

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M98-R-27
JULY 6, 1998
5:30 P.M.**

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
Alfredo Agredano,	Councilmember, District I
Louis H. Bruni,	Councilmember, District II
John C. Galo,	Councilmember, District III
Cecilia May Moreno,	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,	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

IV. MINUTES

2. City Council Meeting, May 18, 1998
- City Council Meeting, June 1, 1998
- City Council Meeting, June 2, 1998
- City Council Meeting, June 15, 1998

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni and Cm. Galo were not present at this time.

Cm. Bruni and Cm. Galo came in at 5:35 p.m.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

3. Ordinance granting to Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc., its legal representatives, successors, lessees and assigns, as the grantee, herein, certain powers, licenses, rights-of-way, privileges and franchise to construct and maintain in the City

of Laredo, Texas, as now or hereafter constituted, and electric power utility system in said city and to use the streets, avenues, easements, rights-of-way, alleys, highways, sidewalks, bridges and other structures and places and public grounds in said City for a period of ten (10) years with one (1), ten (10) year renewal period subject to renegotiation by the parties; and prescribing certain rights, duties, terms and conditions herein mentioned and providing for the payment to said City of a percentage of certain receipts of grantee from its operations therein; and providing for the acceptance of this ordinance by grantee; and containing a savings clause, and providing for publication and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Ordinance closing as a public easement a 17.7 feet wide alley dedicated for public use in Block 795, Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, which traverses the middle of said block from east to west through its entire length, and abuts the north side of Lots 7,8,9, 10, 11 & 12, and abuts the south side of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6; providing for the reversion of the public's interest in said alley to the abutting owners, and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Ordinance closing as a public easement that section of Ejido Avenue between Frost and Lyon Streets also known as the 2900 block of Ejido, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey title to the State of Texas for one tract of land containing 99.611 acres of land, more or less. Said tract of land being described as:
Parcel 1 - containing 30.163 acres of land, more or less,
Parcel 2 - containing 67.602 acres of land, more or less, and
Parcel 3 - containing 1.846 acres of land, more or less;
and having been acquired in fee simple for the construction of an access road connecting the Laredo Northwest International Fourth Bridge and related facilities to Interstate Highway 35. Said tract being located in Porcion 20, Abstract 48, Webb County, Texas; being generally described by metes and bounds; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Ordinance setting the maximum speed limits in that portion between Arkansas Avenue east to the city limits on U.S. Highway 59, within the city limits of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, as defined in TX-DOT Control Section Map 0542-01 as follows:

55 MPH from Milepoint 42.755 to Milepoint 42.854
50 MPH from Milepoint 42.854 to Milepoint 43.551
45 MPH from Milepoint 42.854 to Milepoint 45.382

Motion to table this item until the representative from TXDOT arrives.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to take from the table.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni stated that he would like to see a 45 MPH speed limit from all the way to Heritage Park.

Mr. Jesus Sanchez from TXDOT stated that the request from Cm. Bruni was not possible because according to their guidelines it is already at the lowest speed permissible.

Cm. Bruni requested that there be more police enforcement and asked TXDOT to revisit and reevaluate that section as soon as time would permit.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinances #98-O-158, #98-O-169, #98-O-170, #98-O-171, #98-O-172, #98-O-173, #98-O-174, #98-O-175, #98-O-176, #98-O-177, #98-O-178, #98-O-179, #98-O-180.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 98-O-158 Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 92-0-098 granting Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("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 sixty days from the date of expiration of May 30, 1998 until July 29, 1998; providing for publication and effective date. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-158.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated for the record that we will only charge to the project fund the actual salary of these engineers and not any amount over their actual salaries.

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-180.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

21. 98-R-102 Confirming appointment and reappointment by the Mayor of the members to the Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and reappointing Maria Luisa Mendiola to the Library Board.

Mayor Flores named Cw. Moreno, Cm. Galo, and Cm. Alvarado to the MPO.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-102.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. 98-R-103 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant in collaboration with the Laredo Community College et al, for the South Texas Telecommunications Consortium Discovery Grant Program (Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund) in the amount of \$53,646.00, and is directed to execute any and all related documents as required.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-103.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. 98-R-104 Declaring the public necessity to acquire the "Surface Only" of 25,142.34 square feet (0.5772 of an acre) tract of land, more or less, necessary as right-of-way for the widening of Cherry Hill Drive from the North right-of-way line of Pappas Street, North to the South right-of-way line Ponderosa Street. Said tract of land being situated in Survey 1020 and partly in the Original City of Laredo Tract in the Laredo Air Base Enclosure, Webb County, Texas; more particularly described by metes and bounds; and authorizing the City Attorney to initiate eminent

for bids for the following:

- a) office furniture - Police Substation
- b) laser printing/mailing of 1998 tax statements - Tax Department
- c) uniforms - Bridge System
- d) recycling blue bags - Public Works Department

A tentative bid award date is scheduled for August 3, 1998.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids on traffic signal mast arms and poles. This hardware material will be utilized for two (2) new traffic signal installations at Arkansas Ext./Bartlett Avenue, and Bustamante Street/Meadow Avenue and for the replacement of several traffic signal poles on U.S. 59 at Arkansas Avenue, Bartlett Avenue, and Meadow Avenue as a result of the U.S. 59 reconstruction project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Approval of specifications and authorization to Request Proposals for the Airport Liability Insurance and Blanket Public Employee Dishonesty Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Approval to select and authorization to negotiate professional contracts for engineering services to design and prepare plans and specifications and provide cost estimates for the following projects:

- 1. Sidewalks at the Approaches to Clark Elementary School to be designed In-House. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Clark Elementary Sidewalks.
- 2. Extension of University Boulevard West of Bob Bullock Loop and vacating of a portion of Casa Verde Road to Howland Engineering and Surveying Company. Funding is available in Capital Improvement Fund Extension of University Boulevard/Casa Verde Road.
- 3. Preparation of an NPDES Storm Water Pollution Plan for the Laredo Landfill on Highway 359, with the option of similar services for other closed landfills on Highway 59

the previous contract period. A total of three bids were received for this purchase. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund - Fleet Charges.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Award of an annual service contract to the LOW BIDDER, Lawn Masters, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$100,398.00, for providing ground maintenance services for the Utilities Department, the Bridge System, the Parks Department, Police Department, and the Public Library. The contract includes cutting cycles at all three International Bridge locations, the water plants, booster stations, the wastewater treatment plants, storage tank locations, utility easements, the Clark Street median, the Police Station, and the Public Library. The contract shall be for a one year period with an option for a second year. The bid pricing is approximately 5% less than the previous contract amount. A total of six bids were received for these services. Funding is available in each departments respective contractual line items.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Award of six month supply contracts to the LOW BIDDERS, Arnold Oil Co., dba Lone Star Lubricants, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$28,332.34, and Leyendecker Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$3,356.30, for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Maintenance Division. The bid pricing will be firm during this six month period and all items will be purchased on an as need basis. The bid pricing is approximately 4% less than the previous contract period. A total of two bids were received for this purchase. Funding is available in Fleet Maintenance - Fleet Charges.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Duncan Industries from Harrison, Arkansas in the amount of \$48,462.48, for the purchase of vandal-proof upper and lower housing assemblies, mounting yokes, keys, and coin cartridges for parking meters. These housing assemblies will replace older meter housings that have been vandalized continuously, and also will prevent any

Program, Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds of \$91,575.00 to the Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., and \$91,575.00 to Azteca Economic Development & Preservation Corporation, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents in support of this action.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the selection of a consultant and enter negotiations for the Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. The consultant recommended for selection is Wilbur Smith Associates.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Authorizing the selection of a consultant and enter negotiations for the Laredo Transit Planning Study. The consultant recommended for selection is LKC Consulting Services, Inc.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

45. Presentation by City Manager regarding the city's contract with ATE Management and Service Company (Now "Ryder" ATE, Inc.) for management of the City's Public Transit System, with possible action.

Motion to instruct staff to give ATE proper notice that we will renegotiate their contract; to prepare an RFP; to look into the possibility to do this in-house; and to continue the negotiations with ATE for an additional 3 months, if necessary.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Discussion and possible action to set a date for the FY 1998-1999 Aid to Other Agencies presentations, to be held at the

City Council Chambers.

Motion to accept the date of August 5th at 5:00 p.m. for the Aid to Other Agencies Workshop.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Discussion and possible action in setting a date to meet with Martinez and Associates to discuss the development of a State Legislative Agenda for 1999.

Motion to set the date of July 29th at 4:00 p.m. to meet with Martinez and Associates.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Adoption of a schedule for workshop and town hall meetings.

Suggested schedule for the Budget Workshops:

Thursday, August 13, 1998

5:30 p.m. ----

Friday, August 14, 1998

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 15, 1998

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Suggested schedule for the Town Hall Meetings:

Tuesday, August 18, 1998 - District I, VIII 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 19, 1998 - District II, VII 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 20, 1998 - District III, VI 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 25, 1998 - District IV, V 6:30 p.m.

City of Laredo Showcase Workshop:

Saturday, July 25, 1998

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mall Del Norte, Center Court

Motion to amend the suggested schedule for the Budget Workshops as follows:

Wednesday, August 12, 1998

5:30 p.m. ----

Thursday, August 13, 1998

5:30 p.m. ----

Friday, August 14, 1998

5:30 p.m. ----

Saturday, August 15, 1998

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adopt the schedule as amended.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Status report on Yeary at Calton Road.

Cindy Collazo, Director of Community Development, reported that she had been advised by H.E.B. that they had sent the settlement agreement to the city today (7/6/98), so we should be receiving it by tomorrow morning. The warranty deed by the other company, Dream, Inc., has been signed and executed, we have gotten a copy. We will be in possession of the property as soon as we get the exchange of payment.

50. Update on the status of the 20 inch water line break at Jefferson and San Dario.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that in late June utilities had a broken pipe located at Jefferson and San Dario. This is the line that brings water from the lower plant at Jefferson by the river banks to the Lyon tanks. This pipe work should be finished by this Friday (7-10-98).

Due to this broken pipe we incurred an emergency expense of \$32,000 which Council needs to ratify.

51. Status report on the progress of the Chacon Creek Interceptor project with possible action.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that this project has been completely designed from Highway 59 to the south side plan, approximately 7 miles at a cost of \$12 million. Environment work is complete and under EPA review. Once reviewed by EPA they will provide us with a most significant impact finding statement so we anticipate having the project placed for bidding sometime in October 1998.

52. Update on the status of the Colonias Facility Plan.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that two alternatives have been taken into consideration:

- (1) analyze the sewer plan, assigning a cost to the septic tanks, and looking for external cost.
- (2) accept the proposal as presented and try to limit the land subdivision and limit the number of septic tanks.

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Roman for the approximate date for the residents to have service?

Mr. Roman stated that it would be late summer 2001.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, explained that due to complexity of the issues it is a lengthy process. He further explained that at this point staff has had to revise the schedule 8 months then present it to the Water Development Board by April

1999 for their approval continuing with 6 additional months for a final design and construction after that.

53. Discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program Management and Administration Plan, and authorization to submit said plan to the Federal Aviation Administration for approval.

Cindy Collazo, Director of Community Development, reported that a copy of the plan that will be submitted to FAA had been included for Council to review. She explained that there were 424 properties that were reported by a consultant in a study done in 1994. Of these 424 properties 24 are aligned with the 70 DNL's which is the highest impacted of the noise contour. There are 324 that are within the 65 DNL's and are located south of runway 35L and 76 within the Country Club Estates.

Mrs. Collazo further explained that distribution would be done at a ratio of 4 to 1, 4 within the 65 DNL's to 1 of the Country Club Estates. Also stating that there will be three programs available:

- (a) Fee Simple Acquisition Program - will be strictly voluntary with no eminent domain.
- (b) Acoustical Treatment Program - to reduce the noise level at each dwelling. This program will require that residents provide the city with an avigation easement over their parcels.
- (c) Avigation Easement Acquisition Program - residents who do not want to relocate but will provide the city with an avigation easement.

Motion authorizing staff to submit said plan to FAA.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

54. Presentation of the proposed 1999 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study (MPO) with possible action.

Keith Selman, Planning Director, gave a brief update on our current UPWP activities. Two studies that were completed were the Hazardous Cargo Routing and the Bridge IV model.

The studies that are currently underway are:

- the west Laredo study with preliminary reports regarding the CP&L road that Council had asked for and that has been incorporated into the CIP.
- initiated the master plan in the transit plan aspect for our current UPWP.

Staff delivered to Council for their review the proposed UPWP. These are some of the allocations:

- under administration management, these monies are allocated for staffing.
- \$10,000 allocated for growth and development, monitoring and projections.
- under control access and traffic calming study, these are monies will be used primarily for research gathering.
- under transit planning, these are monies that are allocated strictly for transit, either we use or we loose.

The project that is carried over will be the update of Metropolitan Transportation Plan that must be updated by end of December 1999 for a 20 year plan.

Motion to adopt the study as presented.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation by UPCOD, Inc. (Underprivileged Children of Divorce) inviting the Laredo City Council to their first fund-raising walk-a-thon to be held Saturday, September, 28, 1998.

Robert Pena, representative for UPCOD, formally invited the Mayor and City Council to their fundraiser which will be held on September 28, 1998.

Elizabeth Ryan from the Children's Museum publicly thanked the Council, Fleet Management, and the Police Department for the loan of the Police motorcycles that are on display at the museum. She invited that Council to their opening on July 12th at 3:00 p.m.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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

A. Requests by Council member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the Brown and Root Drainage Project at the Laredo International Airport, with possible action.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that he had received a draft report where Brown & Root is identifying some areas that will be reviewed.

city owned properties be the first on the clean up process.

2. Discussion and possible action on the grade rail crossings for the district.

Motion to table for the next meeting.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Discussion and possible action on operation cleanup.

Cm. Galo informed Council that this is a program that is on-going in San Antonio and possibly other cities. This program incorporates all city departments to do a major clean up of different neighborhoods.

Cindy Collazo, Director of Community Development, stated that there had been a similar operation back in 1990 and all city departments were involved. The process would be where staff would target streets and work 2 to 3 blocks at a time. Property owners would be notified the day before so they would be prepared to dispose of all their trash. However, due to the work load and the priority of projects that effort was basically stopped. We do continue to enforce clean up on a daily basis through a referral system.

Motion to enforce city ordinances through code enforcement, animal control and other departments and continue with the operation clean sweep on a limited basis.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

4. Discussion on the privatization of the Utilities Department and possible action to approve request for proposals not the exceed \$25,000.00.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that what was sought to be accomplished with the \$100,000 study was divided into two parts:

- (1) to perform an operations evaluation; benchmarking to see if the department is efficient or inefficient; identify areas of improvement, and
- (2) compare us to other privatization or non-privatization of the utilities department in other cities; and identify areas of what needs to get done.

Motion to instruct the City manager to employ by a specific time the services of a consultant not to exceed \$25,000, to

design and prepare RFP's to seek competitive bids for operation and maintenance of the total water and waste water utilities department.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Guerra

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that since the item had been tabled at the last meeting it would take precedence over this motion. He advised that the item would need to be taken from the table to be able to make another motion.

Motion to take from the table.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 3	Against: 5	Abstain: 0
Cm. Galo	Cm. Agredano	
Cm. Valdez	Cm. Bruni	
Cm. Guerra	Cw. Moreno	
	Cm. Alvarado	
	Cw. Montalvo	

C. Requests by Council member Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Presentation by Hector Farias, President of the Texas Mexican Border International Trade Association regarding the proposed economic development sales tax.

Mr. Farias stated that the international trade community takes exception to the fact that the process in which the 1/4 cent tax increase has been presented has been exclusive rather than inclusive. There is no mention of conflicts of interest which should be emphasized by Council.

Mr. Farias requested that Council takes a good look at this and not put it to a vote until it has been researched and presented to the community.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, informed Council that there was a roll back of 1/2 cent in place and that it was adopted by Webb County. In other cities like McAllen, Brownsville, and Harlingen have a 1/2 cent roll back but they also have an economic sales tax of 1/2 cent.

John Sharp's office representatives came to Laredo at least twice to discuss the pros and cons of having an economic sales tax.

As far as input Council had workshops at the Public Library with the Chamber of Commerce, Hotel/Motel Industry, Laredo Community college, and Texas A&M International University.

2. Requesting a traffic study for the placement of a traffic

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

56. Public hearing regarding an application by Julian Del Bosque amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 11, Block 229, Eastern Division, located at 1619 Cedar Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of this zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 11, Block 229, Eastern Division, located at 1619 Cedar Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Julian Del Bosque appeared before the council to request approval of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing; over-ride P&Z and approve a Conditional Use Permit on a time certain for a 1 year period; and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

57. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 Annual Budget in the amount of \$125.00 and authorizing the City Manager to accept a donation from the Texaco Corporation in the amount of \$125.00 for purchasing badges for the Laredo Police Department Canines. This donation will be strictly used for the purchase of these badges and is at no cost to the City.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

58. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo FY 1997-1998 Annual Budget to increase the revenues by an amount of \$8,300,000.00 received from the Federal Aviation Administration Grant Officer No. 3-48-0136-21 and appropriating \$1,616,667.00 from the Airport Reserve Account to match said grant for the purpose of implementing Laredo's FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program and to construct a portion of a parallel taxiway. Total available for noise abatement is \$6,250,000.00 and \$3,666,667.00, is available for the construction of the parallel taxiway.

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 59. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the 1998 Consolidated Plan which identifies the projects proposed to be funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the 24th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the 1998 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the 1998 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG). The projects are as follows:

24th Action Year Community Development Block Grant

Community Development Administration	\$620,533
Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$128,196
Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.	\$350,000
Code Enforcement	\$251,050
Paving Project 61 (includes anticipated program income of \$39,900)	\$316,900
School Sidewalk Approaches, District IV	\$150,000
Acquisition of Park Land	\$200,000
East Hachar Recreation Center	\$700,000
Hamilton Hotel - Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$148,000
Tinaja/Chacon Pilot Channel.	\$410,000
Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 28,359
Acquisition and relocation related to Lafayette widening	\$675,000
Zacate Creek Linear Park (Saunders to Canal)	\$200,000
Blaine/Milmo/Loop 20 Improvements.	\$ 90,000
Clark/Hendricks Street Improvements.	\$ 45,862

1998 Home Grant

New Construction	\$345,997
Down Payment Assistance.	\$600,000
15% Community Housing Development Organization Set Aside	\$188,550
Administration	\$122,453

1998 Emergency Shelter Grant

Homeless Prevention Program.	\$ 47,595
Homeless Shelter Program (Operations).	\$111,055
Administration	\$ 8,350

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

City Council.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as The Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

63. Approval of a contract with Graphitiks Advertising Design Inc., to produce a Visitor Guide Magazine for the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau. Quantity will be 55,000 copies.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. Approval of contract with Vendor, S.A. de C.V. in the amount of \$89,351.74 for outdoor (billboard) advertising in Mexico.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

65. Presentation of the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Video Brochure in both English and Spanish.

Mr. Ramon Hernandez, Acting Director, made the presentation before the council and presented the council with brochures and showed the video.

Motion to recess as The Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau and convene as City Council.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

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VIII. MOTION

- A. Appointing two members of the City Council to serve on the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee to review and consider nominees to the Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Board.

Mayor Flores named Cm. Valdez and Cm. Agredano as the nominees to the Ad Hoc Advisory Board of the C&V.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.


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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 9:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 28 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 6th day of July, 1998.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary