

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
5:30 P.M.

M98-R-51

M I N U T E S

NOVEMBER 23, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth G. Flores,	Mayor
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 Montalvo,	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

1. City Council Meeting October 26, 1998
Special City Council Meeting October 29, 1998

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno was not present at this time.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease assignment between the City of Laredo and Tri-Group International, Inc., as Assignor, and Granitos Naturales of North America, Inc., as Assignee, for approximately 16,000 square feet constituting Building No. 60 located at 4810 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Lease Agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Smith Helicopters, Inc., as LESSEE, for a tract of land containing approximately 74,053 square feet located on Block No. 1, as recorded in Volume 5, Page 1, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, said property is located at the Laredo International Airport and is further described by metes and bounds description. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on January 1, 1999 until December 31, 2019 plus two consecutive ten (10) year renewal option periods until December 31, 2039. The initial monthly rent is \$1,172.50 and the rent shall be adjusted annually based on changes in the Consumer price index and at each ten-year anniversary based on fair market rent appraisal on the lease premises.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Authorizing the City Manager to terminate a lease agreement dated January 19, 1987, approved by Ordinance No. 87-O-11 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Dr. E.H. Borchers, Jr., for approximately 4,272 square feet constituting Building No. 910 located at 4403 North Daughtery Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for two years commencing on November 1, 1998 and ending on October 31, 2000 and may be extended for ten one-year options until October 31, 2010. Monthly rental shall be \$1,482.50 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. To waive parking fees at the Laredo Transit Center for patrons at the garage between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 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 "December Fest" Mall Opening Festival, a community event in Downtown Laredo.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

Mayor Flores asked that items #18, #25, #30, #58, Communications and Council presentations D(2) and D(1) be moved up at this time.

Note: Cw. Moreno came in at 5:35 p.m.

After item #18, #25 and #30 were addressed, there was motion made to move items #31, #32, #26, #27, and 58.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Note: After item #58 was addressed, items under Communications were discussed plus all council presentations.

VI. FINAL READING

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #98-O-302, #98-O-303, #98-O-304, #98-O-305, and #98-O-306.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. 98-0-302 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement providing for possible reimbursement of part of the cost of constructing a sanitary sewer line incurred by Gerardo G. Salinas, part owner and developer of Hilltop Subdivision, Phase II. The total amount of reimbursement is \$48,561.01 and will be paid to Gerardo G. Salinas as adjacent property owners connect to the system. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #98-O-302.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Guerra

7. 98-0-303 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement providing for possible reimbursement of part of the cost of constructing a water line incurred by Gerardo G. Salinas, part owner and developer of Hilltop Subdivision, Phase II. The total amount of reimbursement is \$12,344.19 and will be paid to Gerardo G. Salinas as adjacent property owners connect to the system. **(City Council)**

14. Authorize the rejection of the two bids received for the disposal of the used and scrap tires at the City of Laredo land fill and authorize the solicitation of new bids. One bid was not signed and cannot be considered and the other bid far exceeded the budgeted allocation. With City Council approval, staff will revise the bid documents and will present a recommendation for an award of contract at the City Council meeting of December 7, 1998.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Approval of professional services agreement with selected consultant, AU Courant Environmental Inc., Laredo, Texas for the hazardous material guidance manual and the educational component. The hazardous material guidance manual translates the City of Laredo's Ordinance No. 97-0-332 (Hazardous Materials Ordinance) into layman's terms for the benefit of the regulated community. The educational component will consist of materials required to conduct educational sessions for the regulated community.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a parking agreement with Avance-Laredo to park a passenger van at the Katherine Tarver Recreation Center overnight on a daily basis.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

17. Requesting Council's opinion on the scheduling of update reports for the following water projects:
1. Closure of Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project
 2. Update on USGS Well inventory
 3. Strategy to develop a groundwater development plan
- The presentation will take approximately 5-10 minutes each with additional time needed for questions and answers. The proposal

is to do it at a regular council session, to schedule an evening workshop or a working luncheon.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, stated this item was placed to ask council about the best format or schedule for them to present to council on the advance of the three water projects.

Cm. Bruni replied that they need to discuss these items and would like to schedule a workshop to discuss these items because they need maybe about an hour or so.

It was suggested that they make it a working lunch.

Mr. Roman stated that he will get in touch with the consultants and then work with council on the date.

18. Presentation regarding the Zacate Creek Beautification Project.

John Vidaurri, Parks and Recreation Director, made the presentation before City Council. He said that Phase I of the Zacate Creek beautification project was funded this past year with CDBG funds. There were \$300,000 set aside for this particular project.

Frank Rotnofsky of Frank Architects along with Sherfey Engineering presented the basic park design for this project. He explained that it runs from Lyon Street back north up to Saunders and it is sided along the east bank. It is going to be primarily a walking/jogging/bike activity park with nice landscaping. They are proposing colored concrete walkways and there will be touch ups of existing pedestrian crossways. It ends at the bottom south at Lyon Street where basically it is not budgeted. He added that they have a schematic design for the continuation of that park which will become a larger parcel of land approximately four acres right below Lyon Street. He said that as the river bank it opens up and sets itself up for a more of a far larger park in nature, which would also encompass all sorts of jogging trails, picnic areas, parking areas, basketball courts, pavilions, and all sorts of recreational activities.

He added that Phase I has been funded. The other phase is the actual bank of the creek and the larger parcel in Lyon.

Cm. Valdez said there is work being done near La Azteca area plus there is a J.C. Martin Park and this is a long term plan and a very scaled down project. He wished we could have something like the riverwalk in the future. He said that the only problem to do more of Phase I is that there is a low area that needs to be filled in (the sidewalk on the western side)

which he believes is close to \$50,000. He added this is where he needs City Council's help, as far as looking into CDBG where money is going to be reprogrammed or other areas that can be explored to look for additional funding. He asked that the City Manager do everything possible and asked Council's support in looking at additional funds or maybe on some of the monies left from some other different areas.

Cw. Montalvo questioned how long it will take to complete the project.

It was said that they will be looking at the next two weeks to turn in the documents to the city, so hopefully it will probably take three to four months to construct it. If they advertise by mid January or early February they can start construction.

Cm. Alvarado wants a listing from the Parks and Recreation Director as far as the existing parks. They have received a list before and one of the items he has been working with Mr. Vidaurri is on the lighting and irrigation system at the only existing park that District VII has. He knows monies are not available but there are several existing parks that need some work or renovation, but this is the only existing park for District VII (the Canizales Park) and we need to see what funds are being appropriated this year to work on those items that are still lacking in the existing parks and how they will address the new parks.

Mr. Vidaurri said that on the Canizales Park they have worked a preliminary irrigation plan and are proposing to fund that out of their operating budget. They have also done signage work, they placed the basketball goals, they have done some work in that area. The major piece of work that needs to be done is the irrigation system and that is in the plan for this year. They are working with CP&L on various park sites, including Zacate Creek so that is on the agenda as well. They have \$130,000 in their operating budget for park maintenance. They have several 100 acres of park land and he will work with the City Manager as far as the budget is concerned.

Cm. Alvarado wants staff to see what will be done this year so they can get an understanding of what is going to be upgraded this year and what are the new parks coming up and where these monies are going. He said we need to have an idea of how much money we have, where the funds were appropriated, so that we can look at where we can move some of these funding to be able to take care of some of Cm. Valdez's items.

Mr. Pena stated that Phase I is \$300,000.00 and it did not include the sidewalk on the west side nor the lighting.

Motion to instruct staff to find funds for Cm. Valdez's request, for sidewalks on the west side.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Pena stated that sometimes there are projects that won't go under construction until October which is the next fiscal year, and maybe they can reprogram some CDBG money into this year to do the sidewalk on the west side of Zacate Creek.

Cindy Collazo, Community Development Director, said she will be coming before Council with the balances that they have. They have received information from the different departments and they will come back with what is left so that maybe they can go ahead and address the motions made.

- 19. Approval of Hotel/Motel Fund Aid to Other Agencies contracts for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, in the amount of \$360,264.

Cm. Bruni asked if San Agustin Church was included in this item and if they received their '98-99 third party funding?

Mr. Pena replied that it is part of the third party funding under the San Agustin Historical Preservation Society, for funding of \$20,000.

Cm. Bruni said that he was handed a note by one of the San Agustin representatives saying that San Agustin lost their 1998-99 third party funding contract.

Mr. Pena said that they have not lost their '98-99 contract. He mentioned that on the '97-98 contract year there was a lapse because the Society did not encumbered the money prior to September 30th as they are required, so that money lapsed.

Cm. Bruni replied that the note he was handed says '98-99 as it comes out in our previous communication.

Mr. Larry Dovalina, Assistant City Manager, reiterated that there is a contract clause that says that you have to encumber the money prior to September 30th and that was not done.

Ms. Michele Romani stated there was confusion on the part of the church given the fact that there were deadlines to meet and

they were afraid that because some of the paperwork was not turned in, that maybe things may have gotten lost in the cross fire, but that was straighten out. She further said that they picked up the check for '97-98.

Cm. Galo asked how much are we collecting from hotel/motel taxes, or how much did we collect last year?

Mr. Pena replied that approximately \$2 million.

Cm. Galo asked what happens to the balance of that fund?

Mr. Pena replied that approximately \$1 million goes to the Convention and Visitors Bureau, about \$300,000 to the Civic Center and the balance goes to debt service.

Mr. Heberto Ramirez stated that on the budget presented to Council, the \$20,000 for San Agustin was not budgeted. When the third party agencies were brought about to Council the \$20,000 were approved. What they proposed to do is to take the \$20,000 from the hotel/motel reserve fund if council approves and fund the San Agustin Historical Preservation Society. He added that it is included in this \$360,264.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado asked how much is in the hotel/motel reserve fund?

Mr. Heberto Ramirez replied there were \$50,000 left in reserve when we came in before council at the budget workshops and at the public hearings. They also have some fund balance available, but they don't need to draw on that yet since there has not been a need for it.

Cw. Moreno questioned if we are building a reserve for the Convention Center.

Mr. Heberto Ramirez answered yes.

Cm. Alvarado stated that there was a request from TAMIU's Dance Troupe that was unfunded this year for \$1,000.00, and if we have a reserve fund in that amount. He requested that we fund them for the \$1,000.00 they requested.

Mayor Flores voiced that there was another motion on the floor, and asked Cm. Guerra to amend the motion to include \$1,000.00

for the TAMIU's Dance Troupe.

Mr. Ramirez said they need this motion as a separate item.

Mr. Florencio Pena said that it would be appropriate to take action and directives to bring it back. We'll have to appropriate the monies and do a contract, so we can get direction if Council wishes to make that direction.

One other item, is this is not all the hotel/motel contracts, the still have some pending, these are just the ones that we are able to timely get everything on time.

Mayor Flores said they will approve this item and ask to bring the \$1,000.00 for TAMIU, so there is no need to amend the motion just bring that item back.

Motion to direct staff to appropriate \$1,000 and prepare a contract for \$1,000 for TAMIU's Dance Troupe.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Approval of General Fund Aid to Other Agencies contracts for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, in the amount of \$516,893.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Request for authorization to settle pending lawsuit styled Jaime Jalomo v. City of Laredo Cause No. 97CVQ00427D in the 111th District Court of Webb County, Texas, in the total amount of \$65,000.

Motion to authorize to settle pending lawsuit styled Jaime Jalomo v. City of Laredo Cause No. 97CVQ00427D in the 111th District Court of Webb County, Texas, in the total amount of \$65,000.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to consider item #22 at the end of the meeting.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in regards to deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in regards to deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Mrs. Andrea McWilliams stated that last week council approved the measure allowing her to represent the city on the municipal franchise fee issue. This issue represents over \$8 million in annual revenue for the city. Unfortunately, there will be several measures at the next legislative session aimed at curtailing council's authority to collect these fees. She added that she will be looking forward to working with Mr. Dovalina in re-negotiating the new municipal franchise fee agreement. She will be reporting in a regular basis, sending contact information, so if any one has individual questions that they do not hesitate in contacting her on this issue. This does not only relate to telecommunications, but also to electric issues. She concluded by saying she left packets with the City Manager which he will deliver to council.
- B. Cm. Alvarado stated that a couple of months ago council adopted an Angel Tree Program and he has been working with the City Secretary, Gustavo Guevara in setting up a mechanism so that they can be able to address this program. They have contacted UISD and LISD and have asked that we work through the nurse program, counselors, and principles of the elementary schools

of both districts in identifying the most needed children on the campus and thus bringing those names back to City Hall and working with city employees so that hopefully we can get as many employees to adopt one of these particular children for Christmas. He encouraged city staff and City Council to participate and help on this project once they receive the names from the schools.

- C. Cm. Galo stated there was a derailment of Tex-Mex trains by J.C. Martin Elementary School and he implores Tex-Mex and the City to work as hard and diligently as we can on this project to help Tex-Mex move their yard. He added the train does affect his district and it affects everyone in the City because it cuts off Guadalupe, Chihuahua, and Market. It also cuts EMS services to Chacon and it makes it impossible to get downtown. He implored staff to do whatever is possible to help Tex-Mex because we need more roads and overpasses to hopefully prevent these type of problems in the future.

Cw. Moreno stated that derailments have occurred something like three times this year and at this same intersection. She questioned if it has happened very often, doesn't that say that there must be something wrong?

Mayor Flores stated she spoke to Tex-Mex representatives and they are looking into the issue. The first thing they did after the first derailment was to remove the tracks and replaced them, but that has not helped so there is something else. There is a curve there and they do travel very slow when they pass by that area, the two cars that derailed were very heavy and perhaps that caused it. She said they are looking into it.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that there have been at least two derailments in last four months, they will ask for a full report from Tex-Mex and a statement as to what they are going to do to prevent it from occurring again.

- D. Mr. Rico Flynn welcomed the new members of City Council and expressed his gratitude to allowing him to live in this city. He also expressed that we should have a flag the size of Mexico's flag.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

23. **Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.**

A. Request by Council member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the establishment at 2106 Ash with possible action.

Cm. Bruni stated that there is a warehouse at the 2100 block of Ash and staff is familiar with it. There are recyclable items in that location. He added he was there last Saturday and they had all the recyclables out by the street. This is a fire hazard, there is debris and litter all over the street, plus the neighbors continue to complain about the parked 18-wheelers and he wants an update from staff.

Benny Salinas, Building Director, reported that the correct address is 2601 Ash. He went by the establishment, the property originally was zoned M-1. It has been rezoned to R-1. He went by this afternoon and 1/3 of the building is still being used with bulks of used clothing which was what was there before and some of it is out on the street. The other two thirds of the building is being used as an electrical contractor shop which is a violation. The contractor will be notified that it is not permitted and in reference to the clothing the responsible parties will be cited.

Cm. Bruni said that this has been a problem for months, he has brought this item previously, and staff says that there are violations that have been discovered and that they plan on fixing the problem. The problem never gets fixed and every weekend it seems, when the activity starts there, that he starts getting the phone calls. He wants these problems resolved and does not want to bring this issue again. He wants the establishment shut down because they are illegal. There is a violation with the electric shop in there, there are violations because they have the bales out on the east side of the property and according to the Fire Chief that is a violation. He said that we either enforce our ordinances or we change the zoning back to R-1. He said something needs to be done because they cannot continue violating city ordinances.

Mr. Salinas said that the only thing his department and the Fire Department can do is cite them.

Mr. Pena stated they have cited them before, and wanted to know what is the status of those citations.

Cm. Galo asked what is the amount of the fines, and if they are cited daily.

Mr. Salinas answered that up to \$2,000 per day.

Cm. Bruni asked why don't we start doing that because over the weekend because there were bales of compacted material, there were gaps in between and children were playing in there and if one of those bales falls on them we are going to have children hurt or something worse might happen.

Mr. Pena said they will continue citing and will follow-up on this issue.

2. Discussion with possible action with regards to the library construction contractor, Ramex Construction, in reference to claim of non payment of retying by Fred's Plumbing a subcontractor in the project.

Cm. Bruni stated he received a memorandum addressed to Rogelio Rivera dated November 16, 1998 from Fred's Plumbing in reference to a delinquent sum that is past due from Ramex to Fred's Plumbing in the amount of \$9,451.63. Mr. Collazo (from Fred's Plumbing) continues to call him stating that he has not been paid for a service already provided and that was approved through the general contractor (Ramex).

Mr. Gabriel Martinez, Assistant City Engineer, informed on the situation. He said the sub-contractor (Fred's Plumbing) is claiming that he has not been paid by the general contractor, Ramex, with whom we have a contract. Ramex is claiming that he is unable to pay the sub-contractor's retainer because the City has not paid Ramex's retainer which is about \$300,000 for this contract. This is a typical arrangement in the construction industry. The subcontractor's claim is without merit since the contractor's agreement with the City states that all sub-contractors need to be paid off before the City pays him at the end of the project. He added they are going to ask him to pay off his sub-contractors prior to us accepting the contract.

Cm. Bruni said if that is a typical relationship "that the general contractor doesn't get paid for whatever reason, something happens to him, that he

is not going to pay his sub-contractor for work he has provided and have done a good job". If there is anything in writing that even eludes to that and if that is a typical relationship, it is totally irresponsible on behalf of the City.

Mr. Martinez replied that they require from the general contractor to submit an affidavit with every invoice stating that he has paid off all of his sub-contractors and suppliers.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, said that the point here is that before we make final payment to the contractor, he has to prove that he has paid all his sub-contractors.

Cm. Bruni then said that if the sub-contractor provided a good service and did the work required by the general contractor, he should be paid in a timely manner. If Ramex has not been paid by the City of Laredo because there are still some leaks in the building, and if Ramex hasn't been paid by the city, that is Ramex's problem they should go out there and fix the leak, and that should not withhold payment to the sub-contractors.

Mr. Rivera's understanding on the contract between Ramex and Fred's Plumbing is that Fred's Plumbing will get his retainer release until Ramex gets his. So it is because of their contract that Fred's Plumbing has not been paid-off. Also, this is contrary to our agreement with Ramex.

Cm. Galo asked if they can put Fred's Plumbing a regular mechanic's lien on our building the way they would in any residential or commercial building?

Jerry Cain, Asst. City Attorney, answered that it is not possible, not in a government building.

Cm. Bruni wants to know when will Ramex get paid so Mr. Collazo can get paid for his services.

Mr. Martinez said the contractor was asked to attend this meeting, but unfortunately he did not show up.

Cm. Bruni stated, for the record, that we had problems with this contractor on our reverse osmosis of the Santa Isabel Water Well. He said that the City is getting a bad reputation by not paying on

location for a soccer/football field, etc. or whatever other facility can be done, because of the level ground plus it can be maintained easily.

John Viduarri, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that it would be a very easy area to maintain. He added that the Public Works Creek crews are the ones that now maintain that area. It is a matter of mowing and installing temporary equipment, maybe installing some soccer field goals or use it as open space for practice fields for softball or baseball. It is something they can do and incorporate within their operating budget for this year.

Cm. Galo asked that they clean the tires and debris.

Mr. Vidaurri replied they will take care of it. They will also go back to the board with a staff report regarding this item and come back to City Council with a recommendation regarding the use of the property as a multi-purpose field area.

2. Discussion with possible action to re-surface Corpus Christi Street.

Cm. Galo stated that most of the street was resurfaced years ago, but there are sections that have many utility cuts and patches especially the Cedar and the Corpus Christi intersection which will be needing drainage and valley gutters.

Gabriel Martinez, Assistant City Engineering, reported that in 1993 they recycled Corpus Christi between Arkansas all the way to Zacate Creek. When the item came up, they conducted a visual check and spotted nine blocks that do need some work because of the utility cuts made on those areas. They checked the records on street cuts and found that most of those cuts were made due to emergency and water break repairs. He reported that none of those areas have been scheduled for the recycling contracts that are under advertisement for bids. They ran a cost estimate which should be approximately \$30,000 for the seven blocks, and this estimate does not include the water line replacements that may be required for an estimate of about \$150,000.

Cm. Galo questioned if that estimate includes concrete liner from west across the Cedar inter-

change or if they are going to put some kind of channel?

Mr. Martinez said the cost estimates were prepared based on standard asphalt pavement, but they can add that.

Cm. Galo said he knows that the repaving project is full for this year, but asked if is it possible to get this for the recycling project for next fiscal year?

Mr. Pena explained that they developed a three year program and it is subject to change. The reason the second year is important is because that gives the Utilities Department the lead time that they need to go in there and replace water/sewer lines, so that we can be ready in the following year to do that work. He added that right now the streets that are being recycled, are streets whereby the majority of the water/sewer lines have been taken care of although there are some that are being done this winter so those will be ready by March to do recycling. So the answer is "yes" to Cm. Galo's question, if council directs them to include this in the second year. They have a year to plan and then present it to council if they would like to add this, then they can program themselves to do it.

Cm. Galo wants staff to prepare a study and bring an analysis on that whole intersection for the second year.

Cw. Moreno thinks that they should increase the amount of money for the recycling of those streets.

Mr. Pena said they have increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000 so they did increase it substantially.

Cw. Moreno asked that we work with the \$500,000.00 for the next two or three years and wants the amount increased and that this increase happen automatically whereby they don't have to tell staff all the time and that they see to it, that it doesn't come back to the \$250,000.

Mr. Pena said they do need to review "Year Two Plan" for recycling, if they want to increase it. He added if they want to increase that is fine, but he has to give Mr. Roman a little bit more lead time,

because we are getting into those streets that are more problematic and they have more utility work. The \$500,000 deals only with the paving part, but the utility part is extra.

Cm. Agredano said he received a call from residents that live in Ejido, north of Loop 20 where there are two or three blocks that are not paved and people are using that area to dump trash. He questioned if there is a reason why those blocks have not been paved?

Mr. Gabriel Martinez stated there is a 1954 deed that shows that the right-of-way was sold by the city to a company named J.B. Morton, but that is something that they need to finish analyzing with the legal staff.

Mr. Pena stated they will investigate whether it is a public right-of-way and if not, they will bring a report back to council.

Cm. Valdez also said that as a result of recent rains there are many problems now, he spoke about Clark Blvd. being repaired, whereby instead of having two lanes we only have one lane and a half to access.

Mr. Pena said that they are getting ready to recycle that street in March and they are having to replace the water lines. This is one of the major projects that they will be doing.

Mr. Roman stated they will be working on three blocks along Clark to replace the pipe only on those three blocks. They will also be installing air release valves. In the past two years they have been replacing a lot of galvanized services in that area. They consider not doing that until after Hwy. 59 and Calton are done because they realize that the access on 35 is compromising those. On Clark they have about three more weeks worth of work.

Cm. Galo made a motion to include the recycling in year two and to include reworking that intersection.

Motion to resurface the nine blocks identified below in year two and to rework the intersections where necessary.

The blocks are follows:

- 700 Corpus Christi St. (Cedar - Logan)
- 800 Corpus Christi St. (Logan - Tilden)
- 900 Corpus Christi St. (Tilden - Hendricks)
- 1200 Corpus Christi St. (McPherson - Stone)
- 1300 Corpus Christi St. (Stone - Loring)
- 1400 Corpus Christi St. (Loring - Seymour)
- 1500 Corpus Christi St. (Buena Vista - Urbahn)

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 3. Council action directing staff to conduct a traffic study at Springfield and Galveston St.

Cm. Galo stated this is the location where there have been seven accidents that have caused considerable damage to the owner's property. He wants a study done to see what is causing the excess speed.

Luis Landin, Bridge and Traffic Director, stated they started the study today. They installed a traffic counter, they got the accident profile from the Police Department, and should be able to have some type of a report within the next council meeting.

- 4. City Council confirmation on the appointment of Danita Benavidez to the tree board.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Danita Benavidez to the tree board.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council member Joe A. Guerra

- 1. Discussion and possible action to automate the permits for overweight/oversize cargo at the Traffic Department so that they can be solicited and issued electronically through a computer via internet or other type of computer submission.

Cm. Guerra said that the only way these types of permits can be issued right now, is by the applicant going physically to the office to get these permits and he want to see if it is possible

to bring this process updated and issue them electronically.

Mr. Juan Morales from Traffic Safety said they have clients that fax in their applications, but as part of the requirement they must have pre-paid account with the city. Out of a client base of over 300 customers, the city only has three that are interested in that service. They can explore the possibility to see if it is really cost productive to incur that additional cost of requiring this type of system. Also, some of the requirements to get a permit are to provide a photo which is possible through internet and get a weight ticket which is impossible to do via internet plus sign the permit, etc. plus another procedure is to submit an original permit at the bridge.

Cm. Galo questioned what type of weight control system do we have to verify the oversize or "x" amount of tons so that we can charge properly.

Mayor Flores suggested that maybe if we had the service of internet we would increase the number of prepaid accounts if we were able to provide faster service.

Larry Dovalina, Assistant City Manager, said they are in the process of putting in a system where many city functions can be handled using the internet and that maybe it will be finished in six months.

Cm. Guerra stated that this problem needs to be addressed and remedied right now, because of the volume of traffic and business that these trucking companies do. He does not think we can wait six months.

Mayor Flores said that Mr. Guevara, City Secretary, could probably set up a system that wouldn't be too expensive and which they can use in the meantime, while we get the other system in place and automated for the long term. She added that the actual procedure is the one that needs to be looked at.

Mr. Ronnie Goodman who said he is one of the companies who has the prepaid account, said that

there is a way through the internet such as a fax or through a scanner to possibly make a copy of it. He spoke of the procedures now in effect whereby a person physically goes to the Traffic Department to make any changes whereby it's time consuming, and whereby tractors are not on schedule.

Mr. Morales said they used to do the changes over the phone, but had many problems. Companies would go to the bridge and say that the Traffic Department had given authorization, then they went back to checks and balances again where they actually physically stamp the permit where they make the changes and write who authorized them. He concluded by saying they are establishing a committee in December to start working on the proposed changes in January.

Mayor Flores stated that staff will work on the issue and try and speed up some kind of automation of the system itself.

Mr. Pena said they are going to ask the industry to make up a committee to review the ordinance and bring back any changes. In the meantime they will meet with Mr. Goodman to see what automations can be put in place that would speed up the process.

2. Discussion and possible action to amend section 19-458 of ordinance 98-O-060 which reads "movement restricted" of an oversize vehicle escort which can not operate between the hours of 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and possible mirror the State of Texas Escort Law to transport during daylight hours. Daylight hours being defined as 30 minutes before sun up and 30 minutes after sun down.

Cm. Guerra said that again, they are trying to accommodate the trucking industry.

Mr. Landin said that in regards to the hours, that is a safety problem that we have here in Laredo. The state law also says that they can set up the hours. The hours are very critical for ity safety and that is the reason why they put up the hours as they are right now. He feels that the hours established already are good hours as designated.

Mayor Flores said that she thinks that the hours as designated now are most congested anywhere in any part of the city both vehicular and with truck traffic.

Mr. Goodman said that the only problem here is that if it's from 4:30 to 6:30 it conflicts with the state. Right now during the winter hours 6:00 p.m. it's already dark and they cannot escort and so you are cutting the hours of operation to six hours a day.

Example, if they escort after dark, are mainly in the out skirts of town, going to Colombia Bridge, or on the highway on Santa Ursula going to Bridge II, they will not be able to go through the center part of the downtown area at the designated hour.

Example, if he receives a call from a client that says he wants to leave at 5:00 p.m. from his yard per say from North Laredo from Unitec to go to Bridge II he would then be in violation of the city ordinance, but if they were to wait until 6:00 at night and it's dark, that it's against state law because state law says 30 minutes prior and 30 minutes after.

Mayor Flores said we can make our own hours as long as they are not in conflict with the state law.

Mr. Pena said that basically we need to understand that the state's concern about usage out of rural areas and having these vehicles at night going very slow in the highway. While the city's concern is the traffic safety of urban areas so our goals are very different. He thinks they should meet with the state, and explain to them that inside the city limits we want to permit them to do that or ask for some legislation to allow us to regulate within our corporate limits the movement of oversize vehicles.

Cm. Galo suggested that maybe it can be limited to truck routes, and if that cannot be done for all truck routes, if they could do it for IH-35, Mines Road, and Loop 20.

Mr. Pena said that the problem with that right now is if we allow them to get to the truck route from the nearest street, they will be going off the truck route when they are getting to and from their warehouse or as they try to get to a truck route so they won't always be on the truck route.

Mayor Flores stated that this issue merits some study and wants staff to study this more.

Mr. Juan Morales stated that this is one of the items already on their list to look at.

Mr. Goodman also wants to see if they can make an analysis to see if there is a way whereby they can possibly add the bridge fee to the city permits.

Mr. Morales stated that starting December 1st the bridge fees will be added to the permit fees, but they must have a prepaid account.

D. Request by Council member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Discussion and possible action to ease traffic circulation and congestion along IH-35, Calton Road, Saunders Street, and other street paving project areas currently being worked on by the local Texas Department of Transportation Office.
(Co-sponsored Council members John C. Galo and Eliseo Valdez Jr.)

Cm. Alvarado asked that we look at both the City and TxDot and identify alternate routes that we can use when all this construction work is ongoing. We are on the holiday season and it is disrupting a lot of the traffic patterns and affects all our districts.

Mayor Flores said that what also helps is having the Police Officers out there directing traffic.

Cm. Galo said that on this issue, they were also discussing some of the projects because they should be finishing Calton this week. He understands they will jump to Mann Road and Del Mar and he does not want them ripping off that up during the holidays because the rush is already starting. He wants temporary repairs on some of these corners and facilitating the turnabouts and the other lanes that are closed.

Juan Villarreal, Area Engineer for TxDot, stated that as far as delaying construction on Del Mar he has made the decision to hold off on that reconstruction. That intersection is going to be reconstructed with concrete.

As far as Mann Road, that will also be reconstructed but it will not be with concrete. The plan is to reconstruct and lower the grades at that intersection. The

contractor has been asking to start within a week or so, but he thinks it is not a good idea to start right now. They are discussing with the contractor the time concerns and the time it took to finish Calton.

Cm. Galo said there are a lot of orange barrels on the southbound lane and it seems that the structure is taken care off. He asked if they can remove these barrel so they can have a third lane to facilitate traffic.

Mr. Villarreal stated that area needs to be paved, they have not done the paving in the blocked area so it is not possible to remove those barrels and allow traffic to go through right now, because it still needs to be built up with Type B asphalt and after that they will go out there and remove two inches across the whole roadway and relay the whole asphalt across the whole road.

As far as Del Mar is concerned, they will not start on that for a while and for sure until they are done with Calton and Lafayette. As far as Mann Road, it would be the same for that.

2. Recognition of Mauro Sandoval Jr. and Enrique Sandoval under local, region, and national boxing achievements.

Mr. Mauro Sandoval, Jr. and Mr. Enrique Sandoval were recognized by City Council and delivered Certificates of Recognition for their distinguished accomplishments and participation in many activities in Laredo such as boxing, football, basketball and track. They have distinguished themselves in the local boxing arena, plus have competed in state, and national level. They won in the national level and were recognized in the Junior Olympics and boxing tournaments.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

24. Public hearing of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$142,492 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of

\$142,492 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was not public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 25. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 5, Del Mar Village, located at 6900 Springfield Rd., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-O (Residential/Office District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Block 5, Del Mar Village, located at 6900 Springfield Rd., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to R-O (Residential/Office District).

The P & Z Commission recommends approval of this item.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 26. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 1877 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1878, Eastern Division,

located at 3000 Loop 20, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 1877 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 1878, Eastern Division, located at 3000 Loop 20, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

The P & Z Commission recommends approval of this item.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 27. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 2025, Eastern Division, located at 3201 Loop 20, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 2025, Eastern Division, located at 3201 Loop 20, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the P & Z Commission.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. W.E. Haynes VI spoke in favor of the zone change. He said that at the P&Z meeting he was asked if he would consider having the zone as B-1 instead of B-3 which he had proposed. He was before Council to appeal that they consider that zone change to go as a B-1 instead of B-3 because it fronts Loop 20

- 31. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1280, Eastern Division, located at 2201 Chihuahua St., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1280, Eastern Division, located at 2201 Chihuahua St., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

The P & Z Commission recommends approval of this item.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk on behalf of the South Texas National Bank who are the owners of the block of land said that they would like to use it for banking purposes which is the reason for the zone request. He said the P&Z Commission recommendation is to change the zoning and asked that Council concur and do so.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

- 32. Public hearing amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Billiards Parlor on the south 2/3 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 204, Eastern Division, located at 1520 S. Zapata Hwy.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a Billiards Parlor on the south 2/3 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 204, Eastern Division, located at 1520 S. Zapata Hwy.

The P & Z Commission denied a proposed zone change of B-3 to B-4 and recommended approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk on behalf of Guillermo Ibanez spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Cm. Agredano said he met with Mr. Ibanez, went and looked at the establishment, the only problem he has is the location of the parking spaces because they are on Hwy. 83. His concern is the traffic that will be in and out on the highway which might cause an accident.

Motion to close the public hearing, accept the recommendation of staff and deny the zone change request.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 5.0574 acres, located in Porcion 12, Abstract 278 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 5.0574 acres, located in Porcion 12, Abstract 278 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

34. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 6.1834 acres, located in Porciones 12 and 13 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 6.1834 acres, located in Porciones 12 and 13 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

35. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 10.2681 acres, located in Porcion 13, Abstract 51 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing

District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 10.2681 acres, located in Porcion 13, Abstract 51 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Unitec III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 36. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1,126.20 acres, located in Porciones 12, 13, and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hachar/I.H. 35 Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1,126.20 acres, located in Porciones 12, 13, and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hachar/I.H. 35 Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

37. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1,317.92 acres, located in Porciones 12, 13, and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hachar/Mines Road Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 1,317.92 acres, located in Porciones 12, 13, and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hachar/Mines Road Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning Director, stated that the Planning and Zoning recommendation on all the previous ones was approval. On this one P&Z Commission recommends support of the annexation, but had problems with the initial zoning and actually recommended outside of the bounds of the notification. They do 15-day notification and mail out notifications on all the initial zonings on these properties. So this would require a new notification and they would have to go through the procedures again for the initial zoning.

Carlos Mejia said he understands that, the reason that they came in late with their request for three different zones on

the Hachar Ranch on the Mines Road was that they hired a planner and he is still working on it, but they didn't arrive at his recommendation until one or two days late. They will come back with a request for three different zones on this particular tract. He asked if there is any way that notices could be sent and still come back to council before December 17th. He said they are in favor of the annexation, but are not happy with the R-1 and will be coming back requesting four different zones of which one will be an R-1 yet they do not want to stop the annexation.

Mr. Selman explained it cannot be done before December 17th because they have to meet the 15-day newspaper notification requirement.

Mayor Flores said they will go ahead and annex with the R-1 and staff will proceed with the notification, with the rezoning application.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

38. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 559.22 acres, located in Porciones 13 and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Pico Ranch Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 559.22 acres, located in Porciones 13 and 14 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Pico Ranch Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Alvarado

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

- 40. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 229.5287 acres, located in Porcion 18 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Killam Industrial Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 229.5287 acres, located in Porcion 18 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Killam Industrial Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 41. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 139.65 acres, located in Porcion 19 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Mines Road II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance,

adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 139.65 acres, located in Porcion 19 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Mines Road II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Carlos Mejia spoke in favor of the annexation and advised council that they will be coming back requesting M-1 and would like to not be by the prejudice by the R-1 recommendation. In this case they did submit a letter requesting M-1 and was lost somewhere through nobody's fault. He concluded by saying that they will come back.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 42. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 359.5338 acres, located in Porciones 20 and 21 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Mines Road III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 359.5338 acres, located in Porciones 20 and 21 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Mines Road III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory,

and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Charles Hedges, representing Fasken Limited, said that Fasken owns the tracts described in items #42 and #43. Staff and P&Z recommended annexation of item #43 with the initial zoning of M-1 which they do not have a problem with and they concur with that.

On item #42 they are speaking about a tract that will be south of the bridge road and the bridge facilities, between the river and Mines Road and what they are asking is that this tract not be annexed. They feel like R-1 zoning is inappropriate for most of the tract although it will have some kind of buffer along the south side.

What they would prefer to do is come back to staff first and then to P&Z with the copy of the whole parcel and go through this whole process once, because they don't want it zoned R-1 and to have to come and rezone it for many reasons such as time, expense, their cost to travel down here to do it. In addition to that, they feel that if zoned R-1 the neighbors in the area will have certain expectations and it will be more difficult to deal with in the future. They are asking that P&Z's recommendation be followed, and that this tract not be annexed.

Mr. Pena stated that the recommendation was to annex the 27 tracts and they represent about \$458,000 in property taxes next year. Some of the properties have zoning concerns that zoning plans were not filed timely, so they weren't posted and our ordinance provides that for any new property annexed into the city that it come in at the most restrictive which is R-1 and in that way it provides for a more public involvement in the decision making process of deciding what zoning or how they are going to develop. He concluded by saying if they defer the annexation you can still do the zoning.

Cm. Galo questioned if this is where they will bring the infrastructure and will we bring water and sewer in this property?

Mr. Pena answered, "no", the water and sewer is being extended to the boundary lines of our development. It will be able to

tap into those lines.

Cm. Galo thinks they should annex it at this time.

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with staff, and follow staff's recommendations to annex with the initial zoning of R-1.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 4

Against: 4

Abstain: 0

Mayor Flores voted to break the tie. She clarified that the only thing they did was "not vote against the motion to accept it".

Mr. Pena clarified, "so we are not annexing, it did not pass, and we are not going to proceed".

Motion to close the public hearing and postpone it until the next annexation schedule with the proper zoning according to the Master Plan.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Galo

43. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 913.8778 acres, located in Porciones 20, 21 and 22 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the I.H. 35/Mines Road Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 913.8778 acres, located in Porciones 20, 21 and 22 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the I.H. 35/Mines Road Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 293.3257 acres, located in Porciones 20, 21 and 22 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Bob Bullock Loop II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 46. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 323.02 acres, located in Porciones 22 and 23 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 323.02 acres, located in Porciones 22 and 23 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 47. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 8.5465 acres, located in Porcion 22 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 8.5465 acres, located in Porcion 22 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Guerra

- 48. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of

the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 128.3253 acres, located in Porciones 22 and 23 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 128.3253 acres, located in Porciones 22 and 23 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the North Laredo III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, stated for the record that the Planning and Zoning Commission does not support the annexation of this tract. He said one of the property owners spoke against it, because they are still using it for agricultural type purposes.

Motion to close the public hearing, support P&Z's recommendations, and not annex.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

There was no second to the motion.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 1 Abstain: 0
 Cm. Guerra

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Moreno

49. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 22.9479 acres, located in Porcion 25 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Alexander Tract,

providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-1 (Limited Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 22.9479 acres, located in Porcion 25 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Alexander Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with staff, and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 50. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 197.2148 acres, located in Porciones 25 and 26 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Casa Verde Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 197.2148 acres, located in Porciones 25 and 26 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Casa Verde Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

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, concur with staff, and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 51. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 263.9845 acres, located in Porcion 28 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Casa Blanca Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 263.9845 acres, located in Porcion 28 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Casa Blanca Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, stated for the record that the P&Z Commission voted "not in favor of annexing this particular tract". One of the concessionaires of the Casa Blanca Gulf Course spoke in opposition. It is proposed B-3 because that will accommodate the Gulf Course and also B-3 will accommodate the Bar/Restaurant that is located on the premises. He said staff supports the annexation.

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with staff's recommendation, and introduce the ordinance.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

52. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 806.24 acres, located in Porciones 28, 29, 30 and 31 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the East Laredo Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 806.24 acres, located in Porciones 28, 29, 30 and 31 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the East Laredo Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano and Cm. Bruni

53. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 178.6853 acres, located in Porcion 31 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Highway 359 Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 178.6853 acres, located in Porcion 31 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Highway 359 Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 54. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 107.0861 acres, located in Porciones 37 and 38 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 107.0861 acres, located in Porciones 37 and 38 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo I Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, stated that P&Z

voted not to recommend annexation of this tract. He said there was a gentleman that owns a portion of the property who wanted B type zoning rather than R zoning.

Motion to close the public hearing, follow staff's recommendation, and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 55. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 3.0456 acres, located in Porcion 38 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-1 (Limited Business District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 3.0456 acres, located in Porcion 38 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo II Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 56. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 4.3521 acres, located in Porciones 38 and 39 as further described by

metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 4.3521 acres, located in Porciones 38 and 39 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo III Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 57. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 584.524 acres, located in Porcion 39 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Palacios/Link Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1A (Reduced Area Single Family District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 584.524 acres, located in Porcion 39 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Palacios/Link Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1A (Reduced Area Single Family District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

- 58. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 2,447.7141 acres, located in Porciones 39 through 46 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo IV Tract , providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 2,447.7141 acres, located in Porciones 39 through 46 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the South Laredo IV Tract , providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Feliciano Garcia, Jr., Rio Bravo City Mayor, quoted the following for the record.

"For the record my name is Feliciano Garcia, Jr. I am the Mayor of the City of Rio Bravo. Last month if you recall, I approached before this body on behalf of my City seeking permission to annex 1/2 a mile north/south and east on our present city limits. As you are aware, we need your

permission before we can annex since the area is located and lies within the scope of your ETJ.

You have before you the recommendation made by your Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the entire annexation package. I draw your attention to the decision that the commission made concerning Tract 26 (south Laredo Tract #4) where the member moved to table this particular tract from the annexation package. Rio Bravo embraces this decision, we sincerely believe that the removal of this tract could perhaps lead to negotiation on part of our respective cities so that we can move on with a "win-win" plan. This public meeting is our chance to once again ask your permission to annex a tiny area, a very small piece of land. We have the resource to undertake the responsibility that an annexation would require on us, we just need your permission and your support.

Therefore, we respectfully ask the City Council to please abide by the commission's decision and table Tract 26 South Laredo tract from the annexation package. Thank You."

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, clarified that the recommendation of P&Z Commission was not to table the annexation, but rather voted "to not support the proposed annexation of the tract" and their recommendation on the zoning, they just tabled that rather than give a recommendation since they did not support the initial annexation and weren't comfortable recommending a zoning. It was noticed however for the initial zoning of R-1.

He went over a couple of revisions in the Service Plan on water/sewer services, added that they have also included a feasibility study. He concluded by saying that staff recommends the annexation.

Cm. Bruni wants to set up some dialogue with the City of Rio Bravo through our Metro Government Committee, if they want to talk to City Council about whatever issues they want.

Cm. Galo stated for the record and for clarification that he does not believe that we can provide the services at this time. He added that it is a revenue negative function and he believes that maybe next year we will be in a better position.

Motion to close the public hearing and not annex the property (Tract 26) at this time.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 6	Against: 2	Abstain: 0
	Cw. Moreno	
	Cw. Montalvo	

59. Public hearing altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 42.8699 acres, located in Porcion 19 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hurd Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance altering and extending the boundary limits of the City of Laredo, annexing additional territory of 42.8699 acres, located in Porcion 19 as further described by metes and bounds in Attachment "A", specifically the Hurd Tract, providing for the effective date of the ordinance, adopting a Service Plan for the annexed territory, and establishing the initial zoning of M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado		
Second: Cw. Moreno		
For: 8	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo		
Second: Cm. Agredano		
For: 8	Against: 0	Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

VIII. MOTIONS

Approval of General Fund Aid to Other Agency contracts for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, in the amount of \$636,893, correcting Item 20 which had omitted one of the Third Party agencies.

Mayor Flores pointed that there is a change from \$516,893.00 to \$636,893 because one of the items had been omitted.

Janice Weber, Library Director, stated this are additional \$120,000 that were left out for Animal Protective on the regular agenda (item #20).

Motion to approve and make the proper corrections.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Presentation on the proposed visual presenter and fourth camera installation for City Council Chamber to enhance City Council presentations and camera coverage of council meetings.

Larry Dovalina, Assistant City Manager, stated they have been working in upgrading the way they present documents at City Council including eliminating some things and making other arrangements.

Jerry Leal, Public Access Director, made the presentation and said he made a total realignment of how the cameras are set up. He handed council a handout about the schematic of how they will align this visual presenter. He gave an overview of the layout and where the requested fourth camera will be installed and where the cabling, and ceiling projector will be set up. The cost is approximately \$14,000 for the camera. The visual presenter was already budgeted last year.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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

Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. City Council confirmation of the Mayor's appointments to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Committee:

Pedro Alegria, Asociacion de Transportistas

Mexican Representative

Sergio Rivas, Alternate

and

Felix Canales, Mayor's appointment.

Motion to confirm the Mayor's appointments to the Transportation and Traffic Safety Committee with the change on the Asociacion de Transportistas alternate being Ramon Garza Barrios instead of Sergio Rivas and Felix Canales.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Discussion of duties and functions of the Transportation and Traffic Safety Committee, with possible action.

Mayor Flores read a letter from the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee reminding council about their committee, signed by Chairman J.C. Trevino, Jr., and the letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mayor Flores

As Chairman of the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. I am seeking your, and the City Council's guidance concerning the continued validity of the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee, which was established by Ordinance 86-129 on July 21, 1986, has the advisory duty and function related to the following subject matters: (see attached copy of section 19-51)

1. Proposed changes in the Transportation Master Plan;
2. Traffic safety, including speed limits, regulation of traffic and parking;
3. The operation of the Laredo Municipal Transit Sytem;
4. Truck routes; and
5. Surface transportation, including taxis and vehicles for hire.

It is my opinion that the advisory capacity of this committee has been materially diminished, by a combination of: matters being taken directly to City Council without committee review, or establishment of concurrent committees such as with the El Metro Ad Hoc Committee. Various decisions regarding changes to the transportation master plan, changes in speed limits and operation of the municipal transit system, have been made without the benefit of the Committee's review and recommendations thereon.

The Committee is aware that, in some cases, the time available for action does not permit review by the Committee. A significant number of issues on which the Committee has had input, has been due to the committee's request that such issues be presented to it.

It is perhaps, due to the Council's and city staff's lack of familiarity with the Committee, that issues are not brought before the Committee for review, prior to action by City Council. Accordingly, the Committee is not expressing dissatisfaction with its role; however, it feels that the Committee's duties and functions should be revisited by the City Council, in order to determine whether the Committee should continue to exist.

The Committee and I will be glad to meet with you and the City Council at your convenience to discuss this matter, so that the Committee's energies can be put to greatest use. My fellow Committee members and I are committed to our service on the Committee and are ready to serve at your pleasure."

Cm. Galo said that if the Ad Hoc Committee for El Metro is taking most of the policy matter why would we have two different committees look at separate issues for the same department, to either combine the two committees or take the authority because it does not make sense to have one committee look at the bus routes and these other look at policy.

Gilbert Segovia, Transit Director, stated that Cm. Galo brought up a point that has been part of the concern. He said that there is some duplication in that instance, the Transportation Committee and El Metro Ad Hoc. In some instances there has been a concern about issues in MPO items that have not gone before the committee so there is a variety of things that have not come before the committee for their review. It is a matter of trying to re-confirm or rejustify the committee.

Mayor Flores suggested that the two committees be combined and perhaps the Transportation/Traffic Safety Advisory Committee can then have an "El Metro Sub-committee" within their purview, if they so wish.

Cm. Alvarado said that they should keep it separate.

Cm. Bruni suggested that they leave El Metro because they are doing a great job and to let them handle it.

Mayor Flores said that El Metro Committee has directly reported to City Council so either we change the ordinance or we combine the two committees. She said that the ordinance reads:

1. Proposed changes in the transportation master plan.
2. Traffic safety, including speed limits, regulation of traffic and parking;
3. The operation of the municipal transit system;
4. Truck routes; and
5. Surface transportation, including taxis and vehicles for hire.

Mr. Segovia said part of the confusion at least on staff's part (since the formation of El Metro Committee) is which one takes priority and there isn't any protocol established for which one reviews first, etc.

Mayor Flores said that committee is an Ad Hoc Committee.

Cm. Valdez said that it seems that they've been in violation of an ordinance, that they need to combine these committees.

Mayor Flores suggested that they continue with the Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and that it create a sub-committee that deals with El Metro and since we already have people on the El Metro Committee (Ad Hoc Committee), that are very well versed in the El Metro function, that we can propose this to the committee members if that is council's wish. She asked that it be left as it is for now, and that they will ask the committee members to see if they would establish a sub-committee and adopt the El Metro Committee as it is now and if they do not like that, then they will come back to council and change the ordinance or make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Pena stated that council may need to re-evaluate the committee and see what its role should be, but in the meantime they will take back to the Transportation Committee the items they used to review before in addition to the El Metro Committee of the Council.

Cm. Galo said that this needs to be addressed quickly, because they are not supposed to be taking directive from council, they are to be given the directive, so council has to either change the ordinance or change the committee.

Cm. Bruni said that this goes back to the procedure handbook that they should have which they don't have and they might have to find funding to get that. He added he is not in favor of Councilmembers sitting underneath any committee.

Mr. Pena said they will proceed to take those matters to them, prepare an amendment, and make the necessary changes.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Adjournment time: 9:15 p.m.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

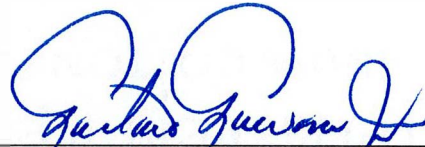
Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 59 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 23rd day of November, 1998. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary