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

M98-S-40

SEPTEMBER 14, 1998

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Protem Louis H. Bruni called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Protem Louis H. Bruni led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alfredo Agredano

Louis H. Bruni

Cecilia May Moreno

Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

Joe A. Guerra

Councilmember, District IV

Councilmember, District IV

Councilmember, District V

Councilmember, District VI

Councilmember, District VIII

City Secretary

Florencio Pena, III,

Jaime L. Flores

City Attorney

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores, Cm. John Galo, and Cm. Mario Alvarardo.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Protem Bruni was chairing the meeting and not voting.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

1. 98-R-159 Adopting the 1999-2003 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Laredo.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that on the Chaparral Drainage Project, they are meeting with the consultant who in turn has presented the preliminary plans. Two items have been added to the original proposal: the fencing that was requested at

the town hall meetings and the removal of the trees to keep them down to a minimum. He also stated that he will meet with the consultant by the end of this week and will obtain a more accurate cost estimate.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that approximately \$240,000 are in the CIF (Capital Improvement) reserve fund and staff is proposing to include this money for the Taylor and Malinche sidewalks projects. He recommended council to continue with the CIF reserve in case some projects go over the estimated cost. He also stated that staff is affirming that the \$184,000 allocated amount for the Chaparral Drainage Project is adequate for now.

Motion to prioritize the Chaparral Drainage Project to be done in 1999 and that if additional funding is needed that staff looks for a funding source.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to include the 600 linear feet of Orilla and Texas Avenue in paving project 60A.

Moved : Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to authorize the City Manager to amend the Capital Improvement Projects deferring the Bartlett Engineering and Extension Study to FY2000 and to re-allocate the \$400,000 from such project to the Cherry Hill Reconstruction Project identified in Fund 448, and to fund an additional \$38,000 from Fund 448 interest earnings to fully fund such project at \$438,000.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to find funding and get engineering cost estimates for the City's part for the construction of Jacaman Road.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Conrado Hein, Finance Director, reported that staff had met with FEMA and with State of Texas Emergency

Mangement Division, and that an orientation was held regarding the public systems program. He stated that now they have a clear idea of how the cost would be put together for the reconstruction of Los Dos Laredos Park. In about two weeks, they should know the amount that will qualify for reimbursement, since there is a 25% local participation. Mr. Hein also said that they discussed about the hazard mitigation work that needs to be done in case another flood occurs.

Cw. Moreno brought up the issue that we do not have funds for the local 25% participation, it seems that this amount will be close to \$250,000.00.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that as this project develops and we get reimbursed for the overtime that was paid during the flood and after opening the upcoming bids for the new bridge, we will know the whereabouts of our finances and then we will see if we have some extra funds.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that on the Creek Bed Program for North Laredo there are \$250,000 allocated to begin working on the concrete lining, and as soon as we have this year's program ready we will come back to council to present it.

Motion to start negotiations with the Dillworth family to acquire the necessary property for a park.

Moved : Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to include the Downtown Iturbide Street Project in the year 2000 in the C.I.P.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to appropriate \$100,000 to Los Dos Laredos Park from current year's reserve fund.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Florencio Pena, City Manager, related two things that Cm. Galo wanted addressed at this meeting, #1 if we could fix the sides of the Seymour Hendricks great crossing with Tex Mex. Mr. Pena stated that this project may be done in-house by the end of this

year. Issue #2, the need of a roof for the bath house of Three Points Pool because vandals are getting in from the top.

Motion that if the roof for the bath house at the Three Points pool is eligible for CDBG funding that it be funded as soon as funds become available after closing some present CDBG projects and that staff reports status to council.

Moved : Cm. Valdez Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adopt Resolution 98-R-159 and incorporate motions made by City Council.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. CITY MANAGERS REPORT

2. Further discussion and possible action on the FY 1998-99 Proposed Annual Budget.

Motion to transfer \$50,000 as a restricted reserve from the fund balance from the Hotel/Motel monies to the C.I.F. Convention Center Fund if the revenues exceed the budget at the end of the fiscal year.

Moved : Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Agredano requested that a speed hump study be done at the streets around Salinas Elementary and Alicia Ruiz Elementary schools; those would be Century City West and Los Presidentes Boulevard and report back to council.

Motion to move the Street Reconstruction, Sidewalks Construction, and Creek Cleaning Crews funds in the General Fund back to the C.I.F.

Moved : Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 7:12 p.m.

Against: 0

Moved : Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 5

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 05 are true, complete and correct proceeding of the City Council Meeting held on the 14th day of September, 1998.

Gústavo Guevara, Jr.

City Secretary

Minutes approved on: October 19, 1998