

**CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M98-R-22  
MAY 18, 1998**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present Mayor Pro-Tem Jose R. Perez called the meeting to order.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

IN ATTENDANCE;

Jose R. Perez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Louis H. Bruni	Councilmember, District II
Alfonso "Poncho" Casso	Councilmember, District III
Cecilia May Moreno	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez	Councilmember, District V
Joe A. Guerra	Councilmember, District VI
Mario G. Alvarado	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores	City Attorney

ABSENCE:

Motion to excuse Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores due to death of her father. Mayor Pro-Tem Perez requested a moment of silence to honor Mayor Flores' father, Eloy Garcia.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IV. MINUTES**

2. City Council Meeting, March 23, 1998
- City Council Meeting, April 6, 1998
- City Council Meeting, April 20, 1998

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 5

Motion to waive the rules and move to Item #16; 98-R-070; E(2); and C (1).

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Casso came in at 5:36 p.m.

## V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Southwest-Tex Leasing Co., Inc., d/b/a Advantage Rent-A-Car for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #4, and for 17 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for five (5) years;
  - b.) initial monthly concession fee is \$1,224.00 and shall be adjusted annually based on changes in passenger enplanement activity;
  - c.) monthly rent for the office and counter space will be \$213.75 per month, plus \$170.00 per month for parking.

Ordinance introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Coastal Bend Rent-A-Car, Inc., for the approximate 133 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #5, and for 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for five (5) years;
  - b.) initial monthly concession fee is \$1,224.00 and shall be adjusted annually based on changes in passenger enplanement activity;
  - c.) monthly rent for the office and counter space will be \$166.25 per month, plus \$190.00 per month for parking.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Sames Motor Co., Inc., d/b/a Budget Rent-A-Car of Laredo for the approximate 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #2, and for 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for five (5) years;
  - b.) initial monthly concession fee is \$1,224.00 and shall be adjusted annually based on changes in passenger enplanement activity;
  - c.) monthly rent for the office and counter space will be \$213.75 per month, plus \$190.00 per month for parking.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Gateway Rent-A-Car d/b/a Hertz Rent-A-Car for the approximate 17 1 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #1, and for 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for five (5) years;
  - b.) initial monthly concession fee is \$1,224.00, and shall be adjusted annually based on changes in passenger enplanement activity;
  - c.) monthly rent for the office and counter space will be \$213.75 per month, plus \$190.00 per month for parking.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Rental Car Agency Concession and Lease Agreement with Laredo Car Rental, Inc., d/b/a National Car Rental for the approximate 165 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #3, and for 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for five (5) years;
  - b.) initial monthly concession fee is \$1,224.00, and shall be adjusted annually based on changes in passenger enplanement activity;
  - c.) monthly rent for the office and counter space will be \$206.25 per month, plus \$190.00 per month for parking.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Border Maintenance Service, Inc., for approximately 2,304 square feet constituting Building #1421 located at 1817 Pappas at the Laredo International Airport.
  - a.) term of the agreement is for one (1) year commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999;
  - b.) monthly rent shall be \$650.00; previous monthly rent was \$550.00.

Lease premises are used for office space and a maintenance service workshop.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Roberto Villasenor for approximately 960 square feet constituting Building #1319 located at 4011 North Jarvis Avenue, for the purpose of an airline catering service.
  - a.) term of the lease is for two (2) years commencing on December 1, 1997 and ending November 30, 1999,
  - b.) monthly rent shall be \$288.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary

documents to effectively convey fee simple title to W.E. Haynes, VI, for the sale of the "Surface Only" at its fair market value of certain City property described as a tract of land consisting of 15,432.35 square feet (55.56' x 277.76) more or less out of and part of that former section of the 3000 block of Ross Street between India and Canada Avenues and being bounded on the North by Block 1877, E.D. and on the South by Block 1878, E.D. situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas and hereby approving the submitted improvement plan in compliance with Section 10 of the Street Closing/Sales Policy Handbook as approved per Resolution No. 97-R-140; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance #98-0-123; #98-0-124; #98-0-125; and #98-0-126.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 98-0-123 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County (for use by the Laredo/Webb County Community Action Agency) for approximately 380 square feet of office space constituting Suite No. 9 of Building No. S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road.
- a.) lease term is for one (1) year commencing March 1, 1998 and ending February 28, 1999, and may be extended for one (1) term of one (1) year ending February 29, 2000;
  - b.) monthly rent shall be \$422.07;
  - c.) previous monthly rent was \$401.97.
- (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 98-0-124 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease renewal with the State of Texas General Services Commission on behalf of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for 317 square feet of office space at the City of Laredo Health Complex located at 2600 Cedar Street.
- a.) term of the lease renewal will be from September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999;
  - b.) lessee shall pay a sum in the amount of \$345.08 rental fee per month which includes the cost of utilities and janitorial services.
- (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

13. 98-O-125 Approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget Revision to reflect the additional amount of \$320,759 in direct assistance for the Immunization Action Plan Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

14. 98-O-126 Authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Airport Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1998, in the principal amount of \$1,430,000.00 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's Contractual Obligations for the purpose of acquisition of land at the municipal airport in connection with the settlement of a lawsuit in reference to noise abatement at the City's airport and the payment of legal and fiscal fees in connection with this project, and other matters relating thereto. (City Council)

Cm. Bruni stated that for the purpose of the people watching public access he wanted to state for the record that he had previously requested that this item be clarified as it appeared to be ambiguous as it was stated.

Conrado Hein Finance Director advised Cm. Bruni that public notice was posted as it appeared in the ordinance; therefore, to have done the changes they would have to start from the beginning but that Cm. Bruni's observation had been duly noted.

Noe Hinojosa with Hinojosa & Company stated for the record that bonds were issued for a period of 20 years and rates were at 5.37% from A. G. Edwards.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

15. 98-R-045 Amending Resolution No. 97-R-127, which authorized the execution of a Right-of-Entry and Possession instrument between the City of Laredo and Fasken Ltd., a Texas Limited Partnership, and by which the City was granted the right to enter upon, and take possession of two tracts containing 57.5827 and 11.2571 acres of land, respectively, and owned by Fasken Ltd. Said proposed amendment will provide for the addition of a third 5.1907 acre tract of land to the above-referenced Right of Entry and Possession instrument, for an amended total of 74.03 acres.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Motalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

16. 98-R-070 Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Laredo to accept a grant application (reimbursement program) from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program to acquire and stabilize the Benavides-Herrera home at 802 Grant Street and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Use of the property is to be determined. Repairs will protect a historical site in Laredo.

Margarita Araiza, Executive Director of the Webb County Heritage Foundation presented a \$20,000 pledge to the City of Laredo for the historic restoration/rehabilitation of the Benavides-Herrera home. She further stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Nina Nixon Mendez and Larry Dovalina for getting this project off the ground.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

17. 98-R-076 Resolving that the City Manager may execute a Subordination, nondisturbance and Attornment Agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and L.A. Ventures, Inc., as Lessee, and International Bank of Commerce, as Lender, for the purpose of securing a temporary and permanent loan for the improvements on Lots No. 6 of Block No. 1 at the Laredo International Airpark Subdivision at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

18. 98-R-077 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional service contract with Dr. Dennis D. Cantu for services as a medical director/supervisor of pre-hospital care for the City of Laredo for (5) years commencing on June 1, 1998, and ending on May 31, 2003 for the sum of \$45,000.00 per year. The City has contracted with Dr. Cantu since 1985.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

19. 98-R-078 Supporting the Metro Affordable Housing Corporation in their application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community affairs for low income housing tax credit for the construction of 128 residential rental units for low/moderate income residents.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 1  
Cw. Montalvo

## II. MOTIONS

20. Approval of bid specification and authorization to advertise for bids for the following:
- a) automotive tires, six month contract - Fleet Maintenance
  - b) carpet and tile replacement, painting - Municipal Court Building
  - c) fixed asset valuation - Finance Department
  - d) ambulance (replacement) - Fire Department, EMS

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

21. Authorizing the City Manager to solicit bids for the placement of solid sod and hydroseed the grounds at the new airport passenger terminal and parking lot.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge) with tentative award July 20, 1998. The project consists of the construction of an international bridge, 120 feet in width by approximately 976 feet in length (the U.S. base bid is 391 feet in length) located approximately 6000 feet west of the intersection of FM3654 (Milo Road) and FM 1472 (Mines Road). Included in a bid alternate is the international common span between piers 6 and 7, which is 120 feet in width by approximately 98 feet in length (additive alternate bid deck, prestressed type IV beams, reinforced concrete abutments and multi-column bents, approach slab, railings, fence and illumination assemblies). The structure is designed in accordance with A.A.S.H.T.O., 1996 Standard Specifications with a Design Live Load of 170,840 pounds. Structural Engineering Associates (SEA) of San Antonio, Texas, consultant for the project will make a presentation. Funding is in the Bridge System Fourth Bridge Advertising.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, stated that her department was seeking Council approval on construction of the plans and specifications for the project. Further stating that they are requesting that they be subject to review by TX DOT and FHWA. Also, a revision on the schedule of the EDA Project, which is presently in the process of being advertised on June 19, 1998, open bids on July 21, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. and tentative award date, the end of July. Start construction, late August and completion by August 27, 1999, with opening of the bridge by November or December of 1999.

David Covarrubias, Project Engineer with Structural Engineering & Associates made a presentation on the overall project layout, bidding, and design.

Cindy Collazo stated that they were in the process of requesting a model to be able to inform the public on the amount of work that this \$70 million project the City of Laredo and TXDOT will undertake.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Federal Aviation Administration requesting from FAA a "Letter of Commitment" committing Laredo's future FY 1999, FY 2000 and FY 2001, Airport Improvement Program, Passenger and Cargo Entitlement funds in the estimated amount of \$1,724,985.00



for construction and reconstruction of airport pavements. The proposed "Letter of Commitment" would enable the City to secure short term financing to expedite the proposed airport improvements. A revenue anticipation note will be considered to finance this program. Further council action will be required.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Approval of the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Farias Elementary School Student Drop-off/Pick-up Area Improvements Project with tentative award of June 15, 1998. This is a cost sharing project between the City of Laredo and Laredo Independent School District (LISD). Funding is available in the 1998 Certificate of Obligation Issue School Drop Off Construction Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cw. Moreno

25. Authorizing the City Manager to solicit proposals from qualified Civil/Environmental consultants to develop a Storm Water Management Master Plan for the Zacate Creek Watershed. The scope of the work includes:
- a) Updating the FEMA flood insurance map.
  - b) Inventory of drainage structures and drainage ways.
  - c) Developing hydrologic and hydraulic models.
  - d) Identifying and recommending the location of the regional detention pond and for the floatable control devices and,
  - e) Developing and evaluating improvement alternatives.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Authorizing the City Manager to solicit proposals from qualified engineering/surveying consultants for professional services for surveying and providing metes and bounds descriptions and maps for the acquisition of a tract of land approximately 850 L.F. in length and 120 feet wide for the extension of the University Boulevard West of the Bob Bullock Loop to intersect the existing Casa Verde Road, and for the survey work and mapping required to vacate that portion of Casa Verde Road North of this intersection northward to the intersection of Casa Verde Road with the Bob Bullock Loop and for the design and preparation of plans and specifications for



Street. Funding is available in the 1998 Certificate of Obligation Issue Canizales Gym Construction Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award of an engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$25,530.00 to Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C., Laredo, Texas, for design and preparation of plans and specifications and cost estimates for the Zacate Creek Beautification Project from Saunders Avenue to Garden Street. Funding is available in the Community Development Zacate Creek Beautification.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Award of an engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$59,400.00 to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to design, prepare plans and specifications and cost estimates for the Calton Road Widening, adjacent to the New Public Library. City of Laredo 1997-98 Certificate of Obligation Issue Project. Funding is available in the 1998 Certificate of Obligation Issue Calton Road Improvements Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Award of an engineering contract for an amount not to exceed \$13,940.00 to G.G. Salinas Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, to design, prepare plans and specifications and cost estimates for the sidewalk improvements for the Trautmann Elementary School, Alma Pierce Sidewalks and Amparo Gutierrez Elementary Schools and related improvements. Funding is available in 1998 Certificate of Obligation Issue: Alma Pierce Sidewalk Construction Project; Trautmann Elementary Sidewalk Construction Project and in Calle Del Norte Sidewalk Construction Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorization to award engineering consultant contract for the West Laredo Traffic Circulation Study to Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam, Inc., in the amount of \$50,000.00. Funding is

available from Laredo Urban Transportation System (LUTS).

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Award of a surveying contract to Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, not to exceed \$22,000.00 to provide land survey, metes and bounds legal descriptions of and the required right-of-way maps for the right-of-way acquisition of the extension of the Bob Bullock Loop from IH-35 to the proposed Bridgehead of the West Laredo International Bridge (Fourth Bridge), approximately 2.1 miles and 400 feet wide. Funding is available in the Bridge System - Fourth Bridge Consulting Fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Approval of change order no. 1, a increase of \$50,691.00, to add parking improvements at the U.S. Postal Office located at 2700 E. Saunders as part of the construction contract with Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, of the E.D.A. Project No. 08-01-03080 Airport Medical Infrastructure Improvements Arkansas Avenue Extension. The original contract amount was \$1,425,343.50. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$1,477,684.50. Funding is available in the E.D.A. Project No. 08-01-03080 - Airport Medical Infrastructure Improvements Arkansas Avenue Extension. Funding is available in the EDA Airport Medical Park Improvements Other Than Building.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Approval of change order no. 2, a net decrease of \$ 102.94 for a decrease in drainage pipe and trench excavation safety not required to complete the project, and for the addition of a safety end treatment to the 48" diameter R.C.P. at Manadas Creek, the addition of junction boxes to eliminate conflicts with Delhi Gas Line and sanitary sewer main and the addition of a metal beam guard rail with dead end sign west of the intersection of Markley Lane and Anna Avenue Truck Route to the construction contract with Ramex Construction Company, Houston, Texas, for the Santa Maria Avenue Drainage Improvements between Del Mar Boulevard and Markley Lane. The original construction contract was \$1,993,475.00. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$1,993,359.36.

tions for the Paseo Del Antiquo Laredo Pedestrian Facility Project, an ISTEAs enhancement project. The consultant recommended for the project is Sprinkle Robey Architects. Funding is available from a grant in the amount of \$1,076,158.00 and a \$269,040.00 match is available from CDBG monies.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Authorizing the City Manager to extend a professional services contracts for one year with the providers listed below to provide pharmaceuticals/home health care to AIDS clients of the City of Laredo Health Department.

HIV/AIDS	HOME CARE OF TEXAS	\$26,520.00	4/1/98	-3/31/99
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HIV/AIDS	J&A PHARMACY	\$77,900.00	4/1/98	-3/31/99
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Funding is available in account #226-6081.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the City Manager to renew a professional services contract for with Dr. Winder Vasquez to provide physician coverage to clients of the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999. Funding is available in accounts #226-6067-543.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Authorizing the City Manager to renew the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$14,311.05 from HumanSoft (formerly Q.S. Incorporated) of Greenville, South Carolina, for the period beginning April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999, for the maintenance of the software that was specifically written for local health departments and installed at the City of Laredo Health Department in 1992. Funding is available in account #226-6062.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Funding is available in the Drainage and Community Development Santa Maria Drainage Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Approval of change order no. 3, a net decrease of \$49,652.00, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Montgomery - India Drainage Improvements Project, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$62,005.28 to McLean Construction Company, Inc., Killeen, Texas. The original construction contract was \$485,726.05. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$427,438.30. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Montgomery - India Drainage Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Approval of change order no. 3, a decrease of \$5,728.00, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of San Salvador/Pine/Chestnut Drainage Improvements, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$78,032.48 to Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas. The original construction contract was \$908,136.00. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$908,248.50. Funding is available in the Drainage and Community Development San Salvador/Pine/Chestnut Drainage Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Acceptance of the Re-Roofing of the Center for the Arts Building Project located at 500 San Agustin Avenue, Old Mercado Historic District and approval of final payment in the amount of \$15,914.65 to American Contracting Corporation, Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Re-Roofing Center for the Arts Building.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the selection of a consultant and enter negotia-

45. Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the School Based Health Program of the City of Laredo Health Department.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Refunds of property taxes to the following company:  
Walmart Properties, Inc. in the amounts of :

a. \$ 7,537.83

b. \$ 6,570.18

c. \$10,199.84

d. \$11,416.58

Wal-Mart Properties, Inc. appealed the valued placed by the Webb County Appraisal District on four different parcels. The Appraisal Review Board denied the appeal and Wal-Mart filed a lawsuit in the District Court . There was an agreed judgment between Wal-Mart and the WCAD which lowered the values. These refunds are for the difference between the original taxes and new taxes reflecting the court ordered values.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem as per Ordinance No. 90-O-101 which provides for the Office of Mayor Protem, the term of such office, the role of such office, and who shall preside in the absence of Mayor and Mayor Protem.

Cm. Casso nominated Cm. Bruni to act as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Casso was excused at 6:40 p.m.

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

48. Consideration to reschedule the Monday, May 25, 1998 regularly scheduled City Council Meeting to Tuesday, May 26, 1998 due to the May 25, 1998 Memorial Day Holiday.

Motion to cancel and move meeting to Monday, June 1, 1998.

Moved : Cw. Moreno  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Presentation of the Community Development Block Grant allocation for the 24th Action Year Community Development Block Grant \$4,274,000.00, 1998 HOME Investment Partnerships Program \$1,257,000.00 and 1998 Emergency Shelter Grant \$167,000.00 for a total amount of \$5,698,000.00 in support of the preparation and submission of the 1998 Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, stated that at a public hearing back in April 27, 1998 her department requested Council's view and comments on proposed allocation of CDBG, ESG, and HOME. Since then her department has been back for Council's consideration of the different activities and projects. Mrs. Collazo further stated that Project 61 Street Improvements was initially at \$980,000, reduced to \$703,000, based on Council's input, leaving that project at \$277,000.

The following changes were requested by City Council:

CDBG Sidewalk Approach-District IV	\$ 150,000
Raquel Gonzalez Park Acquisition	200,000
East Hachar Recreation Center	700,000
Hamilton Hotel-Section 108 Loan	148,000
Tinaja-Chacon Pilot Channel	410,000
Graffiti Removal Program	28,359
Housing Rehab Program	350,000
Lafayette Widening Program	675,000
Zacate Creek Linear Park	200,000
Blaine/Milmo/Loop 20 Improvements	90,000
Clark/Hendricks Street Improvements	45,862
Rehab Housing Administration	128,000
Administration	620,533
Code Enforcement	251,050
Total	\$4,274,000
Grand Amount	\$4,274,000

Mrs. Collazo continued with her presentation of Project 61, stating that the project was originally set at pavement of 37 blocks but wound up with 39. Phase I with 19 blocks and Phase II with 20 blocks. Phase I would take \$387,635 including grants for paving and storm drainage only, not including water and sewage. She further stated that if Council wished to proceed with the estimate as it appeared at \$277,000, she would then request that the project be cut in half to have enough funds, unless other monies are allocated for this project.

There was citizen participation on the HOME Program and



basically what is requested is down payment assistance. On this program 15% is set aside (a statutory requirement) for Community Development Organizations, so it is \$188,550. New construction was set at \$345,997; down payment assistance for Concord Hills, \$600,000; and administration at \$122,453.

The Emergency Shelter Grant Program with a grant amount of \$167,000. A 30% cap on the Homeless Prevention Program is \$47,595. This program is to prevent homelessness, including payment of rents and/or mortgages and utilities provided to individuals and families who have received eviction notices. The Homeless Shelter Program for rehabilitation, renovation, or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless is \$111,055. With a 5% cap for administration of the grant is \$8,350.

Both programs will be advertised to request proposals from the general public.

Mayor Pro-Tem Perez stated that he had been approached by United I.S.D. Board Members who expressed interest in a partnership with the City of Laredo to construct a recreational center in the Sierra Vista area; therefore, he was requesting that \$410,000 of the Tinaja-Chacon Pilot Channel Project be used for this construction. Should the partnership not be in place by budget time the monies would then be placed back into the drainage project.

Cw. Montalvo expressed concern as to what would happen to the drainage project. Mayor Pro-Tem Perez explained that since the project consisted of two phases that it would take at least two years for completion so he could not see it being affected.

Cw. Moreno stated that this money was appropriated by Council to do the drainage project and that she did not agree with Mayor Pro-Tem Perez in taking these monies to fund other projects.

Motion to accept the allocations as presented.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 4

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cw. Montalvo

Cm. Perez

50. Presentation regarding the activities and services at the New Main Library with discussion and possible action to increase staff.

Janice Weber, Public Library Director, stated that the public turn out at the library has exceeded the expectations but due to the limited amount of staff people are having to stand in line to be serviced. This has caused a number of complains from both staff and the general public; therefore, she is

requesting that Council approve the increase of staff by 11. Seven of these would be placed in public service; two in technical service; one custodian; and one would remain at branch. This additional staff would help on weekends, evenings, and during the peak hours.

Motion to approve increase.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to go into executive session pursuant to Texas Code Section 551.071(1)(a) to discuss pending litigation regarding Hurd Urban Development, L.C. et.al. v. Federal Highway Administration, et.al. Cause No. A-98-CA-204-JN, in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin, Division.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

After executive session Mayor Pro-Tem Perez announced that no formal action was taken.

52. Presentation on the Laredo Bridge System's toll collection upgrade options, selection of an option, approval to proceed on the selected option, and authority to increase the project funding from \$767,678, which is available through the toll equipment and related infrastructure account from a state infrastructure bank loan to an additional \$7,000,000, attained through the sale of bridge system revenue bonds.

Florencio Pena, City Manager gave a brief explanation stating that the new system would:

-ensure safety

-improve accountability

-facilitate the movement of traffic

-ensure customer convenience

-protect and improve the city's position as the "Gateway to Mexico".

Mr. Pena then requested that Rafael Garcia, Bridge Manager, make his presentation to Council. Mr. Garcia stated that Council should consider three critical components in choosing an option:

- upgrading of in-lane equipment
- centralized communication computer system connecting all bridges
- weigh-in motion system

OPTION I            Weigh-in Motion with AVI

Bridge I            Upgrade all in-lane equipment

Bridge II           Upgrade all in-lane equipment  
Two electronic collection systems

Bridge III          Upgrade all in-lane equipment  
Five weigh-in motion scales  
Five electronic collection system with AVI

Bridge IV           Eight state of the art in-lane equipment  
Eight weigh in-motion scales  
Eight electronic collection system

Two spare in-lane motion scales  
Two spare electronic collection systems

A centralized communication computer system between all bridges.

Sub-Total	\$5,320,000
Marketing of the electronic collection system	200,000
Purchase of 50,000 transponders	1,500,000
Grand Total	\$7,020,000

OPTION II            Static Weighing with AVI

With this system a truck must stop to be weighed.

Bridge I            Upgrade all in-lane equipment

Bridge II           Upgrade all in-lane equipment  
Two electronic collection systems (AVIs)

Bridge III          Upgrade all in-lane equipment  
Five electronic collection system (AVIs)  
One existing static scale

Bridge IV           Eight state of the art in-lane equipment  
Eight static scales  
Eight electronic collection system

Sub-Total	\$5,955,000
Marketing of the electronic collection system	200,000
Purchase of 50,000 transponders	1,500,000

Grand Total \$7,655,000

Option III	Static Weighing Only with AVIs	
Bridge I	Upgrade all in-lane equipment	
Bridge II	Upgrade all in-lane equipment	
Bridge III	Upgrade all in-lane equipment Remain with one existing static scale	
Bridge IV	Upgrade all in-lane equipment Eight state of the art in-lane equipment Eight static scales	
Sub-Total		\$5,105,000
Grand Total		\$5,105,000

Staff is recommending the selection and approval to proceed with Option I, and the authority to increase project funding from \$767,678 to an additional \$7 million.

Motion to approve Option I.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Authorizing the City Manager to request proposals from qualified consultants for professional services in the preparation of an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for Round II Designation of an Urban Empowerment Zone (EZ), as published on April 6, 1998, Federal Register under "Notice Inviting Applications" Docket No. FR-4353-N-01 . Currently, there is no authorization of grant funds, nevertheless, HUD anticipates that funding will become available in Fiscal Year 1999. The deadline for submission of an application is October 9, 1998. Funding for this project is available in the Community Development Block Grant Fund.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, stated that this is Round II of the Empowerment Zone. At this point, they are looking at funding 15 enterprises and 5 as rural. This is a \$100,000,000 award, at a rate of \$10,000,000 for ten years.

Eligibility criteria for these empowerment zones are:

- must be an urban area, not to exceed 20 square miles in total land.
- must have a continuous boundary or consist of not more than three non-contiguous parcels which means a poverty rate of not less than 25% for 90% of the census track.
- poverty rate for at least 50% of the census track must

- be at 35%.
- population must be at least 50, but not more than 200,000.
- area must be one of persuasive poverty, unemployment and general distress. Area is located within the jurisdiction of the unit or units of general local government. Cannot be the central business district unless the poverty rate is 35% of each track.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

54. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.

**A. Requests by Council member Louis H. Bruni**

1. Status report on the PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT issued by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee (TNRCC) and the Texas Department of Health (TDH), with possible action.

Cm. Bruni expressed concern regarding the haze brought about from the fires in Mexico. He requested to know from staff what could be done to alleviate this problem.

Jerry Robinson, Health Department Director, had two news releases passed out to Council and City Manager. These news releases came from TNRCC and appeared in the newspaper on Sunday, May 17 and Monday, May 18, 1998, where the public is being advised that the haze causes nasal passage and throat irritation but not an alarming situation. People are being asked to stay indoors, if possible. It is also advised that caution should be taken with the elderly and young children. It is further noted that Governor Bush has made an offer to provide Mexico with consultants and experts to assist them in the process of putting out these fires.

Mr. Robinson requested Council permission to introduce Mr. Jorge Pachelis the new regional director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission that is housed in Laredo. Mr. Pachelis explained that increases and decreases on the level of haze has to do with the shift of winds.

He further explained that monitors in Brownsville,

Houston, Corpus Christi and Houston indicated until Sunday that the level of haze had decreased significantly due to the wind moving to the gulf. Mr. Pachelis concurred with Mr. Robinson on the information that he presented to Council.

2. Status report on all retention/detention ponds being constructed in District 2, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni referred to ordinances M96-R-16 dated June 20, 1996; M97-R-01 dated January 16, 1997; and M97-R-06 dated February 18, 1997. These were motions made and approved by Council. Wants to know if retention/detention ponds being built in District II are adhering to these motions.

Cm. Bruni further stated that he had requested information from staff as to when these ponds were being built.

Motion: Request that staff review these ordinances, do necessary in-house work and report to Council at next scheduled City Council meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6    Against: 0    Abstain: 0

3. Status report on the paving of the 3300 block of Lane Street, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni referred to a petition signed by 16 people who live in this area and are requesting that it be paved. He further stated that there was property in that area that was infringing on the right-of-way and requested that staff look into finding the owners to buy or to have it condemned.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that 40.6 feet were part of the land grant that is the right-of-way and is part of the Chacon addition. Adding that it is privately owned and he would proceed to find owners for possible donation or purchase of the property.

Cm. Bruni requested that this area be paved regardless of how many feet are included as long as it be done along the row of houses that are situated there. Further asking that staff come back with a report concerning this issue.

4. Status report on the absence of stop signs on Mier Street from the 2800 block to the dead end.

Cm. Bruni stated that he had a number of residents calling to complain about motorists speeding from Arkansas eastward on Mier due to not having any traffic signs. He asked staff for any suggestions to alleviate this problem.

Luis Landin, Traffic/Bridge Director, advised Cm. Bruni that he had personally visited the area and there were now a dead end sign on the corner of Roosevelt Street (one block before dead end) and few 30 m.p.h. signs that have been put up to help minimize speeding.

**B. Requests by Council member Cecilia May Moreno.**

1. Discussion and possible action to have the following streets added to the resurfacing project:
  - 2200 - 2500 Block of San Jorge
  - 2200 - 2500 Blocks of San Enrique
  - 2200 - 2500 Blocks of San Leonardo

Motion to add these to the next recycling project.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Consideration and possible action regarding controlling traffic speed on Malinche Street from Lyon to Clark by constructing curbs and installation of stop signs.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, advised Council of having included, for their review, a copy of a study that was conducted on these streets. The study gave the volume of traffic at Malinche, Price, Kearney and Stewart. The volume did not reflect the need for a four way stop being that the amount of traffic has to be equal on all four sides. The study also gave an average speed of 33 to 35%, using the 85 percentile. Furthermore, his department plans to put up a Stop Sign Ahead sign to help alleviate the problem. He added that they have also put up larger stop signs and have trimmed shrubs and some branches that we felt were obstructing the view.

Cw. Moreno requested to know what the status was on the low curbs.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, presented to Council, also as part of the study, a cost estimate to replace low-back with high-back curbs. This would be a retrofit job of \$193,000 to do all blocks. Do removal and replacement of curb and gutter on all sidewalk areas and driveways. The other alternative would be to do a stand up curb.

Motion to present to Council a cost estimate on a stand up curb at the next budget meeting.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**C. Requests by Council member Eliseo Valdez**

1. Presentation by Gerald Schwebel and David Puig regarding economic development strategy.

Gerald Schwebel with the Laredo Economic Development Foundation made reference to the first presentation of an incentive package where he sought endorsement and approval from Council. He further stated that this same package was presented to Webb County Commissioners and also sought their endorsement and approval.

The Economic Development Foundation has begun the next phase of the development plan to include a series of presentations and looking at developing a public forum. The objective is to inform Laredo citizens of the alternatives of financing or funding our economic development programs.

One of the alternatives is the concept of economic development sales tax but there has been a lot of debate about this issue. The most critical part of this is the public input so we think that the city's town hall meetings would be a good mechanism to share this information with the public.

2. Status report on the initial request for a traffic study at the intersection of St. James and Calle Del Norte. (Co-sponsored by Joe A. Guerra)

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that his department had taken a count but still had other studies pending. He further stated that he would bring to Council his complete report with a recommendation within the next two weeks.

**D. Requests by Council member Joe A. Guerra.**

1. Presentation by Robert P. Gutierrez regarding increasing the City's downpayment assistance program to \$9,000.00, with possible action.

Robert P. Gutierrez with Armadillo Construction requested that the current down payment assistance program of \$5,000 be modified to \$9,000. He further explained that due to public awareness and changing qualifying ratios that FHA has come up with, it is becoming difficult to qualify people and that 10 to 12 families are being turned down on a weekly basis.

Mr. Gutierrez added that he had visited with staff and that they agree with his recommendation. That this modification be implemented immediately and continue to work with it for four months. Should the program work well, continue with it in 1999 and come up with some monies to continue the program. Staff suggested to set price caps and set minimum home sizes.



Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, stated that there was no problem with amending the down payment assistance program, but asked that Council consider community development setting parameters and make sure that houses are not any smaller.

Motion to instruct staff to come back with all the details at our next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Status report regarding reconstruction of Calton Road at Yeary.

Larry Dowlina, Assistant City Manager, stated that he had visited with the attorney and had gotten the documents which need some grammatical corrections and name changes that will be done by the city attorney.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, reported that she is in contact with Eric Modey of H.E.B. and have advised him that we have acquired some of the right-of-way but need to work at getting another parcel. The settlement agreement is in place but has not been executed because H.E.B. wants to make sure that the funding that they will provide is in place. They will get back with a report within the next two weeks.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, assured Council that he would have a status report on this issue at every meeting at every month.

Cm. Valdez requested to have staff look into last year's minutes to see if the reconstruction of Calton Road included the intersection of Springfield being that a lot of heavy truck traffic has damaged this area.

3. Request for a traffic study at the intersection of Fenwick Drive and McPherson Road.

Luis Landin, Traffic/Bridge Director, reported that a study was being conducted to take a traffic count to see if a traffic signal is warranted. A full report will be presented to Council at the next or following council meeting.

4. Traffic signal light, Encino and Mann Road or Northgate Lane and Mann Road.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated that a count and a delay study during the peak hour was conducted and based on the information gathered a traffic light was not warranted for this area. He further reported that the

study on Northgate Lane was not ready but that it would be within the next two weeks.

Cm. Guerra requested that he get a written report on this findings so that he may be able to provide it to the people that requested a traffic light for this area.

**E. Requests by Council member Mario G. Alvarado.**

1. Staff update on the Santa Maria Drainage Project, with possible action.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, reported that they had met with Santa Maria property owners and expressed two areas of concern:

- construction with the drainage project which is being completed this month.
- the initiation of the reconstruction of Santa Maria which will begin in the next few months and will be an 8 month project.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that with the 20 day addition of construction that this contract will be finished by July 14, 1998. At the end of the contract, the city will have saved about \$100,000 on the drainage. On the reconstruction project we have the consultant working on about 20 parcels of land that we need for the construction of the the sidewalks, those surveys will be done by target date of May 22.

Oscar Medina, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that his department had done some repair work on some of the intersections on Saturday, May 16. They had also worked on the utility cuts in front of the theatre and the truck stop and plan to be back this coming Saturday to do more smoothing out. Further stating that they are working together with waste water to reconstruct and properly grade the man hole that was reported.

2. Recognition of school staff and students who were cited for their special achievements.

Farias Elementary  
Professional - Jose Santacruz  
Paraprofessional - Antonia Mendoza  
Student - Mario Rodriguez  
Parent - Rosario Gutierrez

Leyendecker Elementary  
Professional - Veronica Noyola  
Paraprofessional - Sylvia Ortiz  
Student - Zandra Charles  
Parent - Meli Garza  
Apple Award - San Juanita Casso

Santa Maria Elementary

Professional - Maricela Garcia  
Paraprofessional - Sylvia Tovar  
Student - Jesus Morales  
Parent - Delia Chapa  
Apple Award - Olinda Schwebel

Christen Middle School  
Professional - Mario Alberto Rodriguez  
Paraprofessional - Ovidio Vargas  
Student - Larry Miller  
Parent - Berta Casso

Martin High School  
Professional - Maggie Martinez  
Paraprofessional - Jose Moreno  
Student - Brenda Anderson  
Parent - Olivia Guajardo

## **XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

55. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 Annual Budget in the amount of \$13,000.00 for a grant from Central Power & Light Company, providing for effective date.

Motion to open public hearing.

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

No public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Guerra  
Second: Cm. Valdez  
For: 6                                  Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

### Introduction of an Ordinance

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 Annual Budget in the amount of \$13,00 0.00 for a grant from Central Power & Light Company, providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

56. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the Benavides-Herrera home fund by \$250,000 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget, providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 6                                  Against: 0                          Abstain: 0

No public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the Benavides-Herrera home fund by \$250,000 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

57. Public hearing amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget revision in the amount of \$514,500.00 in additional funds for a new total of \$2,161,807.00 for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1997, through September 30, 1998.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

No public input.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Introduction of an Ordinance

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Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

Motion to recess and convene as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

58. Authorization to terminate the construction agreement with Mr. Virgilio Diaz dba E.Q. Construction to provide the cabinet work for the homes under the Lease/Purchase Program and request to award a contract in the amount of \$70,088.64 to the second lowest bidder, Home Art of Laredo, Texas. Mr. Virgilio Diaz dba E.Q. Construction, lowest bidder, has requested to terminate the agreement to provide the cabinets for the homes under the Lease/Purchase Program. The original bid from Home Art was \$73,009.00, however, LMHC is requesting that Home Art install cabinets in 48 houses only. E.Q. Construction has already installed cabinets in the first 2 homes of construction Phase 1. The second lowest bid is still within budget and will provide an affordable price for the homes being built.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

59. Approval of change order no. 2, an increase of \$19,500.00 to the construction contract with J.M. General Co nstruction of Laredo, Texas to provide labor and materials for the installation of 3 ceiling fans on each of the fifty (50) houses being built at the Riverhills Subdivision, Unit 1, under the Lease/Purchase Program. The original plans and specifications do not include ceiling fans for the 50 affordable homes under the Lease/Purchase Program. The cost to provide and install the 3 ceiling fans in each house is \$390.00. The total construction cost for each house will remain affordable to the future home owners. The change order increases the total contract amount from \$109,848.50 to \$129,348.50.

Motion to sprove.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

60. Approval of change order number 3, an increase of \$18,350 .00 to the construction contract with Mario Gonzalez dba MG Builders of Laredo, Texas to provide the labor and materials for the installation of side walks for all fifty lots at the Riverhills Subdivision, Unit 1, under the Lease/Purchase Program. The cost of th is change order will not affect the future homeowners monthly payment. The sidewalks are necessary and needed to comply with the Laredo Land Development Code. The original contract amount was \$375,030.00. Th is change order brings the total contract am ount to \$393,380.00.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as The Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

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

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

61. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Carl Turner Equipment, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$28 ,465.50, for the purchase of one heavy duty brake drum and disk lathe. The brake lathe will allow the Maintenance Division to reuse the brake drums instead of purchasing new brake drums every six months. Delivery is expected within three weeks.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cw. Montalvo  
For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.


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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 9:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 31 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 18th of May, 1998.



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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary