

CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

M-2002-R-021

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET

LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
NOVEMBER 4, 2002  
5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Elizabeth G. Flores,  
Alfredo Agredano,  
Hector Garcia  
John C. Galo,  
Johnny Amaya,  
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,  
Gene Belmares,  
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,  
Juan Ramirez,  
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,  
Larry Dovalina,  
Cynthia Collazo,  
Jaime Flores,

Mayor  
Mayor Pro Tempore, District I  
Council Member, District II  
Council Member, District III  
Council Member, District IV  
Council Member, District V  
Council Member, District VI  
Council Member, District VII  
Council Member, District VIII  
City Secretary  
City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garcia.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Garcia joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

IV. MINUTES

None.

## V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

### Announcements

Mayor Flores requested for a moment of silence in honor of those Laredoans who have contributed to our community and whom we have lost in the last few weeks.

### Invitations

- a. Presentation by Texas Migrant Council, Inc., regarding El Dia de los Niños.

Mary Guevara-Capello, Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Migrant Council, made a presentation before City Council on behalf of the Laredo Organizing Committee for El Dia de los Ninos. She reported that this event is based on the Day of the Child and is endorsed annually through Congress. She added that this celebration is sponsored locally through the Texas Migrant Council. The Laredo Organizing Committee is a dynamic collaboration of over 50 public and private entities, children, youth, and parents who participate in this event. She stated that this event has grown from a gathering of hundreds to a peak attendance in 2001 of 6,500 children and adults on the grounds of the Laredo Public Library. She explained that the organization is requesting the City Council's declaration of Laredo's El Dia de Los Ninos as an official City of Laredo celebration on April 30, 2003. She added that it is an event that uniquely celebrates the worth, beauty, and grand potential of Laredo's children.

Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. requested that city staff look into allotting one of the City's days at the Laredo Entertainment Center for their use of the facility on April 30th. He also requested an estimate from staff on the net cost for the use of the facility on that day.

### Recognitions

None.

### Communiqués

Cm. Ramirez reported that the downtown merchants held a meeting last week. The main topic was the merchants' concern regarding the construction for the Iturbide project. He also mentioned that tomorrow is the last day to make history in Laredo by exercising our right to vote and decide our future.

Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. expressed his thanks to Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, for the completion of the striping work at the Big Bend entrance by Mines Road. He also expressed his thanks to Community Development Director Erasmo Villarreal, Roy Garcia, and the crew from Community Development along with the volunteers from the Laredo Public Library who assisted in the graffiti cleanup. Together they painted 16 block walls on Bristol Road from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. last Saturday. He also thanked Efrain Trevino, from Circle K, for providing the drinks and meals for the entire crew.

Cm. Belmares complimented everyone who was involved in this weekend's hockey game. He stated it was a great success.

Cm. E. Valdez, Jr. reminded all his constituents to exercise their right to vote. He also thanked the citizens of Laredo for coming out in force this weekend in support of the Laredo Bucks hockey team. He hopes that the City can sustain this kind of attendance.

Cm. Amaya thanked everyone who participated in the chicken plate fundraiser held this past weekend.

Cm. Galo reminded everyone to go out and vote. He stated that the numbers really matter and the best thing that Laredoans can do is show up in numbers. He also thanked city staff and everyone else who worked on the arena project for the citizens of Laredo.

Mayor Pro Tempore Agredano thanked the citizens of Laredo for voting for completion of the arena project. He also mentioned the importance of voting in tomorrow's election. He commented that the people of Laredo have awakened and he expects to reach the 40,000 in votes cast by tomorrow. He also mentioned that the annual 5K Scholarship Run was held last Sunday in South Laredo. He thanked the staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, Laredo Police Department, Traffic Department, Health Department, and Mercy Hospital for all the assistance they provided for the race.

Mayor Flores urged everyone to go cast their vote tomorrow. She mentioned that our voice can be heard if we decide to vote. She stated that Laredo has a chance this time around to tell the rest of the state and the country, due to the momentum created by two Laredoans on the ticket, that we are a very loud voice.

## VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Appointment by Council Member Hector J. Garcia of Beverly Cantu to the Tree Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo 2002-2003 budget by increasing Texas Department of Health's share of program income and expenditures for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2002, through August 31, 2003.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2002-2003 annual budget in the amount of \$82,773.00 in additional funds from the Texas Department of Health for the Office of Public Health Practice Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003; and authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's full-time equivalent positions by creating three Community Service Aide positions.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's full-time equivalent positions by creating one Micro-Computer Specialist. A transfer of funds will be initiated from the BioTerrorism Grant (226-6068) contractual services line item to the personnel line item to cover these expenses. In addition, a transfer of funds will also occur from the Office of Public Health Practice Program (OPHP) (226-6088) and Immunization Action Plan (226-6086) program income (Texas Department of Health's share) into the personnel line item. The net budgetary impact is zero after line item transfers.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 full-time equivalent positions by creating 13 part-time Community Service Aides (1.28 Full-Time Equivalent Positions - for a total of 2,664 hours) to conduct community health education and aerobic instruction at the City's Parks and Recreation Centers. These positions are currently paid as contractual, staff and to align with city operations, they are now being converted to full-time equivalent positions, and hence, this action does not impact the current budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a grant awarded by the Criminal Justice Division, Office of the Governor in the amount of \$99,862.00 and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 annual budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Criminal Justice Division Grant from the Office of the Governor. The Office of the Governor is contributing \$60,000.00 with the City designating \$39,862.00 in matching funds. This funding will be used for the Domestic Awareness Response Team Program under the Violence Against

Women Act (VAWA) for the period of December 01, 2002 through August 31, 2003.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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6. Public hearings for the voluntary annexation of five (5) tracts of land totaling 679.71 acres, more or less, and the unilateral annexation of one (1) tract of land totaling 607.02 acres, more or less, for a total of 1,286.73 acres, more or less, as described in the attached tract summaries as required by Section 43.063 of the Texas Government Code.

*Voluntary Annexations:*

Tract 2: E.G. Ranch Tract- 214.90 acres, more or less, located south of SH 359 and west of the City landfill. Petitioner: E.G.Ranch, Ltd.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Edward Garza, with Crane Engineering, spoke on behalf of E. G. Ranch Limited and stated that they are in favor of this annexation.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Tract 3: Las Misiones Tract- 83.0116 acres, more or less, located south SH 359 and west of the City landfill. Petitioners: Mr. Rene Soliz and Mr. A.R. "Tony" Sanchez

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.







Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. submitted for the record a schedule reflecting pay scale and staff size for several City Manager's offices throughout Texas.

IX. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. 2002-R-099 Expressing the opposition of the City Council of the City of Laredo to the increase effective November 1, 2002 in the non immigrant visa fee for securing a machine readable visa (MRV) from \$65.00 to \$100.00 by the U.S. Department of State, noting the deleterious impact of such increase on border economies of the adjoining four states; and directing the City Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to Colin Powell, Secretary of State, and other relevant Federal Officials and the Governors of the States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2002-R-099.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

B. Request by Council Member John C. Galo

1. Discussion concerning the large amounts of trash throughout the community especially on IH 35, with possible action.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, reported that each year a project is assigned to the new Leadership Class. This year, the class has taken up the litter problem and trash problem throughout the city. He stated that they have made attempts in having discussions with retailers, some retailers such as Wal-Mart have been very receptive to the suggestions made. They have had initial discussions with H.E.B. over this issue and have talked about eliminating plastic bags throughout the city. He added that part of the group that is working with the Leadership Class has created an education sub-committee. He explained that there are programs out there that the public needs to be aware of. For example, there is a DPS web page that allows an individual to report a motorist caught littering. It will enter the vehicle owner's name in a database and

issues a letter to the vehicle owner stating that the vehicle has been reported as littering on the highway.

2. Discussion regarding vagrancy in town, with possible action.

Agustin Dovalina, Police Chief, reported that for the past three months, they have had the Ordinance Enforcement Team Officers conduct periodic checks at different intersections. They have arrested about five vagrants and issued about ten citations. He mentioned that the officers have also cleaned up a camp site with the assistance of Public Works. He stated that they will be meeting with individuals who have a problem with vagrants on their property and try to make some more arrests.

C. Request by Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action regarding repairing the concrete channel slabs at Canal Street behind Retama II.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that the channel was built some time in 1977. With time, the dowels holding the joints have corroded. When there is a heavy flow of water, the water does get under them and they become dislodged. He mentioned that he has spoken to John Orfila, Public Works, who stated that as soon as the weather clears up they are going to repair those slabs. He predicts that they will probably begin some work within the next two weeks.

2. Status report regarding COPS program with possible action to set a date for a workshop to discuss locations of COP stations throughout the community. (Co-sponsored by Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr. and Council Member Hector J. Garcia)

Agustin Dovalina, Police chief, reported that they previously submitted to City Council a status report regarding the status on COPS workstations for the future. He mentioned that he is prepared to schedule a workshop at the City Council's convenience.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, suggested that the date of the workshop be set for November 25, 2002, at 5:30 p.m.

3. Status report regarding Alta Vista/Vista Hermosa.

Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director, reported that the City Manager's Office has been strategizing from a public health perspective. He stated that the Health Department has developed a health assessment which is to be conducted among a random sampling of 50 families. This survey will reveal whether there are any health issues to be concerned about. He mentioned that they have done 12 assessments so far of families in the area. If any of the findings show that the department needs to proceed with further action, then they will present this information to the City

Manager. He added that he is pleased that the City of Laredo is taking a proactive stance because he has not been advised as to when the federal government is coming back with further testing.

D. Request by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of the identification of the drug free zones by the Laredo Police Department. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr.)

Agustin Dovalina, Police Chief, reported that this issue came up some time last year regarding concerns over vandalism at the parks. He stated that they are exploring some new ways to combat this problem. The task force officers that were assigned to this unit suggested designating some areas as drug-free zones and weapons-free zones. They have identified about 75 parks around the city and almost 120 schools, including day-care facilities where they might be able to designate these areas as such. He mentioned that the department is ready to go forward with it and put it in the form of an ordinance. They have met with the Planning Department as well in order to coordinate the mapping of these zones. He added that he would like to come back to City Council and propose an ordinance at the first meeting of December.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the status of park improvements for District VII.

Horacio De Leon, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that he has submitted a report to City Council. He mentioned that Lafayette Linear Park is now about 55% complete. Last week, they initiated the erection of the building and completed the parking lot area. He stated that project completion is estimated within 45 days. The other project in District VII is Father McNaboe Park and this has already been graded. He stated that Public Works Department has already graded the area and provided elevation in order to initiate trenching for the skate park. He mentioned that continued work at the park is at a standstill right now due to weather conditions. He estimates a tentative completion date for mid-December.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding a water billing complaint.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on a permit for Bridge II to convert the walkways to vehicle traffic lanes.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that he has submitted a report where he provided some background on the project. He mentioned that a consultant is assigned to this project who is working on the feasibility of converting the sidewalk areas into travel lanes. The department has had several meetings with the consultants and they have been provided the bridge plans together with the existing utilities. He added that the consultants are putting together a conceptual plan which will then be presented to the Utilities Committee for its review.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding new street lights on the 100 and 200 blocks of Convent.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that his department is installing a total of eleven lights for those first two blocks which includes one block on Zaragoza Street which is presently closed. He stated that they are still pending another five lights on Convent between Grant Street and Water Street. They are trying to coordinate this installation with CP&L so they can also do their connections.

3. Discussion with possible action on re-routing the traffic on Grant Street.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, stated that what they are looking into is changing one block of Grant Street. He acknowledged the conflicts that exist between vehicles that are turning either left or right on Grant St. They are looking at converting Grant Street into a one-way route in a westerly direction after Convent Street is converted into a one-way route all the way to the bridge.

(Recess)  
(Press Availability)

## X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

9. Closing of public easements those sections of:
  - A. Milmo Avenue between Elm and Montgomery Streets, including the intersection;
  - B. Ash Street between Martin and Texas Avenues; situated in the Eastern Division,  
City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas and providing for an effective date.

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10. Closing of public easements those sections of:
  - A. Texas Avenue between Mier and Lane Streets, including the intersections;

- B. Louisiana Avenue between Mier and Lane Streets, including the intersections;
- C. Galveston Street between Milmo and Arkansas Avenues;
- D. Guerrero Street between Milmo and Arkansas Avenues; situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas, and providing for an effective date.

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- 11. Closing as public easements those sections of:
  - A. Gustavus Street between Martin and Texas Avenues;
  - B. Milmo Avenue between Clark and Musser Streets, including the intersection; situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas and providing for an effective date.

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- 12. Approving the donation of an approximate 3.03 acre tract (surface only) of non-aeronautical use of land located at the Laredo International Airport to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for the public purpose of establishing and operating an extension campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in accordance with section 272.001 (j) of the Local Government Code and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. This conveyance completes a donation of approximately 12.003 acres with a fair market value of \$2,617,000.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive final readings of Ordinance # 2002-O-272; # 2002-O-273; # 2002-O-274; # 2002-O-275; # 2002-O-276; # 2002-O-277; # 2002-O-278; # 2002-O-279; # 2002-O-280; # 2002-O-281; # 2002-O-282; # 2002-O-283; # 2002-O-284; # 2002-O-285; # 2002-O-286; and # 2002-O-287.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

[2002-O-272](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Carlos and Antonia Castillo for an automobile paint and body shop on Lots 1 and 2, Block 408, Eastern Division, located at 519 East Saunders Street; providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-272.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Abstain: 0                      Against: 0

[2002-O-273](#) Amending the sections of the Laredo Land Development Code pertaining to manufactured homes space leasing, Section 24.63.2, Permitted Uses and Section 24.93.2, Manufactured Housing Park, and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-273.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Abstain: 0                      Against: 0

[2002-O-274](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo and Ordinance 2001-O-133 which authorized the issuance a Conditional Use Permit for a used car lot on Lot 2, Block 292, Eastern Division, located at 413 Clark Blvd., by revising the conditions of the permit; providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-274.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-275](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Jose Leandro and Susan Garza for an outdoor children's amusement service business on Lots 7 and 8, Block 305, Eastern Division, located at 818 and 820 Clark Blvd.; providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-275.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-276](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 12, Block 1707, Eastern Division, located at 2802 Market St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-276.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-277](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1877, Eastern Division, located at 815 South Canada Avenue, from R-2 (Multi-family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-277.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-278](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 6.16 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located south of Emerald Hills Subdivision, Phase I and southwest of Dorel Dr., from R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District) to B-1 (Limited Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-278.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-279](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Fernando A. Salinas for a bus passenger terminal on Lot 1, Block 121, Western Division, located at 901 San Agustin Avenue; providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-279.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-280](#) Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit to Fernando A. Salinas for a nationalization of vehicles business on Lots 1 and 2, Block 72, Western Division, located at 820

Farragut St.; providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-280.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain:

0

[2002-O-281](#) Amending the City of Laredo FY 2002-2003 Airport budget to recognize additional revenues received from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$289,205.00 for the purpose of constructing a cargo apron at the Laredo International Airport.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-281.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-282 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$42,500.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation and to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 annual budget in the amount of \$65,250.00 to fund the EI Protector Program. The Texas Department of Transportation will be designating \$42,500.00 and the City of Laredo will be designating \$22,750.00 in matching funds. Funding is available in the General Fund balance. The funding for this grant will be from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-282.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-283 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$81,250.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation and to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 annual budget in the amount of \$125,000.00 to fund the Comprehensive STEP (S.T.O.M.P.) Program. The Texas Department of Transportation will be designating \$81,250.00 and the City of Laredo will be designating \$43,750.00 in matching funds. Funding is available in the general fund balance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-283.



Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-284](#) Authorizing the City Manager to grant a license to Bestel USA, Inc., for the use of a telecommunications PVC conduit located at the Juarez Lincoln International Bridge and the use of 1,000 linear feet of the city right of way from the River Bank to the 500 block of Iturbide Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas. License term is five (5) years commencing on November 4, 2002 and ending November 3, 2007. Annual rent shall start at \$15,194.00 with a five percent (5%) increase each anniversary date plus \$5.00 per lineal foot per year for the use of the right of way; providing for effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-284.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-285](#) Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Assignment of lease of that lease agreement entered into between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and FedJones Laredo, L.L.C., as Lessee, by Ordinance 2001-O-042 dated February 20, 2001. Said lease assignment is to Fedlaredo Partnership, L.P. a Pennsylvania limited partnership, as Assignee, for approximately 2.82 acres at the Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-285.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

[2002-O-286](#) Authorizing the City Manager to execute an assignment of that Rental Car Agency Concession and lease agreement entered into between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Sames Motor Company, Inc., d/b/a Budget Rent a Car of Laredo, as lessee, by Ordinance 98-0-129 dated June 1, 1998. Said assignment is to Instant Signs, inc. d/b/a Budget Rent a Car of Laredo, as Assignee, for approximately 171 square feet of office and counter space located in car rental space #2 and for 19 parking spaces located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-286.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

2002-O-287 Amending the City of Laredo, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 33, Article II, and III entitled "Storage Handling and Transfer of Hazardous Materials" and Transportation of Hazardous Materials respectively; changing administration to the Environmental Services Department; adding and deleting definitions in 33-20; increasing the late payment penalty \$200.00 in 33-43; adding 33-56 and 33-56 and 33-57 entitled "Hazardous Waste Management Plans and "Hazardous Waste Management Inventory Statements" respectively; deleting Article III entitled "Transportation of Hazardous Materials" and moving it to Chapter 19 entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" by adding Article XIII; providing for severability, publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-287.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

## XII. RESOLUTIONS

14. 2002-R-093                      Ratifying the City Manager's submittal of a grant application to South Texas Development Council (STDC) in the amount of \$27,000.00 with no matching funds. Funds will be used to purchase appreciation items for volunteers and participants of the City's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2002-R-093.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

15. 2002-R-094                      Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, Local Law Enforcement Block Grant in the amount of \$95,235.00 with the City of Laredo designating \$10,582.00 in matching funds for a total of \$ 105,817.00 to fund the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. This grant funds the salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, and equipment for support personnel. The funding period for this program is from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2004.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2002-R-094.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### XIII. MOTIONS

16. Consideration to award contract number FY03-007 to the low bidder, Valu Care Cleaners, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated annual amount of \$53,550.00 for providing laundry and dry cleaning services for Police Department uniforms. The contract pricing is approximately 5% less than the previous contract amount. The City must provide dry cleaning service for police uniforms as a condition of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Funding is available in the Police Department's budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to authorize the purchase of Police and Fire Department entrance and promotional exams from the sole source vendor, Wollack and Associates, Redmond, WA, in the estimated amount of \$50,000.00. This contract will cover all exams needed for this fiscal year. The City is charged only for those exams used on the test day. Funding is available in the Police and Fire Department budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Bexar County Forensic Science Center, San Antonio, TX, in an estimated annual amount of \$140,000.00 for criminal investigation and laboratory services for the Police Department. All services are requested on an as needed basis. Services include arson, controlled substances, DNA, firearms, tool marks, toxicology, serology, and other services required for

criminal investigations. Funding is available in the Police Department operational budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to award annual contract number FY03-006 to the low bidders, Al & Rob Sales, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$264,000.00 for the purchase of trousers, and Galls, Inc., Lexington, KY, in the estimated amount of \$69,000.00 for the purchase of shirts for Police Department personnel. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Police Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to extend the contract with Border Maintenance Services, Inc. for a three month period in the amount of \$12,996.00 to provide janitorial services at six City of Laredo Health Department WIC Program locations throughout the city for the period of October 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Funding is available in the WIC Grant-Health Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a renewed Interlocal Agreement for FY 2002-2003 between the City of Laredo and County of Webb in the amount of \$133,000.00 for locally supported public health services to non-Laredo residents of Webb County, for the period beginning October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Amaya

22. Consideration to ratify the purchase contract authorized by the City Manager in the amount of \$28,131.00 to Bradley's Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, for the emergency repair of two, high service, raw water intake pumps. Both pumps needed repair and were put back into service at the Jefferson Street water treatment plant. Funds for these repairs are available in the 2002 fiscal year budget of the Utilities Department - Water Treatment Division.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to authorize the purchase of five heavy duty trucks, and five Pak-Mor high compact rear garbage loaders, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) - Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the total amount of \$665,394.35. Delivery is expected within ninety to one hundred twenty days. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a sixty month lease contract with Pitney Bowes, Inc., Austin, Texas, in the total amount of \$41,655.00 for new mailing equipment. The mailing equipment will replace the City Hall system that is used to process approximately 90% of the departmental mail. Funding is available in the Management Information Systems (MIS) Department budget and would be contingent upon annual appropriations.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 6 a decrease of \$4,856.30 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Laredo International Fire and Law Enforcement Training Center and approval of final payment in the amount of \$311,195.97 to Marshall Company, Corpus Christi, Texas. Final contract amount is \$6,035,857.37. Funding is available in the Fire Training Facility Buildings.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to ratify change order no. 2 an increase of \$15,723.39 to add 4 city blocks, approval of final change order no. 3 a decrease of \$50,258.39 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the CDBG sidewalks City-wide Project No. 19C and approval of final payment in the amount of \$22,494.02 to J. Solis Maintenance & Welding Services, Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$193,260.15. Funding is available in the Sidewalks 26<sup>th</sup> Action Year-Community Development Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to approve the project plaque for the Laredo Entertainment Center.

Motion to approve and include the year "2000"; include special recognition of all committee members; Jaime Flores, City Attorney; Noe Hinojosa, Financial Advisor; and citizens of Laredo.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.  
Second: Cm. Belmares  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to amend the contract with Carter & Burgess to change the scope of services to include the recently awarded Environmental Protection Agency grant funded restoration project for the Chacon Creek. The contract amount will remain the same at \$748,032.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration to award a professional services contract to Severn Trent Laboratories, Inc., Corpus Christi, TX, in the amount of \$36,220.00 to provide analytical services on stormwater samples in accordance to Environmental Protection Agency approved standard methods. Scope of services is limited to analysis of forty (40) stormwater samples and cleaning of one hundred (100) stormwater sample bottles. The cost of the previous contract was \$42,874.50. Funding is available in the NPDES Account.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to secure advertising in the Texas Monthly magazine in the amount of \$59,246.00 for a one year period with sole source vendor, Texas Monthly Press, Austin, Texas. This contract includes eight monthly ads and two additional ads in the Texas Monthly Travel Guides. Funding is available in the Convention and Visitors Bureau budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to award a construction contract the lowest bidder Price Construction, Inc., Laredo, TX, for the Laredo International Airport Northeast Cargo Apron and Access Road in the amount of \$4,755,652.04 which includes the base bid concrete and alternate no. 1 to construct an additional cargo apron area. The Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program is providing 90 percent of the funding. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1  
Cm. Galo

32. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a one year service agreement with H.T.E, Inc., Lake Mary, FL, for the amount of \$64,409.90. The service

agreement is for service and maintenance on the municipal applications residing on the City's I-Series 400 Computer for the period of October 1, 2002 thru September 30, 2003.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to authorize the purchase of telecommunication and networking equipment in the amount of \$141,352.00, through the State of Texas – Department of Information Services contract. The telephone and networking equipment will be installed at the following locations: Planning Department - Bruni Library building, new Municipal Court building, and the Environmental Services building. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Laredo Sport City for a twelve (12) month period commencing on the date of the signing of this Agreement, to rent 1,024 sq. ft. of building space located at La Ladrillera Neighborhood Facility at 2100 Pinder for the purpose of providing such services as Homework Assistance, Tutoring and Soccer Instruction and any other related services.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to award a contract for a Tennis Professional in an amount of \$26,400.00 for a twelve (12) month period commencing October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, with Carlos Ortiz, individually and d/b/a Tennis Professional, to provide professional tennis lessons at the Market Street Tennis Courts. Funding in the amount of \$26,400.00 is available in the Parks and Recreation Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0



36. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the privatization contract between the City of Laredo and United Water to provide that property tax funds will not be used in the performance of said contact.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Motion to approve twenty-nine general fund third party contracts for the fiscal year 2003 for a total \$781,063.00. The contracts are listed as follows:

Bringing Everyone Special Together	\$ 14,063.00
Bethany House	\$ 20,000.00
Border Area Nutrition Council	\$ 35,000.00
Boy's & Girls Club of Laredo	\$ 90,000.00
Boy Scouts Gulf Coast Council	\$ 18,000.00
Casa de Misericordia	\$ 15,000.00
Catholic Social Services	\$ 15,000.00
Children's International Advocacy	\$ 60,000.00
Club Olympia	\$ 5,000.00
Communities in Schools	\$ 15,000.00
Community Action Agency – Elderly Nutrition Program	\$ 20,000.00
Community Action Agency – Meals on Wheels	\$ 19,000.00
Girl Scouts Paisano Council	\$ 10,000.00
Laredo Crime Stoppers	\$ 15,000.00
LISD Campus Crime Stoppers	\$ 7,500.00
Laredo Regional Food Bank	\$ 25,000.00
Laredo Webb County Food Bank	\$ 30,000.00
Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Service	\$ 15,000.00
Laredo/Webb Child Welfare Board	\$ 4,500.00
Laredo Animal Protective Society	\$126,000.00
Laredo Veteran's Coalition	\$ 60,000.00
Laredo International Fair and Exposition	\$ 4,500.00
Literacy Volunteers of America	\$ 7,000.00
Rio Grande International Study Center	\$ 20,000.00
Ruthe B. Cowl Rehabilitation Center	\$ 75,000.00
Sacred Heart Children's Home	\$ 5,000.00
South Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	\$ 5,000.00
Serving Children and Adolescents in Need	\$ 36,000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 4,500.00
Webb County American Red Cross	\$ 10,000.00

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Motion to approve seventeen contracts payable from the hotel/motel tax fund. These contracts are for fiscal year 2003 and total \$441,170.00. The contracts are listed as follows:

Laredo Chamber of Commerce – Cola Blanca	\$ 10,000.00
LULAC #7	\$ 5,000.00
LULAC #12	\$ 5,000.00
Society of Martha Washington	\$ 10,000.00
Washington’s Birthday Celebration Association	\$ 20,000.00
Washington’s B-Day Celebration Assoc. Museum	\$ 10,000.00
Laredo Children’s Museum	\$ 50,000.00
Webb County Heritage Foundation	\$ 50,000.00
Laredo Center for the Arts	\$131,360.00
Laredo Little Theater	\$ 28,758.00
Latin American Sports Hall of Fame	\$ 5,000.00
L.C.C. Dance/Music Community Productions	\$ 32,815.00
Laredo Philharmonic Chorale	\$ 2,340.00
Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra	\$ 38,897.00
T.A.M.I.U. Dance Productions	\$ 10,000.00
Border Olympics	\$ 12,000.00
Streets of Laredo Urban Mall	\$ 10,000.00
Mexican Cultural Institute of Laredo	\$ 10,000.00

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### XIV. STAFF REPORTS

39. Report by Joe A. Guerra, Transit Interim General Manager on the El Lift Program.

Joe Guerra, Interim Transit Manager, reported that staff had detected a problem with the Automated Call Distribution (ACD) equipment. He stated that there was a computer glitch with the ACD equipment. The problem was corrected with the assistance of outside consultants. He has reviewed the lift calling system with the technology committee and it is now operating efficiently. He added that this should reduce the complaints that were being received. On the concern over El Lift pickups, he mentioned that the pickup service for customers is working efficiently as far as dispatching the van drivers.

40. Status report by Arcadis Engineering on the Water Park Feasibility Study with presentation by William Haralson, Economic Consultant on the draft submittal of the Market Study and consideration of approval to negotiate a professional services contract for Phase II, evaluation of potential sites and water park

schematic. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund (District VIII Discretionary Fund).

Alfonso Garza, of Arcadis Engineering, gave a presentation before City Council along with William L. Haralson, Economic Consultant. Mr. Haralson reported on their findings in Phase I for a proposed water park. He stated that in a market study, there are several factors that are considered. The most important of these is the demographic profile of the market area. The major market for the water park is the resident market within a 15-mile radius. This market area contained 196.5 thousand persons in 2000, and is projected to have 227.5 thousand by 2005. He added that another important factor is age distribution. The target market for the water park is preteens, young teens and their parents. He stated that almost 29% of the population falls in this category within the major and secondary markets. He stated that based on market support, weather, and competitive environment, attendance at the proposed water park is projected to reach 96,000 in 2004, increasing to 100,000 in 2005, and 125,000 by 2006.

Motion to proceed to negotiate a professional services contract for Phase II.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

Motion to recess as Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Presentation by representatives of Southwest Housing Development Corporation to propose a partnership with Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation for the construction of a 160 multi-family unit residential development to be located at Cielito Lindo Subdivision, southwest of Cielito Lindo Blvd and St. David.

Brian Potashnik, President of Southwest Housing, made a brief presentation before City Council. He stated that their company is the largest developer of affordable housing in the state. They have partnered with several housing finance corporations as well as cities in the past. He added that the development in this subdivision has been approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and has received tax credits and was the only project approved for tax credits in Laredo. He pointed out that this is more than just a community of good quality housing. They will have an on-site community center with a computer lab for kids, on-going training for adults, etc.

He stated that they are currently in the beginning stages of this partnership agreement with the housing corporation and look forward to a long relationship with the City of Laredo.

XVI. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 10:25 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 through 28 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on November 4, 2002.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary