

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
ON THE PROPOSED FY 1998-99 BUDGET

M98-W-34
AUGUST 13, 1998
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Elizabeth G. Flores, | Mayor |
| Alfredo Agredano, | Councilmember, District I |
| Louis H. Bruni, | Councilmember, District II |
| John C. Galo, | Councilmember, District III |
| Cecilia May Moreno, | Councilmember, District IV |
| Eliseo Valdez, Jr., | Councilmember, District V |
| Joe A. Guerra, | Councilmember, District VI |
| Mario G. Alvarado, | Councilmember, District VII |
| Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo, | Councilmember, District VIII |
| Gustavo Guevara, Jr., | City Secretary |
| Florencio Pena, III, | City Manager |
| Jaime L. Flores, | City Attorney |

IV. PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET FY 1998-99

C. FY1998-99 Recommended Budget - Florencio Pena, III, City Manager

1. Ad Valorem Tax Rate
2. Major Budget Goals & Issues
3. Consolidated Budget Summary
4. Federal Fund Revenues
5. General Fund Expenditures Summary
 - a. Personnel Pay Plan Proposal
 - b. Capital Outlay

Florencio Pena, City Manager, opened the second of four of the annual budget workshops by informing Council of the 1998 Appraisal Roll information as follows:

1998 APPRAISAL ROLL INFORMATION

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| TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE | \$ 4,765,987,974.00 |
| TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE | 4,073,722,461.00 |
| NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS | 65,168 |

1998 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

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| Total 1998 taxable value on the 1998 certified appraisal roll | \$ 4,073,722,461.00 |
| 1998 effective tax rate | 0.534631 |
| 1998 effective maintenance and operation rate | 0.334051 |
| 1998 rollback maintenance and operation rate | 0.360775 |
| Total 1998 debt to be paid with property taxes and additional sales tax revenue | 7,771,564 |
| 1998 debt tax rate | 0.188072 |
| 1998 rollback tax rate | 0.548847 |
| 1997 TOTAL TAX RATE (\$100) | 0.539930 |

Cm. Bruni stated that he wanted to correct Mayor Flores on the comment she had made about the City of Laredo having lost a whole taxing year on UNITEC. He went on to explain that this had occurred due to UNITEC not wanting to get annexed because they were receiving city services without having to pay city taxes. Cm. Bruni further informed Mayor Flores that this was a selling tool for the developers when selling these properties.

Mayor Flores accepted Cm. Bruni's explanation.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, then continued with his presentation and stated that Laredo remains the fastest growing Metropolitan area city in Texas and second fastest growing in the United States and informed Council of the Goals for FY 1998-99.

Goals for FY 1998-99 are:

- Keep pace with rapid growth and the associated demand for municipal services.
- Improve the quality of life for the citizens of Laredo.
- Guard against a fluctuating economy.

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Officer, gave information on the

Consolidated Budget, Operating Funds, and Capital Projects Fund.

Motion to provide a rational breakdown of the administrative cost between the General Fund and Solid Waste Fund and develop a five (5) year plan to phase in the sewer sludge to the Solid Waste Fund.

Moved : Cw. Moreno

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, made his presentation to Council on the proposed salary plan.

Mayor Flores requested that Mr. Migura have a separate workshop on the proposed salary plan with several options. The workshop was scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 1998.

D. Fire Department - Tomas Ramirez, Fire Chief

1. Fire Prevention and Suppression
2. EMS
3. Hazardous Material

Tomas Ramirez, Fire Chief, made his presentation to Council.

E. Police Department - Agustin Dovalina, Police Chief

1. Police Operations
2. Civilian Operations
3. Federal Grant Funding
4. Community Oriented Police Program
5. 911 Program

Agustin Dovalina, Police Chief, made his presentation to Council.

Motion to initiate a COPS Program in District VI and District II, this to be done at the time that additional funds are available and supported by crime statistics.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved : Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Galo


For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Adjournment time: 10:30 P.M.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 04 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council Annual Budget Workshop on the Proposed FY 1998-99 Budget held on the 13th day of August of 1998.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary