY IS ON FILE AT CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE.



GUSTAVO GUEVARA, JR.
CITY SECRETARY

Minutes prepared by: Delia Rodriguez

Minutes approved on: May 18, 1998