CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING M98-R-36 AUGUST 17, 1998 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

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:

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Elizabeth G. Flores,
Alfredo Agredano,
Louis H. Bruni,
John C. Galo,
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,
Joe A. Guerra,
Mario G. Alvarado,
Councilmember,
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Motion to excuse Cw. Moreno.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Alvarado

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 6

Cm. Galo was not present at this time, came in at 5:35 P.M.

Motion to change order of agenda and move up Resolution #17 and Item #49-D(1).

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Alvarado

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 8

Motion to change order of agenda and move up items #28 and #48.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

Against: 0 Abstain: 0 For: 8

IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Chapter 28, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances by deleting the provisions for noncommercial solicitation permits and adding provisions for certificates of registration for noncommercial street solicitation campaigns thereby requiring persons to submit a registration statement of such campaigns with a \$20.00 registration fee and submit financial statements when the campaigns are complete; amending Chapter 21, offenses and miscellaneous. provisions, thereby adding the following prohibitions against: aggressive solicitations including time, place, and manner restrictions, false or misleading solicitations and manner of street and highway solicitations; urinating or defecating in public; entering portions of public buildings without consent; entering motor vehicles without consent; public camping including a declaration that public camps are nuisances subject to abatement; providing for severability and an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to make application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Section 108 Loan in the amount of \$1,700,000 to facilitate a second lien mortgage note payable to the Hamilton Housing Partners Limited for the renovation and conversion of the Hamilton Hotel to include 165 low income rental units and first floor commercial office space and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all document resulting from this submission.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Ordinance to waive parking fees at the Laredo Transit Center for patrons at the Garage between 5:00P.M. and 10:00P.M. on Wednesday, October 7, 1998, subject to a \$100.00 contribution by the Centro Iturbide Street Association. The parking fees will be waived in order to support the association's "Streets of Laredo" Mall Opening Festival, a community event in Downtown Laredo.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Ordinance to grant a permit to Southwestern Bell Telephone to use a City-owned twenty-foot-wide Utility Easement for the installation of an underground telecommunications cable, upon the condition that Southwestern Bell Telephone will at all times after doing any works within said Utility Easement, restore said premises to the condition in which same was found before such work was undertaken. Said easement being situated in Porcion 22, Abstract 277, Webb County, Texas;

being more particularly described by metes and bounds; and

providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

V. FINAL READINGS

Motion to waive the final readings of ordinances #98-0-208, #98-0-209, #98-0-210, #98-0-211, #98-0-212, #98-0-213, and #98-0214.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 98-O-208 Ordinance amending Chapter 31, Article II, regarding sewers and sewage disposal by deleting the provisions in Section 31-23 titled "Notice of Violations" of the Code of Ordinances or the City of Laredo; thereby eliminating the notice requirement when an infraction is detected and allowing a complaint to be filed immediately in Municipal Court. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-208.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 98-0-209 Ordinance amending Article IV, titled "Liquid Waste Transportation, of Chapter 31, of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, thereby correcting minor language problems in the article expanding the ordinance to include its application of secondary transporters; and adding a Section 31-170 regarding the requirements of a generator and disposal site operator; providing for severability and effective date and publication. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-209

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 98-O-210 Ordinance closing as a public easement a 666.10 square feet parcel of land more or less (2' x 333.05') out of the 4200 block of Santa Cleotilde Avenue between the north right-of-way lines of Tacuba and Chicago Streets, said parcel of land, being encroached by the improvements situated on Lot 1, Block 1048-A, and Lot 1, Block 1091-A, both situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, and authorizing the sale of "The

Surface Only" of said parcel of land at the adjusted fair market value of \$1,225.62 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to Eduardo Diaz and providing for an effective date.

(City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-210.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 98-O-211 Ordinance closing as a public easement a 17.7 feet wide alley dedicated for public use in Block 894, 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-211.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 98-0-212 Ordinance amending the Laredo Police Departments FY 1997-98 budget in the amount of \$92,100.00 to pay for the salaries and fringe benefits for six police officers that will be transferred from the COPS "Ahead" grant to the general fund due to the expiration of the grant. These police officers were hired under the COPS "Ahead" grant for a period of three years.

(City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-212.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 98-0-213 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Police
Departments FY 1997-98 budget in the amount of
\$3,000.00, to purchase a treadmill for the Police
GYM. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-213.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 98-O-214 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998
Annual Budget in the amount of \$3,000.00, and
appropriate these funds to the Laredo Convention and
Bureau regular salary line item to establish the
position of a part-time information clerk for the
information center at the Laredo International
Airport Terminal. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-0-214.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. RESOLUTIONS

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13. 98-R-131 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a supplemental award to the COPS Ahead grant from the United States Department of Justice in the amount of \$1,500,000 with the City designating \$1,105,247 in matching funds for a total of \$2,605,247 for a three year funding of the "Universal Hiring" Program beginning May 1, 1998 through April 30, 2001.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-136.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 98-R-137 Approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the South Texas Development Council of Governments for a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 with the City designating \$120,000.00 in matching funds and/or in-kind services for a total of \$220,000.00 to construct a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-137.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 98-R-138 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$40,000 for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), for the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning

September 1, 1998, through August 31, 1999.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-138.

Moved: Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 98-R-139 Accepting a grant entitlement from the Texas
Department of Health in the amount of \$542,000
(\$492,000 of Title V funding through TDH and \$50,000
in other program fee income) for the Maternal and
Child Health (MCH) of the City of Laredo Health
Department for the period September 1, 1998, through
August 31, 1999.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-139.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. 98-R-140 Authorizing the acceptance of a donation of \$25,000.00 from La Posada Hotel/Suites for the closing of Zaragoza Street between Flores and Convent Street.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-140.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. 98-R-141 Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Laredo to submit a grant application to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund of the Texas Historical Commission in the amount of \$100,000 for the preservation of the Benavides-Herrera Home, located at 802 Grant Street; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-141.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. 98-R-143 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Clinical Affiliation Agreement between the City of Laredo Fire Department and Mercy Regional Medical Center.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-143.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. 98-R-144 Authorizing the use of surplus proceeds from the contractual obligation series 1997-B in the amount of \$106,931 for the purchase and installation of a complete emergency medical service (EMS) pen-based data collection system. This system will allow the Fire Department's Ambulance Crews to collect all necessary medical data on hand-held collections devices. The data collected during the shift will then be downloaded to an ambulance billing software. The automation will eliminate the manual systems currently utilized.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-144.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. 98-R-145 City Council confirmation of appointment of John E. Fitzgibbon to the Airport Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-145.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. 98-R-146 Confirming the appointment of Gene Belmares to the Airport Advisory Board by Council member Joe A. Guerra.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-146.

Moved: Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. 98-R-147 Confirming the appointment of John Carlos Volpe to the Transportation/Traffic Study Advisory Board and Sigifredo Perez Jr. to the Ordinance Review Committee.

Motion to approve Resolution #98-R-147.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 24. Approval of bid specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for the following:
 - a) Service Truck Utilities Department
 - b) Rubber Couplings/PVC Pipe, Annual Contract Utilities Department
 - c) Vacuum Truck Services, Annual Contract Utilities
 Department d) Auditorium Carpet Replacement Civic Center
 - e) Two extended cab trucks Parks and Recreation Department A tentative award contract date is scheduled for September 21, 1998.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Authorizing the City Manager to solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to develop and implement the Risk Management Plan to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 40 CPR Part 68 Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Program under the Clean Air Act Section 112r(7) with site specific risk management plan will be prepared by the Engineer for all city Facilities requiring compliance with referenced section. Funding is available in the Waterworks '97 Bond Issue EPA Clean Air Act Program.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 26. Approval of selection of consultant and authorization an engineering contract with Brown & Root Company to develop a Storm Water Management Master Plan for the Zacate Creek Watershed. The scope of the work includes but is not limited to:
 - 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
 - e. Developing and evaluating improvement alternatives and the funding mechanism

The Engineering Contract Review Committee concurs with the recommendation.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that the FEMA Project takes 9 to 12 months to complete. Findings are then

submitted to FEMA who will review. This has a 90 day tag on it.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Award of contract to the <u>SOLE PROPOSER</u>, Zoll Medical Corporation, Burlington, MA., in the amount of \$87,831.00, for the purchase and installation of a complete Emergency Medical Services (EMS) pen-based data collection system. This system will allow the Fire Department's ambulance crews to collect all necessary medical data on hand-held collection devices. The data collected during the shift will then be downloaded to an ambulance billing software. This automation will eliminate the manual systems currently being utilized by the Fire Department's EMS Division and the Health Department's Ambulance Billing Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Award of a two-year contract to the **LOWEST PROPOSER**, Norwest Bank of Texas N.A. for banking services to the City of Laredo for fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 and September 30, 2000 at an estimated cost of \$69,533.28 per year.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Award of contract to the <u>SOLE BIDDER</u>, Holmes and Shaw, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$18,332.00, for services to print and mail the 1998 tax statements and tax rolls. The contract vendor is provided the tax statement data in electronic format and they are responsible for preparing the mail addresses with the ZIP + 4 format in order to qualify for postage savings. The tax statements are then mailed by the contract vendor with a return envelope. Approximately 60,000 tax statements are mailed to land owners and 20,000 duplicate tax statements are mailed to mortgage companies. The total contract pricing is approximately 20% higher than last year.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Award of contract to the LOW BIDDER, Reynaldo Barraza dba Jobs Materials, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$76,500.00, for providing asphalt/concrete repairs and water taps/T connections as required by the Utilities Department. Mr. Barraza submitted the lowest bid pricing on a per square foot cost basis to repair asphalt and concrete cuts required to repair distribution lines and is the low bidder on a unit cost for water tap and T connection installation service. This type of service will be requested on a per need basis and all work is inspected by the Utilities Department for compliance with City requirements. A total of three bids were received for this contract. The bid pricing is approximately 24% less than previous contract pricing.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Award of six month supply contracts for the purchase of footwear for maintenance personnel, to the following **LOW BIDDERS:**

- a) Iron Age Corp., San Antonio, Texas
 (five safety footwear styles) \$ 24,135.50
- b) Skaggs-R&R Uniforms, San Antonio,
 Texas (three safety footwear styles) \$ 13,024.25
- c) Mary's Boots, McAllen, Texas, (two safety footwear styles) \$ 9,798.60

Contract pricing has been secured for the ten safety boot styles. Department personnel will have the option to choose the type of boot best suited for the work environment. All safety footwear is purchased on an as need basis. A total of four bids were received for this purchase.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Award of contract to the **LOW BIDDERS MEETING SPECIFICATIONS**, Reliable Emergency Vehicles, Comanche, Texas, in the amount of \$89,775.00, for the purchase of a replacement ambulance. The City received lower bids from Taylor Made Ambulance and Professional Ambulance Sales and Service. The bid submitted by Taylor Made Ambulance was not signed and the bid from Professional Ambulance contained important exceptions to the

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City's requirements. Due to these omissions, both bids are considered non responsive. The new ambulance will be delivered within one hundred and twenty days.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Award of a construction contract to the **LOWEST BIDDER**, Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$303,694.00 for the Calton Road Widening and Signalization from IH-35 (San Dario) to halfway between San Francisco Avenue to Yeary Street. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Calton Road Widening and Signalization.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

34. Approval of change order no. 1, a net increase of \$5,381.13, for balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of construction of an approximately seven (7) acre composite landfill liner for Type I Cells 9 and 10 at the City of Laredo Landfill located at Highway 359, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$31,922.13 to BNC Environmental Services, Inc., Houston, Texas. The original contract amount was \$530,820.00. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$536,201.13. Funding is available in the Landfill Improvements Other Than Buildings.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

35. Approval of change order no. 2, a net increase of \$5,289.20, for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Manadas Creek 24 Inch Wastewater Interceptor as part of the North Laredo/Webb County Infrastructure Improvements Project (McPherson Road Extension) Economic Development Administration (EDA) Project No. 08-01-02878, and approval of final payment in the amount of \$134,993.11 to Ramex Construction Company, Inc., Houston, Texas. The original contract amount was \$2,229,445.11. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$2,304,734.31. Funding is available in the Sewer System '94 Bond Construction Manadas Creek Interceptor.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

36. Refund of property tax to the following individual: a. Santiago Reyes in the amount of \$1,391.37

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

37. In accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo referring the proposed City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission on any recommendations to be brought back before the City Council no later than September 21, 1998.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

38. Approval of change order no. 3, an increase of \$14,718.00, for additional drainage improvements at the intersection of Cortez Street and Ejido Avenue, and acceptance of Street Paving Assessment Project 50 (46 Blocks) constructed by the City's Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department. The original contract amount was \$1,469,926.98. This change order brings the total contract amount to \$1,602,074.98. Funding is available in the Street Fund 1993 Water Bond, and 1992A Sewer Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

39. Acceptance of Street Paving Assessment Project 57 (34 Blocks) constructed by the City's Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Street Fund, 1994 Water Bond, and 1994 Sewer Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

40. Acceptance of the Bond Issue Street Paving Assessment Project

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58-I (12 Blocks) constructed by the City's Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department. Funding is available in Street Fund, 1994 Water Bond, and 1994 Sewer Bond.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

41. Calling for a public hearing to consider the proposed 1999-2003 Capital Improvement Program on September 8, 1998 and notifying the public of said hearing by advertising ten consecutive days in the newspaper and informing the public that three copies of the proposed capital program are available at the City Secretary's office and the City Library in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.07 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Authorizing the City Manager to opt out of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), effective October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, as a result of the City currently meeting or exceeding minimum HIPAA benefit provisions.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

43. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an interlocal cooperation agreement with the County of Webb for Fire Protection, Emergency Medical and Rescue Services.

Cm. Bruni stated that under Council Communication item Chief Ramirez presented a report that indicates the number of calls made to the Fire Department per month for EMS and the Fire Department and asked what equation was used to come to the price that is being charged to the county? Is the number of units used for each call taken into consideration? He further stated that Chief Ramirez's report indicated 3 EMS units and 1 fire truck or 2 fire trucks and 2 EMS units for each emergency call and asked how staff knows if the county is being charged adequately?

Chief Ramirez answered Cm. Bruni's question by stating that

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the equation is made on the number of calls made to the county and the depreciation of the unit used to make the call.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that the method used to determine the cost of these emergency calls is taken from the entire operating budget of the Fire Department. He continued to explain that the entire cost of the Fire Department on a one year basis plus the cost of depreciating the heavy equipment is what is being distributed to all the calls that are being made to city and the county.

Cm. Bruni suggested that the City Manager look at a more lucrative way of charging for these fees that will benefit the city.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Webb County.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to defer item #44 until after item 46.

Moved : Cm. Agredano Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

44. Authorization to enter into a contract with an engineering company to provide research and surveying services for 19 tracts of land for unilateral annexation.

Motion to approve the contract to Foster Engineering Company.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

45. Presentation on the status of the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge).

Florencio Pena, City Manager, presented a report on the status of the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge) and initiated the report with:

BRIDGE STRUCTURE

The bridge structure is currently out on bids. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. at the Laredo Public Library Multi-Purpose Room.

Bids are to be received on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 4:00 P.M.

Award of a contract on September 21, 1998.

Completion of bridge structure only on August 1999 and opening of the bridge on November/December 1999.

BORDER FACILITIES

The next meeting with the federal agencies is scheduled for September 1, 1998 at the Transit Center.

It is anticipated that at this meeting, the plans will be approved and formal approval is received soon after.

Advertise for bids - October 7, 1998 Open bids - November 5, 1998 Award contract - November 18, 1998 Complete construction - December/March 2000

APPROACH ROADWAY

Design has been completed.

Advertise - October 22, 1998

Award of a contract - November 24, 1998

Start of construction January 11, 1999 and completion of First Phase - December 1, 1999 and the whole project by January 2001.

Regarding the fences and berms.

A meeting was held at sea offices with the property owners, engineers and city staff. Several recommendations were provided as a means of reducing the cost.

The revisions were submitted to GSA for their approval.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1998 GSA advised the city to proceed as presented.

As of today, the revised costs are as follows:

Muller Berm and Wall (North) \$290,127.50 Previously estimated at \$787,500

The primary reasons for the difference is that a different type of wall and a higher embankment unit cost were being proposed. Also, additional drainage structure cost will result due to the use of the berms. These costs have not yet been calculated.

FINANCING

The total project cost for the fourth bridge is estimated at \$61.8 million.

\$26.9 million - tax exempt - City of Laredo facilities \$8.2 million taxable - Federal Facilities - (Vertical construction)

\$26.6 million - SIB loan with TXDOT (Federal government facilities and other project costs)

GSA - the city has received a letter that supports repayment of the loan by GSA at \$1.6 for up to 20 years.

Staff has been instructed to prepare an additional SIB loan to cover eligible project costs. The amount is yet to be determined.

NUEVO LAREDO SIDE

A contract has been awarded to Empresas ICA in an amount of \$18 million pesos. Construction is scheduled to commence on August 20, 1998.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

A request to set a date for a groundbreaking ceremony.

Motion to schedule groundbreaking ceremony for Wednesday, September 30, 1998.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Structural Engineering Associates, Inc.

August 16, 1998

BORDER FACILITIES FOR THE LAREDO N.W. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Preliminary opinion of Probable cost of Berm & Wall

MULLER BERM & WALL (NORTH)

<u>Item</u> Subtotal	Description	<u>Unit</u>	Qty.	<u>Price</u>	Subtotal
1	Embankment	CY	44,943	\$ 2.50	\$112,357.50
2	Hydromulch/ Seeding	SY	21,062	2.00	42,124.00

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3	6' Tall C.M.U. Wall	LF	3,955	34.30	135,646.00
				TOTAL	\$290,127.50

FASKEN BERM & WALL (SOUTH)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	Qty.	<u>Price</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
1	Embankment	CY	46,210	\$ 2.50	\$115,525.00
2	Hydromulch/ Seeding	SY	20,425	2.00	40,850.00
3	8' Tall C.M.U. Wall	LF	2,859	46.86	133,960.00
4	Concrete Riprap (4")	CY	584	158.00	92,272.00
				TOTAL	\$382,607.00
GRAND	TOTAL FOR BOTH THE	E NORTH	AND SOUTH BERMS	S & WALLS	\$672,734.50

Notes:

- 1. Additional drainage structure costs will result due to the use of the berms. These costs have not yet been calculated.
- 2. A reduction in the perimeter fence and hence in the overall costs will result from the use of the berms. (approx. savings = 96,000 + 74,000 = \$170,000).
- 3. The previous estimated cost was: 787,500 + 952,000 = \$1,739,500. The primary reasons for the difference is that a different type of wall and a higher embankment unit cost were being proposed.
- 4. The above costs are based on the very limited design information available at this time.

Mr. David Covarrubias, Mr. Jesse Covarrubias, Mr. Adrian Romero and Mr. Jeff Farnsworth are the consultants doing the actual design of the berms. Mr. David Covarrubias explained that the reason for the cost being lowered is that dirt berms will now be used instead of the original high cost sound walls due to GSA allowing additional use of land. The six foot tall dirt berms will be surrounded by an eight foot tall masonry fence that will also resolve any noise and pollution issue. Due to use of the dirt berms additional drainage costs will be involved. The design of the drainage nor the costs have been determined.

Motion to waive the rules and move up item C.1 at this time.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

46. Providing an update on the upcoming annexation and requesting update on the upcoming annexation and requesting Council to consider inclusion of an additional tract along Highway 83 south.

City Manager Florencio Pena stated they had received direction to annex approximately 19 tracts of land which are all involuntary. He added that this item includes adding additional area.

Keith Selman, Planning Director, stated that council had previously directed them to begin initial surveying. After they looked at some things in South Laredo they felt they should investigate the area south of 83 and along 83 to the riverbank. He explained that portions could be annexed, however, entire area should be considered for annexation. All areas may not be annexed primarily because the city can not annex more than 30% percent annually. Based on the formulas they used we are allowed 6,000 acres this year. He said we could be close to this with the inclusion of this area. This area could be changed if they find that the accumulative is beyond what can be annexed.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk read a letter addressed to the Mayor and City Council on behalf of the City of Rio Bravo and signed by Jorge Benavides, City Administrator. The letter requests that Laredo not annex U.S. Hwy 83 to Rio Bravo city limit lines so that Rio Bravo may proceed with plans of annexation of this of area. Rio Bravo City Council would like to annex half mile area adjacent to their city limits. Unlike the City of Laredo they have no existing areas for future growth inside of their city limits. He added that if annexation of this area were to occur there would still be a 1.2 mile separation from the new city limits of Rio Bravo still allowing Laredo to annex along the highway. They are not subject to the 30% rule. The State law provides for different annexation rules according to population brackets and the population bracket of Rio Bravo only allows them for a half mile and that is all they are trying to annex. Since this area is in Laredo's ETJ, the Laredo City Council would have to at some time give a resolution. Mr. Whitehawk said that at this time they are not asking for the resolution, but would like to work with the city staff so that they could come back sometime to officially ask for a resolution. concluded by saying that tonight it is simply to inform council of the plans that Rio Bravo has and that hopefully council will see fit to support them.

Cm. Galo wants something in writing from the City Attorney

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that states that we are not in conflict with anything that the county or the current developers are doing over there because if we are going to look at this just as a proposal and not annexing, he is willing to consider it. He wants a legal opinion before annexing these areas to make sure that lawsuits would not be brought against Laredo for the provision of water. He wanted to know if there would be a possibility that the county would refuse to provide water after these areas are annexed if so, would the developer have to incur these costs. City Manager Pena stated water would have to be provided by holder of CCN.

Mr. Flores said he would have to concur with TRNCC. This is a matter that would have to be decided by TNRCC. The study to be conducted will address all issues raised.

Motion to proceed with study and investigate the possibility of annexing those areas outlined by the City Planner specifically the areas in red.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

47. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)(A)(B) to discuss pending litigation and settlement offer regarding Southwestern Bell Telephone Company v. City of Laredo, Cause No. CA-L-98-47 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas Laredo Division, and return to open session for possible action thereon.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Casso

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

Motion to authorize City Manager to enter into and execute the interim settlement agreement executed by Southwestern Bell Company on August 5, 1998 in Cause No. CA-L-98-47 style Southwestern Bell v. City of Laredo in the US District Court for the Southern District Laredo Division.

Moved: Cm. Casso Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

48. Recognition by the Mayor and City Council members of employees that retired from the City of Laredo with 20 years or more of service for the period April 1998 thru June 1998.

- 1. Alejandro E. Quintanilla (20 years), Fire Department, April 3, 1998
- 2. Juan Palacios (23 years), Utilities Department, May 31, 1998
- Jesus Robles Jr. (24 years), Utilities Department, May 31, 1998
- 4. Jesus R. Gonzalez (26 years), Health Department, June 30, 1998
- 5. Dora Rodriguez (25 years), City Manager's Office, June 30, 1998
- A. Mayor Flores recognized Juan Palacios, Jesus Robles Jr., and Jesus R. Gonzalez. Alejandro E. Quintanilla and Dora Rodriguez were not present to receive their plaques.

Mayor Flores took opportunity to read, "Quejas Y Consejos", "Good Ideas and Grievances", "Bring them all to the Townhall Meetings, Meet with your City Council Representatives and City of Laredo Department Heads. At this time she announced the town hall meetings and listed dates as follows:

August 18, 1998 District I	6:30 P.M.	Cigarroa High School 2201 Recreation Center
District VIII	6:30 P.M.	Civic Center Mtg. Rm. 3 & \$ 2400 San Bernardo
August 19, 1998 District II	6:30 P.M.	Laredo Public Library Calton Road
District VII	6:30 P.M.	Farias Recreation Center 1602 Farias Street
August 20, 1998 District III	6:30 P.M.	Heights Recreation Center
District VI	6:30 P.M.	Northeast Hillside Recreation 320 Wyoming St.
August 25, 1998 District IV	6:30 P.M.	Katherine Tarver Recreation 2902 Tilden
District V	6:30 P.M.	Northeast Hillside Recreation 320 Wyoming

B. Cm. Guerra read a letter for the record. The letter was addressed to him from Crown Chiropractic dated August 12,

1998 which references illegal solicitation of accident victims.

"My name is Michael S. Setliff and I have been in Chiropractic practice for nearly five years now in Laredo. There are several Chiropractors in town who are paying for the illegal solicitation of persons involved in auto accidents. In San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi, and other cities educational fliers are handed out to inform citizens that such solicitation is illegal. This would certainly help in Laredo. Unfortunately these illegal solicitors are often holding themselves out to be representatives of the insurance companies so some change may have to be made to the enclosed sample to properly educate the accident victims. Enclosed is a flier that a patient brought to me from an accident he had in San Antonio.

My purpose of this letter is two fold. One, these Chiropractors give a good profession a bad name and two, innocent friends and patients of mine have become victims twice. Once by an accident and two by illegal solicitation.

If you find it to be of merit please look into the matter. Thank you for your valuable time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office."

Cm. Guerra said the reason he took a personal interest on this issue is because he belongs to two organizations who are trying to stop the abuse of such practices and also the abuse of numerous frivolous lawsuits.

Also, he wanted to go on record, asking the Chief of Police that an investigation be conducted in the Police Department as to who are the person/persons responsible for notifying Chiropractors and/or attorneys as to when accidents happen so that they can go out and seek patient and/or clients. He wants proper action taken on this matter.

Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, stated that this is a matter of public record and as long as the individual requesting the report has information contained in that report on two or three items of information such as name, time, and location in that instance in essence the report is public record. He added that there is another issue involving the listing where they have all the calls which is a matter of public record. He wants to discuss the issue with Cm. Guerra with respect to the investigation in order not to divulge specifics.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, pointed that there is the State Board of Chiropractors to which this particular letter should be addressed as well as the State Bar on complaints with attorneys which are the boards to receive these complaints and handle them besides our in-house review.

- B. Cm. Galo said he received a complaint that people are having trouble accessing the pickup/dropoff metro bus stop point at the 2003 Block of Springfield because there is a lot of debri near the bus stop and wants this addressed by Public Works.
- C. Cm. Galo said he is still receiving complaint calls that 18wheelers are still idling on Sanders Street.
- D. Cm. Bruni asked that Public Works also see to a problem on 2720 Musser. There is a problem dealing with the sidewalk on Arkansas and also with the Metro bench.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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

A. Requests by Council member Alfredo Agredano

1. Request by Maria Elena Guzman for City Council consideration of extending the hours of the Buena Vida Program at Cigarroa High School.

Cm. Agredano corrected that instead of Cigarroa High School it should read Cigarroa Recreation Center.

Mrs. Guzman addressed City Council as participant of the Buena Vida Program who wants support in making this program more accessible to the adult group population. Currently the morning classes are experiencing some limitations and restrictions due to insufficient staff at the Parks & Recreation Division. The department is having monetary problems to contract more personnel and also additional staff is needed for building maintenance. They are asking that council examine the situation and if possible endorse an increase to the Parks and Recreation Department in order to contract more staff because it is inadequately staffed in order to continue with the demand of services and with the expansion of these programs.

John Vidaurri, Parks and Recreation Department Director, stated that they do have a joint agreement for use of the gyms with L.I.S.D. and part of the problem they are having is not only a budgetary issue, but also an issue with the contract itself. They have to go back to the Joint Use Committee that was set up to run the operations of the centers to recommend operational issues related to the recreation centers and then go back to the L.I.S.D. Board of Trustees and the City Council to make recommendations.

B. Requests by Council member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the proposed Aviation Fuel Farm (Petroleum Oil Lubricants) at the Laredo International Airport, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni said there was a KGNS story that was misleading and he wants Mr. Flores to clear it up for the record.

Jose L. Flores, Airport Director, reported that this is one of the projects that they will do as soon as they are able to secure funding from FAA. They have submitted an application under the Military Airport Program and if they get re-designated into the program it stands a good chance of being funded. He said it is a totally safe operation and they would not allow anything that is not safe.

Cm. Bruni stated that the TARDIS is on line at the International Airport. It is a very safe place to visit Laredo and he wants the public to know that we are one the few cities in the United States that does have the TARDIS operation. He added that council fought very hard to get it, and its now in operation and on line.

2. Discussion and possible action on conducting a Traffic Flow Study for the purpose of installing a traffic control device at the entrance of J.B. Alexander High School. (Co-sponsored by Councilman Joe A. Guerra)

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Manager, stated they will go ahead and put it on their schedule. He advised that they have other five studies that they have to initiate, which they will initiate after school starts. He added that the earliest that they can get to this study would be in December to finish the study. They are also starting to initiate the Speed Hump Pilot Program. They will meet with the residents in the next couple of weeks.

Cm. Guerra asked Mr. Murillo when would it be possible to install those flashing yellow lights even if they have to wait on the traffic control device at least to slow traffic there.

Mr. Murillo answered that they still have to conduct the study and go through the due process to see what is the best thing to do and see if it would be justified.

Cm. Bruni asked that they expedite the study and maybe keep some type of signalization whereas if there is no traffic coming out of the school we have the east/west traffic having the right of way keeping the signalization on "go".

Mr. Murillo stated that is the intent and the design they

want to use, but that they still have to conduct the study to see what would be the best thing to do. He said they are also considering in installing flashers or blinking lights at night. They have also asked UISD to participate in the school flashers.

Cm. Bruni wants staff to contact UISD to see if they can meet with them to ask them in reference to these lights.

Cm. Alvarado stated he has been contacted by some UISD Boardmembers that want to met with the Metro Government Committee and this would be an appropriate time if the members of that committee are willing to meet on the fifth Monday at Council Chambers. He tentatively offered the UISD Board Members the setting here and suggested that they also include LISD Boardmember where they can discuss different project plus also discuss the joint funding ventures.

Motion to study the situation at the entrance of J.B. Alexander High School and also the possibility of installing flashing approaching school zone signs, and that the Metro Government Committee be included in this discussions.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Status report on the lack of wastewater infrastructure on the north side of HWY 59 between Ejido Street and the old entrance of Casa Blanca State Park, with possible action.

Cm. Bruni said he was advised by staff that they are not ready for the presentation, so he deferred this item until the first meeting in September.

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

Cm. Bruni stated they received a written report and wants a brief comment on the three problems addressed by the study such as the 48" box culvert, etc.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that the study identifies three problems areas one by the terminal entrance which is being taken care of by TxDot already. The other problem on the north side of US 59 by A-1 Auto Shop, and the third by the west side of Casa Blanca Road by the Human Resources Offices. He said the report identifies some recommendations but Mr. Saveedra from Brown and Root is not present to explain the report. He explained that there are two alternative solutions for A-1 Auto Store and two for the area by the Casa Blanca

Road. There report goes on to say that there is no additional run-off as was earlier suspected coming from the construction of the terminal and from the runways and that the drainage facilities there can handle the additional runoff, however there are problems with the earthen ditches that have debri and the drainage has been blocked off in both cases.

On the A-1 Auto Shop he suggested that maybe an interceptor can be installed that would take the water away from the area and then parallel to Hwy. 59 and then come back into Hwy. 59, this would be taken in by the second phase of U.S. 59 that will be constructed by TxDot this would be done on the year 2000.

On the problem by the west side of La Casa Blanca they are suggesting that there could be an underground system installed and taken by TxDot whenever the second phase on U.S. 59 takes place. He said these are only recommendations, they do not have cost estimates and as previously identified on the proposal they have the feasibility study done and if we want to follow up we would need a second proposal for plans and cost estimation.

Cm. Bruni said that if problem one is taken care off, he thinks problem two does not pose many consequences and there are recommendations from staff as to how they are going to alleviate those two problems, but wants problem three expedited as soon as possible because this problem poses problems to businesses in the area. He said there are recommendation from staff as to how to alleviate the problem, but there is stagnant water and a lot of vegetation, but he wants staff to come back with a cost estimate as to what it would cost to alleviate the problem and after they see what its going to cost that maybe they can find the funding to do this project sooner than the year 2000.

Motion that staff come back with a cost estimate as to what it would cost to alleviate problem three. If there is funding that this project be done before the year 2000.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

C. Requests by Council member Joe A. Guerra

1. Presentation by the Laredo United Veterans Coalition of their request of an appointment by the City Council of a

Veterans Affairs Committee to make recommendation on veterans issues.

Mr. Farias Chairman of the Laredo Veterans Coalition introduced Mr. Luis Diaz de Leon, Mr. Jesus Hernandez, Mr. Pompa, Mr. Salinas, Mr. Barrera, Mr. Aguilar and Mr. Gonzalez who would like council to give serious consideration to naming an advisory committee having to do with veteran affairs. Also, consider naming a representative from each of the 12 organizations including the coalition so that this committee in turn can make recommendations to council on various issues such as health care. He also asked council to ask Mr. Mario Martinez the City's lobbyist to bring to Laredo the Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee to meet with our Legislative Committee so that they can see what is coming up at the next session and see if there are any items that will help us in addressing the clinic's needs, if not so the can get sponsors.

Mayor Flores appointed members of the City Council, Cm. Guerra, Cm. Agredano and Cm. Alvarado to serve along with other members of the Veterans Coalition to participate.

Moved: Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

D. Requests by Council member Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo

1. Presentation by Raul Perales representing La Posada Hotel/Suites of the plans for the Zaragoza Street Improvement Project and their additional contribution of \$25,000.00.

Mr. Raul Perales introduced Mr. Norbert Dickman and Mr. John Hickey. Mr. Perales thanked City Council on behalf of Fasken Interests and made the presentation, showed drawing and made presentation of a \$25,000 check.

Mr. Hickey showed drawings done by Hickey Architects on the development of a concept to resurfacing Zaragoza

Mr. Norman Dickman thanked Mr. Pena and City Council for making the project a realization and proceed to present council with a \$25,000 check.

Motion to accept Resolution #98-R-140.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

50. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 annual budget in the amount of \$109,869 for a supplemental grant to the COPS Ahead Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The U.S. Department of Justice is contributing \$63,724 with the City designating \$46,145 in matching funds for the remaining fiscal year. The Universal Hiring Grant period will be from May 1, 1998 through April 30, 2001.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

51. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 annual budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of three canine cages to be installed in task force vehicles for the Financial Disruption Task Force for the period of January 1, 1998 and ending December 31, 1998.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1997-1998 annual budget in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of three canine cages to be installed in task force vehicles for the Financial Disruption Task Force for the period of January 1, 1998 and ending December 31, 1998.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

52. Public hearing amending Ordinance 97-0-022, Section 2-3(b) of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Laredo providing for an additional charge of \$1.83 for birth certificates issued locally for births occurring in other cities and counties within the State of Texas.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

53. Public hearing amending the contract with the Texas
Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$40,000 for
the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and cervical
Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health
Department for the period beginning September 1, 1998,
through August 31, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$40,000 for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health

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Department for the period beginning September 1, 1998, through August 31, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

54. Public hearing amending the contract with the Texas
Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$542,000
(\$492,000 of Title V funding through TDH and \$50,000 in other
program fee income) for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH)
of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period
beginning September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$542,000 (\$492,000 of Title V funding through TDH and \$50,000 in other program fee income) for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1998 through August 31, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City council

XII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM

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

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

55. 98-RT-142 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a Texas Department of Transportation Grant in the amount of \$311,690 from the State Public Transportation Fund for the 1998-99 Biennium: and providing for grant funds to be deposited in the City Transit Department Accounts.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

56. Award of five year service agreement to the **LOW BIDDER**, Montgomery KONE, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$29,640.00, for providing elevator maintenance at the Laredo Intermodal Transit Center. This contract will provide for monthly maintenance on the three elevators operating at this location. These elevator where previously maintained by the general contractor under the one year building maintenance warranty.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

57. To authorize negotiation of a contract with Bonanza Consultants and Investments, Inc., for bus bench and shelter advertising sales and service.

Motion to approve contract with Bonanza Consultants.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Guerra

Cm. Galo said they made a presentation on paying the city on the net proceeds and he thinks it is not on the best interest to the city to take anything that pays us on the net proceeds plus what kind of access does the city have on their books.

Second withdrew his motion to approve.

Mr. H. Scobey, General Manager of Lamar Advertising, made the

presentation on the history of their business and stated that they have 10 full time employees here in the Laredo office.

Mr. John Miller gave an overview of the history of the company stated that they received a proposal to provide bus shelters and bus benches, responded to the request, attended a pre-bid conference and asked what was the most important thing to the city, they were told that the most important thing to the city was an experienced company that could provide quality shelters, quality work plan and that money was not the most motivating factor. They did their research looked at all local and state regulations, made the proposal thinking that money was not the most important factor and staff recommended that Lamar Transit be selected. He continued explaining the Lamar Proposal, why they were selected and why he thinks they are the best company for the project.

Cm. Galo stated for the record that he is against collective revenue.

Gilbert Segovia, Transit Director, stated the committee's recommendation was to contract with Bonanza.

Hector Liendo, President for Bonanza Corporation, made the presentation on the company's credentials, marketing, and advertising and said that Lamar did not make a presentation before the Ad Hoc Committee and Bonanza did make presentation before the Ad Hoc.

Motion to go with staff recommendation and accept Lamar Advertising for this contract.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado Second: Cm. Valdez

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6 Against: 1 Abstain: 0

Cm. Valdez

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 9:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 35 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 17th day of August, 1998.

Gustavo Guevara, JY City Secretary

Minutes prepared by: Delia Rodriguez, Deputy City Secretary Minutes approved on: October 19, 1998