

CITY OF LAREDO

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2002-R-022
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
NOVEMBER 18, 2002
5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

Elizabeth G. Flores,
Alfredo Agredano,
Hector Garcia,
John C. Galo,

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tempore, District I
Council Member, District II
Council Member, District

III

Johnny Amaya,

Council Member, District

IV

Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,
Gene Belmares,
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,
Juan Ramirez,

Council Member, District V
Council Member, District VI
Council Member, District VII
Council Member, District

VIII

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Larry Dovalina,
Cynthia Collazo,
Jaime Flores,

City Secretary
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

None.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

a. Musical performance by Nye Elementary Choir.

Mayor Flores introduced the music ambassadors comprised of 95 school children known as Voices Across Texas. She mentioned that their music brings forth a message of patriotism and peace to the community. This impressive school endeavor is spearheaded by Irma Flores, Principal, and Sonia Morales, Music Director. The choir performed a short musical number for the City Council and members of the audience.

Invitations

- a. Presentation by H.E.B. regarding Feast of Sharing Thanksgiving Dinner scheduled for November 24, 2002 at the Laredo Civic Center at 11:00 a.m.

Pedro Gaytan and Rocio Lozano, Co-Chairs for the H.E.B. Feast of Sharing, extended a personal invitation to the Laredo community to attend the 14th Annual Feast of Sharing to be held on November 24, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Laredo Civic Center. Rocio Lozano stated that they will be serving 12,000 meals with 2,500 of those meals being delivered to homebound residents of the community. She stated that an added feature at this year's event will be the distribution of free flu vaccines for anyone 14 years of age and older. She mentioned that this event is being held in conjunction with the City of Laredo and invited everyone in the community to attend.

Recognitions

Communiqués

Mayor Pro Tempore Agredano expressed his gratitude to all those who participated last Monday at the Veterans Day Parade. He thanked all the veterans present and the different organizations that participated to make the event a success.

Cm. Galo wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday with their family.

Cm. Amaya congratulated Coach Goyo Lopez and his staff at J. W. Nixon High for their success and a third victory at the bi-district championship. He also wished everyone a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving holiday.

Cm. E. Valdez, Jr. wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone to give thanks for their blessings.

Cm. Belmares congratulated Borchers Elementary and U.I.S.D. administrators for their dedication of the new school. He also congratulated all the students who participated in the boys and girls flag football season this year. He thanked all the coaches and volunteers who invested of their time in order to make the flag football league a success.

Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. thanked the children's choir for their performance before City Council. He expressed his thanks to the parents as well for doing an outstanding job with their children in supporting and encouraging their children's interests.

Cm. Ramirez wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday and urged everyone who is traveling to be careful when driving.

Mayor Flores mentioned that during the Thanksgiving season, the community has been asked to participate in a special project known as "Feed America Thursday". She explained that the premise of Feed America Thursday is to ask everyone to not eat for two meals on that Thursday. The purpose for fasting would be to donate the money that would have been spent or the food that would have been eaten for those two meals to a local food bank or a homeless shelter. Even those who choose to eat are still encouraged to give the value of two meals to a charity that provides food to people in need. Mayor Flores added that this is an opportunity to support the food banks and stock up their reserves so that they might help more people every day of the year.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Individual 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 on Tract 2.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

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 on Tract 3.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Tract 4: Piña Tract - 120.13 acres, more or less, located east of IH 35 and south of the IH

35/US 83 intersection. Petitioner: Librado Piña & Lilia Piña Family Partnership.

Motion to open the public hearing on Tract 4.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Tract 5: Treviño Tract- 5.00 acres, more or less, located east of Loop 20 and north of SH 359. Petitioner: Mr. Humberto Treviño, Jr.

Motion to open the public hearing on Tract 5.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Tract 6: Zachary Tract - 256.67 acres, more or less, located east of Ejido Avenue and south of Eistetter Road. Petitioner: H.B. Zachary Company.

Motion to open the public hearing on Tract 6.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Unilateral Annexations:

Tract 7: IH 35 Tract - 607.02 acres, more or less, located along IH 35 from Uniroyal Drive to approximately 1/4 mile south of the IH 35/US 83 intersection. Petitioner: City of Laredo.

Motion to open the public hearing on Tract 7.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7 and 8, Block 99, Western Division, located at 603 Farragut St., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Dr. Julio Gomez-Rejon, property owner, requested approval of the zone change to allow him to rent out the property.

Ron Whitehawk, representing the property owner, spoke in favor of the zone change in view of the increased activity of this type of vehicle nationalization business.

Julie Ann Gonzalez, resident of 614 Hidalgo, spoke against the zone change request due to the danger it poses to children's safety.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the zone change request.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 1
Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Abstain: 0

3. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 719, Western Division, located at the 3300 Block of Anna Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Pastor Hector Patiño, Christian Family Center, spoke in favor of the zone change request to place a radio antenna for the church.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a conditional use permit, leave tower at 185 feet in height, and have the applicant abide by conditions 2 through 7 for a period of two years.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

4. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning 3.1570 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A," located north of Shiloh Drive and west of McPherson Road, R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District);

providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a direct aid grant from the Loan Star Libraries Program of the Texas State Library in the amount of \$22,323.00 to purchase new computer hardware and amending the City of Laredo fiscal year 2002-2003 annual budget by decreasing the reserved appropriation amount by \$2,667.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the FY 2002-2003 Fire Prevention and Arson Fund Budget by accepting a donation of \$400.00 from Sam's Club Foundation and appropriating said funds to purchase fire safety educational promotional materials for the Fire Department Prevention Division.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance #2002-O-224 to accept a supplemental grant in the amount of \$29,200.00 from the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority and to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 annual budget in the amount of \$29,200.00. This supplemental grant of \$29,200.00 is 100% funded at no cost to the City. The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority will now be designating \$428,492.00, the City of Laredo will be designating \$78,858.00, and Webb County will be designating \$31,464.00 in matching funds for a total grant amount of \$538,814.00. The funding period for this grant is from September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to implement a \$5.00 monthly fee to charge per participant for aerobic classes provided by the City of Laredo Health Department Buena Vida Program at the City's Parks And Recreation Centers and other community sites, and to appropriate revenues to the Health Department/Health Education Division expense account.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the

City of Laredo's Full-Time Equivalent Positions by reclassifying the position of Health Educator (1.0 FTE) to three (3) part-time (1.51 FTE) Community Service Aides positions at 30 hours each per week for 35 weeks; and, deleting a 1 Program Promotion Specialist and 1 Health Educator Assistant under the Laredo Obesity Program Prevention and Control Project (LOPAC) funded by the Texas Department of Health. This amendment will have no financial impact on the budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 93-O-

128, modifying the sliding fee scale and implementing a co-pay for clinic health services provided at the Maternal and Child Health (M&CH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department; and, exempting persons that are indigent; and, appropriating revenues to the M&CH Program as per Texas Department of Health's program income guidelines. Federal and State regulations remain unchanged for services provided by this program.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

11. Public hearing allowing interested persons to comment on the proposed amendment to

the 2002 Consolidated Plan to allow for the reprogramming of 24th, 25th, and 26th Action Year (AY) Community Development Block Grant Fund balances totaling \$120,840.00 to be used towards the purchase of an ambulance for the Cielito Lindo Subdivision Fire Station. CDBG funds proposed to be reprogrammed include:

24th AY Community Development Block Grant

Three Points Park

\$ 20,349.00

25th AY Community Development Block Grant

Hacienda Apartments Improvements

\$ 206.00

(Cancellation of Project and reprogramming of funds)

Housing Rehab Administration

\$ 440.00

26th AY Community Development Block Grant

Code Enforcement

\$ 27,966.00

CD Administration

\$ 24,520.00

Housing Rehab Administration

\$ 47,359.00

Total Funds Reprogrammed

\$ 120,840.00

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance accepting a grant awarded by the South Texas Development Council for the amount of \$18,000.00 and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2002-2003 Annual Budget for the NPDES Fund by appropriating the said grant revenue to the appropriate expenditure accounts. The grant monies will be used for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending, adding, and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, sections 2-87.1 (Definitions), 2-87.2 (Appeal Procedures), 2-87.3 (Grievance Procedures), 2-87.4 (Appeals And Grievance Committee), 2-87.5 (Freedom From Reprisal) of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Laredo, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date of January 1, 2003.

Motion to open the public hearing

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

14. Presentation by Carter Burgess Inc., an engineering firm, on the 2002 updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will serve as a standard for the development of future park areas and the improvement of existing facilities to provide quality recreation to all citizens of Laredo.

Brent Locke, landscape architect with Carter-Burgess, made a presentation on this Master Plan before City Council.

Purpose of the Plan

- Provide the framework for orderly and consistent planning and development
- Provide detailed research and facts concerning the community and the roles of parks and recreation
- Establish priorities and statements of direction, and a community based needs analysis
- Provide direction in the area of acquisition and development of park land to meet future needs
- Conform to the preparation guidelines prepared by the Texas Recreation and Parks Account local park grant program

Goals

- To provide a variety of recreational experiences that provide appeal to all segments of the population of Laredo
- To enhance the physical attractiveness of Laredo by developing parks and open space amenities
- To protect the natural resources of Laredo and Webb County by preserving those resources
- Improve the quality of the urban environment by providing adequate parks and open space within the City of Laredo
- Provide parks and open spaces that are safe for use by persons of all ages, including the disabled
- Expand the range of recreational opportunities available to all age groups
- Increase private sector involvement in developing and maintaining parks and open spaces

Phase I: Standards and Guidelines

Type	Size/Acres	Service Area	Acres per 1000 pop.
Neighborhood park	1-15 acres	One neighborhood ¼ to ½ mile radius	1.0 ac/1,000
Community park	16 – 99 acres	Several neighborhoods	5.0 ac/1,000

Metropolitan park	100 – 499 acres	Several communities under 1 hour driving	5.0 ac/1,000
Regional park	500 +	Several communities within 1 hour driving	Variable
Special Use Area	Varies depending on desired size	No applicable standard	Variable
Linear Park/Linkages	Sufficient width to protect the resource and provide maximum usage	No applicable standard	Variable
TOTAL			11 ac/1,000 population

	Existing Acreage	Guidelines for Existing 2000 Population of 176,576* Suggested Acreage	Difference Between Guidelines and Existing Laredo Parks
Neighborhood Parks	141.91	176.58 (1 ac/1000 population)	(-34.67)
Community Parks	399.30	882.88 (5 ac/1000 population)	(-483.58)
Metropolitan Park	0	882.88 (5 ac/1000 population)	(-882.88)
Regional Special Use Parks	0	Variable	--
Linear Parks	8.78	Variable	+8.78
	3.90	Variable	+3.90
TOTALS	553.89	1,942.34	(-1,388.45)

* Source: U. S. Census 2000.

Zone	Existing Acreage	Guidelines for Projected 2011 Population of 294,356 *	Difference Between Guidelines and Existing Laredo Parks
		Suggested Acreage	
Neighborhood Parks	141.91	294.35 (1 ac/1000 population)	(-152.44)
Community Parks	399.30	1,471.78 (5 ac/1000 population)	(-1,072.48)

Metropolitan Park	0	1,471.78 (5 ac/1000 population)	(-1,471.78)
Regional	0	Variable	--
Special Use Parks	8.78	Variable	+8.78
Linear Parks	3.90	Variable	+3.90
TOTALS	553.89	3,237.91	(-2,684.02)

* Population projections provided by City of Laredo Planning Department.

Phase I: Needs Assessment

- 42 % of survey participants visit parks at least once a month
- 36 % of survey participants rate the physical condition of Laredo parks as fair
- 36 % of survey participants have learned about Laredo parks and programs through the newspaper
- Most survey participants felt that new or added park facilities should be paid for through the general fund, user fees, or bond programs
- 53 % of survey participants felt that allocating more dollars to new park facilities was important
- More than half of survey participants would be willing to pay more than \$28 per person, per year in taxes for park system service
- 85 % of survey participants feel Laredo needs to acquire additional park land
- A majority of survey participants felt it was important to preserve natural creek corridors and open spaces in Laredo

Phase II: Priorities/Recommendations

Land Acquisition

- Year 2000
 - To meet the locally adopted standard of 11.0 acres per 1,000 population, based on a current population of 176,576, the City would need to acquire 1,388.45 acres
- Year 2011
 - To meet the locally adopted standard of 11.0 acres per 1,000 population for a projected population of 294,356, the City would need to acquire 2,684.02 acres
- Plan Update and Refinement
 - The Master Plan provides the guiding direction for Laredo's park system for the next ten years. It is a dynamic process, and therefore, will need to be carefully monitored as Laredo continues to grow. The plan is not static, therefore, it must be applied to the growing needs and demands for park facilities throughout the City. The City staff should make annual reviews of the recommended Ten-Year Action Plan and update current priorities, budgets, and time schedules. After five years, the overall Master Plan should be reviewed and evaluated, especially in the area of the needs assessment from the citizens. This will ensure that the Master Plan truly meets the needs of those who live and raise their families in the community. As

this happens, the City will continue to provide its citizens quality park facilities and services for all age groups.

15. Presentation of the 2002 Employee Leadership Development Class.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, introduced Jerry Elizondo, who coordinates the Leadership Development Program for the City of Laredo.

Jerry Elizondo, Training Coordinator, stated that the goal of the program is to identify, educate, and motivate City employees by developing their leadership skills. One of the training sessions included attending the departments' staff meeting and attending tonight's City Council meeting. He introduced the 2002 Leadership Class Members for 2002-2003:

John Porter	Environmental Services
Martin Aleman	Finance
Veronica Hernandez	Health (WIC)
Osbaldo Guzman, Jr.	Community Development
Kavita I. Luna	Administrative Services
Roger J. Sanchez	Tax
Donna Magnon	City Secretary's Office
Gerardo J. Leal	Telecommunications
Blasita J. Lopez	City Manager's Office
San Juana I. Rangel	Police
Sandra De Los Santos	Building
Robert A. Arredondo	Airport
Luis E. Garcia	Utilities
Ivan Santoyo	Environmental Services
Carlos E. Calderon	Health

16. Staff report regarding Union dues of the United Steel Workers of America/Laredo Association of City employees, with discussion and possible action.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, reported that his department received a letter from the United Steelworkers of America written on October 14, 2002, requesting payroll deduction of association dues in November. Based on the last report, from the United Steelworkers they indicated that there are 400+ employees who have completed membership cards and authorized dues deductions. He added that on December 24, 1996, the City Council made a motion to allow local associations to come up with 150 paying members within six months or nobody gets deductions. At that time, the 150 employees represented approximately 25% of non-civil service and non-management employees. He stated that there would be an administrative burden to implement the payroll deductions and provide payment to the local and out of state associations. In regards to the cost burden, he

indicated that there is a setup cost and a fixed cost that the City would have to incur on a special project basis for a group this size.

Motion to authorize dues deductions contingent on the employees meeting the 25% threshold necessary for the deduction to occur.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. J. Ramirez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Update report by Rick Johnson, Director of Operations for United Water.

Rick Johnson, reported that the United Water chlorine testing by-products have not exceeded acceptable levels in the water supply. He stated that these samples of by-products (THM) are taken by the state on a quarterly basis and the results from the

October testing are good. He explained that one difficulty that they encountered during

October was sludge disposal. The City landfill would not allow them to deliver sludge

if the conditions are wet or if they do not have enough trash to mix with the sludge. He

said that they are working on solutions and will present some of them within the next

two or three months. He added that in regards to Customer Service personnel, they

have assigned radios to the field personnel in order to provide a quicker response time

and make for a more efficient operation. He stated that they have continued to work

hard on improving operation information available to both the water operators and plant operators. They are also providing training to the employees to help them digest this information and maintain the equipment.

Heberto Ramirez, Utilities Director, reported that as far as the compliance division is concerned, they are investigating this particular incident and will be submitting a report

to City Council upon its conclusion.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, if such is requested by the City Attorney or other legal counsel for the City, pursuant to his or her duty under Section 551.071(2) of the Government Code, to consult privately with his or her client on an item on the agenda, or on a matter arising out of such item.

Motion to postpone Items 18 through 21.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in

regards to deliberating the purchase of approximately 25 acres of land in the vicinity of the City of Laredo Airport area, because deliberation in an open meeting would have 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 of approximately 25 acres of land in the vicinity of the City of Laredo Airport area, because deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and return to Open Session for possible action.

19. 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 approximately 22 miles east of Laredo, because deliberation in an open meeting would have 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 approximately 22 miles east of Laredo, because deliberation in an open meeting would have detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and return to Open Session for possible action.

20. 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 in the North Laredo area, 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 in the North Laredo area, 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.

21. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (a) of the Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding the pending case of Martin Villarreal et al., v. City of Laredo, Et Al., Cause No. 2002-CVQ-001299D3 in the 341st District Court pertaining to the Los Obispos Affordable Housing Project.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (a) of the Texas

Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding the pending case of Martin Villarreal et al., v. City of Laredo, Et Al., Cause No. 2002-CVQ-001299D3 in the 341st District Court pertaining to the Los Obispos Affordable Housing Project.

X. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

22. A. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alfredo Agredano

1. Status report regarding the Veteran's Monument.

Horacio De Leon, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the monument project is moving forward on schedule. The artist has formally met with the Veterans Coalition members and discussed the different designs that have been developed between Mr. Hinojosa and the coalition. The Veterans Coalition is planning to present the final version of the monument to City Council on December, 2002. As of today, the monument is scheduled for completion in June, 2003.

B. Request by Council Member Hector J. Garcia

1. Status report on Eastwoods Park.

Horacio De Leon, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the project is 45% complete; the excavation and grading portion has been done; all piping and irrigation is in place as well as the topsoil for the softball and soccer fields. He stated that he will be meeting with the contractor in the near future. He added that they are still pending installation of a water meter which Parks and Recreation is working on and the connection of electricity.

C. Request by Council Member Gene Belmares

1. Discussion with possible action regarding the pilot parking permit program.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, stated that the department is planning to start with the parking project on the north side of United High School. They will begin with the streets immediately in front of the school. He mentioned that they will be replacing the existing "no parking" signs with the proposed residential parking permit signs. He added that they plan to have a meeting with the residents in early December to explain the pilot program to them.

Cm. Belmares mentioned that he would like to see this program go forward. What he would like to see done is to place those signs on the south side of Shiloh to prevent them from parking on Shiloh. He stated that Fox Street also has this same problem with parking. He would like to see installation of these signs by the time the students resume classes in January.

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

1. Discussion with possible action for Community Development staff to conduct a survey of the Dellwood Subdivision to determine whether the area meets the HUD guidelines for funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Erasmus Villarreal, Community Development Director, reported that they can survey the subdivision. He can assign staff to work on the survey of the area but he mentioned that the census data available does not qualify the subdivision for HUD funding. The new HUD maps will not be available until next year, so they would need to do a physical count of the area. He mentioned that they need to determine that 51 % of the population is considered low to moderate income.

2. Discussion with possible action for the installation of two (2) wireless video cameras at the railroad crossing on Sta. Maria & Mines Road to assist the Fire & Police Departments' emergency personnel to determine whether the intersection is clear of a train blockage.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that they have provided cost estimates regarding this proposal which entails installing two radios at said intersection. He stated that they will be installing a radio and antenna at the site by the railroad tracks and then sending the signal over to the fire station and will have another radio there to serve as a receiver. He stated that the cameras they currently have are accessible through the City's I-Net. He added that the cost estimate for the cameras is \$9,000.00 and the radio and beacon will cost approximately \$3,500.00 but he still needs to secure funding for these items.

3. Discussion with possible action for staff to initiate an amendment to reallocate the \$400,000.00 identified in the Community Development Block Grant Program 28th Action Year - West Laredo Park and to utilize these same funds for the construction of two (2) zero depth water spray playground areas to include amenities such as walking trails, benches and shaded areas. One playground area is proposed to be located behind the Farias Recreation Center and other playground area is proposed along the Lafayette Street Overpass bordered by Main and Santa Cleotilde Streets, with possible action.

Motion to re-allocate the \$400,000.00 identified in the Community Development Block Grant Program 28th Action Year West Laredo Park to the two other areas: one playground area behind the Farias Recreation Center and the other one along the Lafayette Street Overpass.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Belmares

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

E. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion with possible action on installing a traffic light at the intersection of Clark and Monterrey Streets.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that he had provided information regarding his concern over placing a traffic light at that location. He mentioned that for traffic traveling west on Clark, the visibility is reduced due to the hill at that location. He stated that placing any type of traffic device at that particular location would pose a danger to motorists because it requires at least 400 feet for a motorist to be able to react and stop the vehicle.

Cm. Ramirez inquired whether it would be possible to install some flashing lights higher up on the hill.

Roberto Murillo stated that it has been his experience that pedestrians will continue to cross through the middle of the street rather than crossing at a crosswalk. He suggested installing pedestrian signs and a flasher light rather than designating a crosswalk.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding the status of the parking lot at Davis and Santa Maria.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that the fence is already in place and they are finalizing a design for the striping together with the park stops for the heavy trucks. He mentioned that they are trying to fit 60 to 80 parking spaces mainly for tractor trailer use and will try to have it ready in the next two weeks.

3. Discussion with possible regarding bird droppings at Jarvis Plaza.

Horacio De Leon, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that the crews do maintain the plaza on a weekly basis by power washing the plaza sidewalks and walkways. They also trim the trees to try to avoid more areas for roosting. He added that they are looking at some innovative methods such as purchasing a net to place on the trees in order to avoid the birds from roosting.

4. Discussion with possible action regarding psychological testing for Police Officers after they are hired by the City.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that this section is specifically covered by statute under the Local Government Code, Chapter 143. There is a specific section within Chapter 143 entitled "Determination of Physical and Mental Fitness". Very specifically within that chapter is the process that is required for police chief, police officers, fire chief, and firefighters to follow through when and if the question ever arises of the mental or physical fitness of such an employee. There are several steps required to be followed, the first one being that the police or fire chief presents the information found to the Civil Service Commission. The Commission then follows certain steps to request

that an officer or firefighter obtain a personal physician or psychiatrist to submit information responding to the perceived behavioral problem. Following that, the Commission orders its own medical expert to then conduct an evaluation to see whether the results are indeed comparable to those of the Commission. Then, when there is agreement, there are other procedures where there might be a problem identified. If there is no agreement, then further procedures require that both the Commission's report and the employee's personal physician's report be submitted to an independent board. This independent three-member board then examines that employee and the board's findings as to the person's fitness are then submitted to the chief for him to determine the duty of that particular employee.

Police Chief Agustin Dovalina stated that whenever one of his police officers is involved in a traumatic event, such as a shooting, they do provide psychological help for them. They offer these services just as they are offered for all city employees. He added that all these evaluations are governed under statute as legal counsel had mentioned.

XI. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

23. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo (Airport), as Lessor, and Dairy Process, Inc., as Lessee, as approved by Ordinance No. 2002-O-141 dated July 1, 2002, specifically amending Section 1.09 titled "Use and Use Conflict" in order to add medical clinic and/or medical related uses are allowable uses for the leased premises. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Clemente M. Bedia, as Lessee for approximately 624.77 sq. ft. of building and space to be used as a Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) Food Store at the area commonly known as 2300 Saltillo, part of the South Laredo Pool Park site, for a term of one year at a monthly rental rate of \$300.00 per month.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

25. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Webb County, as Lessee, authorized by Ordinance No. 2001-O-176 dated August 20, 2001 in order to delete Building No. 1229 effective August 1, 2002. Said amendment will amend, specifically, Section 1.01 titled "Lease Area" deleting Building No. 1229, therefore decreasing the square footage from 4,378 to 2,378. Amend Section 1.04 titled "Rent Obligation" decreasing the monthly rent from \$1,825.73 to \$1,100.00. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council except Cm. Amaya.

26. Closing as public easements those sections of:

- * Maryland Avenue between Market and South right-of-way line of Guatemozin Street, including its intersections with Cortez and Guatemozin Streets;
- * Cortez between Springfield and Lexington Avenues; and
- * Guatemozin Street between Springfield and Lexington Avenues; all situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas and providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

27. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary document to grant an easement and right of way of 0.124 of an acre (7,032 sq. ft.) tract of land, more or less, to AEP Central Power and Light Company, for the installation of certain electrical service facilities to serve the Jefferson Street Water Plant in Laredo, Texas. Said easement 0.124 of an acre tract of land being situated within the City of Laredo's "Jefferson Street" Water Treatment Plant in Webb County, Texas; being generally described below, and more particularly described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A," and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

XII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinance # 2002-O-288; # 2002-O-289; # 2002-O-290; # 2002-O-291; # 2002-O-292; # 2002-O-293; # 2002-O-294; # 2002-O-295; and # 2002-O-296.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-288 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 adopt Ordinance #2002-O-288.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-289 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 adopt Ordinance #2002-O-289.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-290 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 Bio-Terrorism 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 adopt Ordinance #2002-O-290.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-291 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 adopt Ordinance #2002-O-291.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-292 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 adopt Ordinance #2002-O-292.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-293 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-O-293.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-294 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-O-294.

Moved: Cm.. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-295 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-O-295.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 2002-O-296 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.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-O-296.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. RESOLUTIONS

29. 2002-R-097 Consideration to authorize the City Manager to accept the donation of a RCA 20 inch flat TV/VCR combination from Wal-Mart with a value of \$294.00. This equipment will be used as a training tool in the Fire Department Prevention Division's Fire Safety House.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-097.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. 2002-R-098 Authorizing the City Manager to submit to the United States Foreign Trade Zones Board an application for a temporary boundary modification on behalf of Valls Holdings, Ltd. requesting a transfer of Foreign Trade Zone designation status from the Laredo International Airport known as Site No. 1 to the Valls International, Inc., facility to be designated as Site No. 8. The temporary boundary modification, if approved by the Foreign Trade Zones Board, will transfer Foreign Trade Zones status (designation only) of one (1) acre from the Laredo International Airport, Site No. 1 to the Valls International, Inc., facility located at the Milo Distribution Center.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-098.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. 2002-R-100 Supporting and adopting the updated 2002 City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Master Plan to serve as a standard for the development of future park areas and the improvements of existing facilities to provide quality recreation to all citizens of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-100.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. 2002-R-101 Expressing support for proposals submitted by the City of Laredo on behalf of the United Independent School District for Safe Routes To Schools (SRS) Program funding, with match contribution to be provided by the school district, for the installation of traffic calming devices on streets leading to Prada & Arndt Elementary Schools, the construction of sidewalks from Alexander High School to existing subdivisions, the installation of a bridge over US 59 to access Cuellar Elementary School, and the replacement of school zone signs throughout the school district.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-101.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Garcia

33. 2002-R-102 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 for the COPS in Schools Program. The U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program awarded funding to the City of Laredo for the purpose of hiring 10 new School Resource Officers (SRO) for a period of three years beginning September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2005.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-102.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. 2002-R-103 Accepting a grant awarded from the United States Department of Justice,

Community Oriented Policing Services in the amount of \$1,125,000.00. Funding will be used to hire 15 Patrol Officer Cadets for a three-year funding period of the "Universal Hiring" program beginning August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2005.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-103.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. 2002-R-104 Amending Resolution 2000-R-157 for the grant agreement between the

City of Laredo and the Texas Water Development Board - Contract No. G13500/13600/1546/1547 - Amendment No. 1 for the City of Laredo, Mines Road/State Highway 359 Project No. 10045. This amendment reflects the recent Texas Water Development Board action that changes the source of funds from the Economically Distressed Areas Program to the Colonias Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program.

Keith Kendall, Project Manager, stated that this agenda item did not have any impact on the amount of grant funds allocated only on the source of funds. It will have federal requirements associated with water grant funds.

Motion to approve Resolution #2002-R-104.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. MOTIONS

36. Consideration to award contract number FY03-003 to the low bidder, Southern Sanitation, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$40,092.00 for providing trash collection services for large volume containers. These services will be required for various city operations such as the Airport, Bridge, Civic Center, Parks and Recreation, Public Access, and Solid Waste. The contract vendor is also required to provide these containers for special events such as the household collection event. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 1

Cm. Ramirez

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 1 a decrease of \$22,098.00 for the

balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the CDBG Sidewalks City-Wide Project No. 19A and approval of final payment in the amount of \$66,410.10 to Triple A Concrete, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$131,314.50. Funding is available in the Community Development Budget 26th Action Year Sidewalks.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amount to be adjusted for the month of October 2002 represents an increase of \$24,146.08. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Refund of property tax to the following taxpayers and companies:

- a. A refund in the amount of \$861.60 payable to Edward L. and Erika B. Sepulveda due to a double over payment. Both the mortgage and the title company paid the 2001 tax. Account #991-00006-030.
- b. A refund in the amount of \$741.43 payable to Maria de la Luz Villarreal due to an over payment. Both the homeowner and the mortgage bank paid the taxes from 1997 to 2000. Account #905-00056-220.
- c. A refund in the amount of \$870.13 payable to Esmeralda C. and Gerardo Rodriguez due to a double over payment. Both the homeowner and the mortgage company paid for the 2002 tax year. Account #948-00103-500.
- d. A refund in the amount of \$638.26 payable to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service due to a double over payment. Both the bank and the mortgage company paid the 2000 tax. Account #985-60006-440.
- e. A refund in the amount of \$1,160.90 payable to Sonya L. Marquez due to a double over payment by the owner and the mortgage company for the tax years 2000 and 2001. Account #946-50002-270.
- f. A refund in the amount of \$647.88 payable to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service due to a double over payment. Both the title company and the mortgage company paid the tax for 2001. Account #439-00760-030.
- g. A refund in the amount of \$806.79 payable to Ophelia Q. Castillo due to a double

over payment. Both the mortgage company and the title company paid the tax years 2000 and 2001. Account #990-10001-040.

- h. A refund in the amount of \$592.95 payable to Countrywide Tax Service due to a double over payment. Both the title company and the mortgage company paid the tax year 1998. Account #969-40005-021.
- i. A refund in the amount of \$1,423.57 payable to the Laredo Millennium Properties, Ltd., due to double payment. Both the title company and the previous owner paid the 2001 tax. Account #979-20004-060.
- j. A refund in the amount of \$775.61 payable to the Laredo Millennium Properties, Ltd., due to a double payment. Both the title company and the previous owner paid the 2001 tax. Account #979-20004-050.
- k. A refund in the amount of \$799.81 payable to Juan Miguel Lerma due to a double payment. Both the mortgage company and the title company paid the 2000 tax. Account #923-00026-507.
- l. A refund in the amount of \$814.46 payable to Armandina Q. Cruz due to a double payment. The taxpayer paid the 2002 tax year twice. Account #105-00247-070.
- m. A refund in the amount of \$1,931.15 payable to Esteban Alejo due to a Webb County Appraisal change of value certified by the Appraisal Review Board. Personal Property did not exist on the 1st of the year. Supp 2, Cause #2002-449,450,451. Account #800-01000-240.
- n. A refund in the amount of \$831.37 payable to Jose Garcia Davalos, MD due to a Webb County Appraisal change of value certified by the Appraisal Review Board. Personal Property did not exist on the 1st of Year. Supp. 2, Cause #2002-463,464,465. Account #800-07000-151.
- o. A refund in the amount of \$881.14 payable to Mike Link. Mr. Link paid the taxes in error. He sold the property. Account #900-90381-005.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. 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 the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to award contract number FY03-009, to the low bidder, Human Resources, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$25,000.00 for providing temporary personnel services for the Noise Abatement Program. Contract personnel will be secured on as needed basis during the fiscal year. Funding is available in the Municipal Housing Corporation budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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. Amaya
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XVII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Authorizing the City Manager to award contract for dispatch and scheduling software to Trapeze Software Group for \$76,600.00. This software will provide the City Of Laredo with the premier demand response scheduling system for the Laredo Metro, Inc. - El Lift operations.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Presentation and recommendation for the selection of a management company for El Metro Transit System, with possible action.

Motion to approve the selection of First Transit.

Moved: Cm. Belmares
Second: Cm. Galo
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 3
Cm. Agredano
Cm. Amaya
Cm. Ramirez

XVIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

**City of Laredo
City Council Meeting
1110 Houston
November 18, 2002
Supplemental Agenda**

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- a. Recognition of Irene Moreno Ovalle, Volleyball Coach of Alexander High School on her accomplishments in winning 5 District Championships. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Hector Garcia, Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr., and Council Member Gene Belmares.)

Mayor Flores presented a Seven Flags Certificate of Appreciation to Coach Ovalle for her outstanding coaching skills that enabled her team to win five district championships.

II. Introductory Ordinance

1. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary document to grant an easement and right-of-way of a parcel of land containing 910 square feet and another parcel of land containing 1,268 square feet, more or less, to AEP Central Power and Light Company, for the installation of certain electrical Said easement 910 sq. ft. and 1,268 sq. ft. tract of land being situated within the City of Laredo's "Jefferson Street" Water Treatment Plant in Webb County Texas; being generally described below, and more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", and providing for an effective date. (This item replaces item # 27 on regular City Council Agenda.)

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
p.m.

Time: 9:30

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 29 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on November 18, 2002.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary