

CITY OF LAREDO

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2002-R-016
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 19, 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 Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

In attendance:

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

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tempore, District I
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,
Jaime Flores,

City Secretary
City Manager
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. Garcia.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 15, 2002, July 29, 2002, August 8, 2002 and August 12, 2002.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

Cm. Galo offered his condolences to the families of Margaret Peterson and Daniel Wyers for their losses.

Communiqués

- a. Proclamation recognizing the affiliation between the City of Laredo, Texas and Zixing, Hunan Province, People's Republic of China, as sister cities.

Mayor Flores and Council Members recognized the affiliation between the City of Laredo and the City of Zixing, Hunan Province, China as a sister city. The following officials were present:

Huang Xiang E
Wang Dong
Zhu Chengwang

Mayor, People's Government of Zixing
Vice-Mayor, People's Government of Zixing
Foreign Trade and Economic Bureau Director

Invitation

None.

Recognitions

- a. Recognition of Connie de los Reyes for placing 1st runner up and Jeff Michael Banda for placing third runner-up at the GI Forum's 54th National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mayor Flores presented Connie de los Reyes and Jeff M. Banda with a Certificate of Recognition for placing 1st runner-up and 3rd runner-up, respectively, at the speech competition during the GI Forum's National Convention.

- b. Recognition of Romeo R. Macias for being selected one of the top 10 Hispanic Scholars in the country.

Mayor Flores presented Romeo R. Macias with a Certificate of Recognition for his high academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, and community service.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Land Development Code to provide for permitted use in M-1 and M-2 Zones for sexually oriented businesses subject to the conditions specified in sections 24.65.15 and 24.65.16; to amend the Section 24.63.2 in order to delete references on pages IV-14, IV-15, and IV-28 to any kind of sexually oriented businesses; to amend Section 24.62.5 by deleting reference to sexually oriented businesses; to delete Section 24.93.1(b) which mentioned sexually oriented businesses; to delete Section 24.93.7 pertaining to special subsections 34.93.71 to 24.93.28 inclusive , dealing with licensing and regulation of sexually oriented businesses; providing for publication; and providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning Director, stated that they are taking the provisions that currently exist in the ordinances for a special use permit for a sexually oriented business and establishing it as a standard condition and a clearly expressed provision of the ordinance.

He further stated that they are adding a provision that the Board of Adjustment shall have no authority to grant any variance to location criteria and providing for signage.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance adding Chapter 18A to the Code of Ordinances to provide for the regulation and licensing of sexually oriented businesses; to provide for definitions; to provide for classification of said businesses; to provide for an annual licensing fee; to provide for Police Chief as the enforcement authority in granting, refusing, suspending or revoking licenses; to provide for appeal to the City Manager from adverse decision of the enforcement officer; to provide penalties for violation; providing for publication and effective date.

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. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

2001-2002 annual budget in the amount of \$92,866.00 for the Laredo Multi Agency Narcotics Task Force. Funding is available from the opening balance of the Narcotics Task Force Fund (224) and will be used to pay overtime and benefits for the period of September 3, 2002 through May 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. J. Valdez, Jr.
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

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

City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 9 and the west ½ of Lot 8, Block 1262, Eastern Division, located at 2218 Lyon Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Manuel Benavides, owner and developer, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Keith Selman, Planning Director, stated that from the 24 letters sent to the surrounding property owners, six voted in opposition and one voted in favor of the zone change.

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

Moved: Cm. Amaya
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4, Block 179, Eastern Division, located at 3518 and 3520 McDonnell Avenue from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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. 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. E. Valdez, Jr.
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: Abstain:

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

6. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning the R-3 (Mixed Residential District) designated portion of Lot 6, Kahn Subdivision, located at 9505 Mines Road, from R-3 (Mixed 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. 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. J. Valdez, Jr.
Second: Cm. Belmares
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

7. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 95-O-014 and authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit to R.C. Kahn Enterprises, Ltd. to revise the site plan of the existing manufactured housing park on Lot 6, Kahn Subdivision, located at 9505 Mines Road; providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the proposed Special Use Permit.

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. J. Valdez, Jr.
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

8. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, San Isidro Monarch Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 2445 Monarch Drive, from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential 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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Edward Garza spoke in favor of the zone change. He stated that they are proposing to develop a town home project on the site.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

9. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit to Vaquillas Windsor, Ltd. for town homes on Lot 1, Block 1, San Isidro Monarch Subdivision, Unit 1, located at 2445 Monarch Drive; providing for publication and effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the proposed Special Use Permit.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Edward Garza spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Belmares

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Belmares

10. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 687, Western Division, located at the 2300 block of Bruni Street, from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential 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. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

11. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 1215, Eastern Division, located at 2101 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential-Office 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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk spoke on behalf of the property owner, Ms. Martinez. He provided City Council with copies of letters from property owners in the area that support the proposed zone change. He stated that the property owner's intent is to take this residential property and remodel it into a variety of small office/retail spaces. He added that the owner is asking to amend her zoning request from a B-3 zoning designation to a B-1 for expanded commercial use.

Motion to close the public hearing and approve a zoning change to a B-1 designation.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

12. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning the east 13.89 feet of Lot 1, Lots 2 and 3, and the west 13.89 feet of Lot 4, Block 524, Eastern Division, located at 903 and 917 East Taylor Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial 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. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

R. L. Keilton spoke against the proposed zone change.

Ruben Cortinas requested a postponement.

Motion to postpone item for 30 days.

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the

City of Laredo by rezoning the north 50 feet of the north ½ of Lot 12, Block 307, Eastern Division, located at 2407 Cedar Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial 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: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Rene Bernardini, property owner, is asking for a place to park the trucks overnight.

Jesus Cantu spoke against the proposed zone change. He mentioned that there is daily traffic of school age children walking through O'Kane to Buenos Aires Elementary.

Motion to close the public hearing and allow as a conditional use permit with a restriction as to the hours of operations and the clean-up process of hazardous material.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 6

Against: 1

Cm. Agredano

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

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

contract with the Texas Department of Health by extending the grant period for the Mi Futuro (My Future) Abstinence Education Program of the City of Laredo Health Department from September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2002, to September 1, 2001, through September 30, 2002. No additional funds are involved.

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. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo 2001-2002 budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$17,430.00 from the Texas Department of Health for the Tuberculosis Community Health Worker-Promotora Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning June 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

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. Belmares

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

16. Public hearing and introductory amending the City of Laredo's FY 2001-2002 annual

budget in the amount of \$509,614.00 to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force. The Governor's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority will be designating

\$399,292.00, the City will be designating \$78,858.00 in matching funds, and Webb County will be designating \$31,464.00 for a total of \$509,614.00 for a one year funding period program beginning September 1, 2002 through August 31, 2003.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

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. Belmares

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cm. Ramirez not present.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

17. Authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey

fee simple title to the "Surface Only" at its combined adjusted market value of \$4,848.00, for certain properties described as follows to their respective abutting property owners and providing for an effective date.

Parcel A - consisting of a 900.32 sq. ft. parcel of land, more or less, to Jesus Villanueva Blanco, Petra Vega de Villanueva, Jesus Villanueva Vega and Francisco Villanueva Vega at its total adjusted market value of \$2,094.00; said parcel being out that former section of Malinche Avenue between Pecan and San Salvador Streets; being described on attached Exhibit "A";

Parcel B – consisting of a 1,140.27 sq. ft. parcel of land, more or less, to Cesar Santos at its local adjusted market value of \$2,754.00; said parcel being out of that former section of Malinche Avenue between Pecan and San Salvador Streets; being described on attached Exhibit "B"; said parcels being situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final readings of Ordinance # 2002-O-181; # 2002-O-182 ; # 2002-O-183; # 2002-O-184; # 2002-O-185; # 2002-O-186; # 2002-O-187 ; # 2002-O-188 ; #2002-O

189; # 2002-O-190; # 2002-O-191; # 2002-O-192; # 2002-O-193; # 2002-O-194; # 2002-O-195; # 2002-O-196; # 2002-O-197; # 2002-O-198; # 2002-O-199; # 2002-O-200; # 2002-O-201; # 2002-O-202; # 2002-O-203; # 2002-O-204; # 2002-O-205; and #2002-O-208.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 2002-O-181 Accepting and appropriating a grant awarded by the U.S.

Environmental

Protection Agency in the amount of \$138,767.00 with the City of Laredo designating \$46,192.00 as a local match and amending the City of Laredo's FY 2001-2002 NPDES Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures. The grant monies will be used for the Chacon Creek Restoration Project from HWY 359 South to the Rio Grande River.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-181.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-182 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the Calle Iturbide Project, also known as the Streets of Laredo Urban Mall, to execute all related documentation and to amend the City of Laredo FY 2001-2002 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,450,000.00, which includes previously budgeted CDBG funds of \$450,000.00 used as program match.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-182.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-183 Amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Recreation Fund annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount

of \$5,800.00 for the administration of recreation programs and authorizing

the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. Excess funds are

available from the collection of fees from classes and lessons over

Fiscal

Year 2001-2002 budgeted revenues.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-183.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

by 2002-O-184 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute all documentation

increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$1,350,586.00 in direct funds and \$227,690.00 in program income from the Texas Department of Health for nine grants: La Familia Health Care Program, Tuberculosis Elimination Program, Immunization Action Plan Project, Office of Public Health Practice, Hepatitis C Screening Project, Maternal and Child (and Dental) Health Program, Family Planning Services, and the

Laredo Obesity Prevention and Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003, and amending the City of Laredo FY 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$112,548.00 for the period beginning

September

1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. The remaining grant award in the amount of \$1,238,037.00 will be executed in Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-184.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002 2002-O-185 Authorizing the City Manager to amend and appropriate the FY 2001-

annual operating budget by accepting the donation of \$2,350.00 from State

Farm Insurance Company for the purchase of one (1) 911 bilingual emergency simulator. This 911 bilingual emergency simulator will be used

to train school children in fire safety, an educational program that the Laredo Fire department promotes in the Laredo community.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-185.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

annual 2002-O-186 Amending the City of Laredo's Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Colonias Fund

budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of

\$6,231.450.00. The Border Environmental Infrastructure Fund through the North American Development Bank is granting said amount to the City of Laredo for construction in support of improvements to water and wastewater services to 15 colonias in the City of Laredo and Webb County.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-186.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-187 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.9237 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A" located west of McPherson Road and south of Ranchway Drive from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-187.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-188 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a tire sales and repair business on Lot 1, Block 806, Eastern Division, located at 402 South Meadow Avenue; providing for publication and effective date. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-188.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-189 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the storage and handling of used batteries on 2.5537 acres, known as the Tex West Plat, located at 1830 Tex-Mex Drive; providing for publication and effective date. (As Amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-189.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-190 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.528 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located east of Mines Road and south of San Lorenzo Drive from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-190.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-191 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.7748 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located south of Masterson Road and west of Hwy 83, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-191.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-192 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.5976 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit "A", located north of Santa Martha Blvd. and west of Hwy 83 from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1MH (Single Family Manufactured Housing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-192.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-193 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 10.4024 acres, located west of Hwy 83 and north of Santa Fe Subdivision Unit V, from AG (Agricultural District) and R-3 (Mixed Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-193.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-194 Amending the Zoning Ordinance Map of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.1078 acres, located west of Hwy 83 and south of Cielito Lindo Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Commercial District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-194.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-195 Authorizing the City Manager to amend Ordinance 99-O-242 dated August 23, 1999, Establishing and Adopting Commercial Aircraft Landing Fees and Landing Fee Rates for the Laredo International Airport as follows: Section 2 is amended to include a non-signatory airline category and non-signatory landing fee of \$0.90 (ninety cents) per thousand pounds; Section 5 is deleted; Section 6 is amended to delete the requirement that the Airport shall first invoice the Airline to receive landing fee payments; Section 7 is amended so as to not exempt commercial airlines from paying a landing fee; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-195.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-196 Amending the City of Laredo's FY 2001-02 General Fund annual budget by appropriating expenditures in the amount of \$133,347.00, from the Building Security Fee collected by Municipal Court and 2000A CO annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$133,347.00, to provide underground electrical power to the new Municipal Court Building and re-route existing overhead primaries away from the new building, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-196.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-197 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Border Sporting Goods, Inc., for approximately 6,583 square feet constituting Building No. 190 located at 5207 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2007. Monthly rent shall be \$2,107.00 and will be adjusted

annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-197.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-198 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with International Total Services (I.T.S.) for approximately 198 square feet constituting Suite No. 208 located on the second (2nd) floor of the Airport Passenger Terminal Building at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2002 and ending on June 30, 2003. Monthly rent shall be \$300.00; providing for effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-198.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-199 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Nextel WIP Lease Corporation d/b/a Nextel Partners for approximately 12,713 square feet of land located at 1820 Pappas Street for the purpose of locating an antenna tower at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on September 1, 2002 and ending on August 31, 2007 and may be extended for four (4) terms of five (5) years each ending on August 31, 2012; August 31, 2017; August 31, 2022; and August 31, 2027. Annual base rent shall be \$8,400.00, payable in advance. The base rent shall be increased annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and further adjusted by fair market value appraisal on the 10th and 20th anniversaries; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-199.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-200 Approving a Foreign Trade Zone Operations Agreement with South Texas

Traffic Company as zone site operator covering 97,032 square feet of activated space, which includes 71,432 square feet of warehouse space and 25,600 square feet of trailer parking area located at 8501 Killam Industrial Blvd., Foreign Trade Zone Site 3 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement. Providing activation, administrative, and transaction fees to the City and providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-200.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-201 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Laredo Guardian Volunteers, Inc., as Lessee, authorized by Ordinance No. 2001-O-141 dated July 16, 2001, for the purpose of relocating Lessee to a larger office space effective September 1, 2002. Said amendment will amend, specifically, Section 1.01 titled "Leased Area," relocating Lessee from Suite No. 23 to Suite No. 26, and respectively increasing the leased area from 300 square feet to 480 square feet. Amending Section 1.04 titled "Rental Obligation," in order to increase the monthly rent from \$388.58 to \$624.00. Amending Section 4.08 titled "Notices" in order to change the mailing address. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-201.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-202 Establishing and adopting an Ordinance granting the City Manager authority

to enter into short term (not to exceed sixty (60) days) lease agreements with interested parties for use of Airport property and facilities located at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Ordinance; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-202.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-203 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease between the City of Laredo

Airport, as Lessor, and City of Laredo Municipal Court, as Lessee, for approximately 184,956 square feet of land located on Lot No. 1, Block No. 6 at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for forty (40) years commencing on October 1, 2002 and ending on September 30, 2042. Monthly rent shall be \$3,750.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and further adjusted by Fair Market Value Appraisal on the 10th, 20th, and 30th anniversaries; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-203.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-204 Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Lease

Agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Laredo Candle Company, L.P., as Lessee, authorized by Ordinance No. 2002-O-118 dated June 3, 2002 for the purpose of extending the lease term for an additional ninety (90) days effective July 19, 2002. Said Amendment will amend, specifically, Section 1.02 titled "Term", adding ninety (90) days commencing on July 19, 2002 and ending on October 18, 2002. Section 1.03 titled "Rental Obligation" is amended to reflect the rent obligation in the amount of \$11,500.00 per month commencing on July 19, 2002 and ending on October 18, 2002. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-204.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-205 Amending Ordinance 99-O-363 dated December 20, 1999 to include authorization for payment of monetary commission to Real Estate Agents whose efforts result in leasing airport office space and/or buildings; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-205.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2002-O-208 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Scheduled Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Transportes Aeromar, S.A. de C.V., as Lessee, for exclusive and non-exclusive joint use space located at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal for the purpose of conducting commercial air transportation services. Transportes Aeromar proposes to initially offer three (3) weekly round trip flights to Mexico City utilizing the 48 passenger ATR-42 aircraft; providing for an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-208.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

X. MOTIONS

19. Authorizing the award of a contract in the amount of \$75,878.00 to Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, Inc. for the Bus Rapid Transit Planning for Laredo, Texas. Funding is available through the Metropolitan Organization (MPO) account using Federal Planning Grant (PL 112).

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award contract number FY 02-126 to the low bidder, Trako Cleaning

Systems, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$54,591.00 for the purchase of a high pressure washer and wash water recycling system that will be installed at the Solid Waste Facility. The manual high-pressure washer will be used to clean the heavy equipment and refuse trucks at the landfill. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to award contract number FY 02-138 to the low bidder, Gulf Coast Paper

Company, Inc., Corpus Christi, TX, in the amount of \$67,500.00 for the purchase of 1.5 million plastic bags for use in the City's Recycling Program. The bid pricing is 8% less than the previous purchase amount. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to award contract number FY 02-139 to the low bidder, PCI Services, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$51,100.00 for the purchase and installation of a motor control unit at the Zacate Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to award contract number FY 02-063 to the sole bidder, Stalker Radar,

Plano, Texas, in the amount of \$39,540.00 for the purchase of twelve radar units. These will be installed on the motorcycles ordered. Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an extension agreement to the maintenance

service agreement between the City of Laredo and Transcore for the maintenance of the Bridge System Toll equipment. Maintenance agreement extension will be for one year starting the first day of October 2002 and will not exceed \$350,000.00. City of Laredo will have an option to renew for an additional year subject to satisfactory performance evaluations of TransCore service by the City.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an extension agreement to the lawn maintenance agreement between the City of Laredo and Hollywood Garden for the lawn maintenance of International Bridges III& IV. Maintenance agreement extension will be through the end of the fiscal year 2001-2002 and shall not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest bidder Ramos Industries,

Inc., Pasadena, Texas, for the streets of Laredo Urban Mall-EDA Project No., 08-01-03534 Iturbide Street Improvements from Flores Avenue to Juarez Avenue in the negotiated bid amount of \$1,186,328.00. Funding is available in the Streets of

Laredo EDA Grant and CDBG Funds. (Subject to approval of Final Reading of Ordinance 2002-O-182)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amount to be adjusted for the month of July 2002, represents an increase in levy of \$19,363.41. These adjustments are determined by Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

- a. A refund in the amount of \$1,035.89 payable to Maria Elena Morales due to double payment on the 2000 taxes. Wells Fargo & The Laredo National Bank both paid. Account #965-00002-004.
- b. A refund in the amount of \$703.40 payable to World Duty Free due to an over payment on the 2000 taxes. Account #900-90231-040.
- c. A refund in the amount of \$537.97 payable to People's due to a Webb County Appraisal District change of value certified by the Appraisal Review Board as a clerical error. Cause #2001-5798,5797.5796. Account #812-03000-524.
- d. A refund in the amount of \$561.59 payable to Dicex International due to a Webb County Appraisal District change of value certified by the Appraisal Review Board as a double assessment. Cause #2001-5858,5859. Acct. #801-06020-107.
- e. A refund in the amount of \$946.55 payable to Shirley K. Lawson due to a double payment by the Title Company and the Mortgage Company for the 2001 tax year. Account #945-00921-080.
- f. A refund in the amount of \$648.41 payable to UETA, Inc., #005, due to an over payment made for the 2000 tax year. Account #801-10000-085.
- g. A refund in the amount of \$789.78 payable to Wells Fargo, Attn: Esther Sisney, due to a double over payment made by the Title and Mortgage Companies. Account #965-21004-152.
- h. A refund in the amount of \$830.76 payable to Roberto B. Quintanilla due to a double overpayment by the homeowner and the mortgage company. Account #946-41000-010.

- i. A refund in the amount of \$586.33 payable to Transamerica, Refunds, due to a double overpayment on tax year 2001 made by the homeowner and the mortgage company. Account #970-00004-091.
- j. A refund in the amount of \$1,218.41 payable to Transamerica, Refunds, due to a double overpayment by the Title Company and the Mortgage Company for tax year 2001. Account #985-00003-210.
- k. A refund in the amount of \$534.00 payable to Transamerica, Refunds, due to a double overpayment by the Homeowner and the Mortgage Company for the tax year 2000. Account #969-00004-440.
- l. A refund in the amount of \$560.85 payable to Transamerica, Refunds, due to a double overpayment by the Homeowner and the Mortgage Company for the 1999 tax year. Account #970-00007-180.
- m. A refund in the amount of \$1,288.57 payable to Ike and Oksoon Choi due to a double overpayment for two years by the Homeowner and the Mortgage Company. Account #970-20002-310.
- n. A refund in the amount of \$804.54 payable to First Nationwide Mortgage Corp. due to payment on the incorrect parcel. The account that should have been paid is 965-20010-039 and not 965-20010-011.
- o. A refund in the amount of \$526.27 payable to Fernando Zuniga III, due to a double overpayment by the homeowner and the mortgage company for the year 2001. Account #909-00046-200.
- p. A refund in the amount of \$1,416.75 payable to Paul K. Tran due to a double overpayment by the Title Company and the Mortgage Company for the tax year 2001. Account #985-00013-030.
- q. A refund in the amount of \$646.96 payable to Mario Novoa, III., due to a double overpayment by the owner and the Mortgage Company for the tax year 2001. Account #970-60020-060.
- r. A refund in the amount of \$1,258.99 payable to Falcon National Bank due to a double payment. Both Falcon Bank and Homeowner paid. Acct. #934-00001-010.
- s. A refund in the amount of \$568.81 payable to Mary Nell Sanchez due to a double overpayment by Title and Mortgage Companies for tax year 2001. Account #980-50001-240.
- t. A refund in the amount of \$543.76 payable to J. A. Antonio & Cristina Yarza due to a double over payment by Mortgage Bank and Homeowner for the tax year 1998. Account #946-50002-330.
- u. A refund in the amount of \$702.23 payable to International Bank of Commerce at McAllen, Attn: Cristina Martinez, due to a double overpayment made by the Title and Mortgage Company for the tax year 2001. Acct. #980-70003-020.
- v. A refund in the amount of \$545.22 payable to Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service, Loan #54821626-6 due to a double overpayment for tax year 1998 by the Title Company and Homeowner. Account #969-50004-190.
- w. A refund in the amount of \$1,988.72 payable to Transamerica, Refunds, due to a double

overpayment by the Title and Mortgage Company for tax year 2001. Account #985-20005-100.

- x. A refund in the amount of \$2,762.45 payable to Royal Joint Venture due to payments made in error. They do not own this property.
- y. A refund in the amount of \$2,246.53 payable to Transamerica Refunds due to a payment made in error on behalf of Chase Manhattan. Account #900-00641-064.
- z. A refund in the amount of \$813.88 payable to Odilia G. Gutierrez due to a double overpayment made by the Title and Mortgage Companies for the tax year 2001. Account #945-00932-220.
- aa. A refund in the amount of \$1,313.81 payable to Jose Enrique and Susana Arriaga, due to an over payment by homeowner and the mortgage company for the tax year 2001. Account #985-00003-130.
- bb. A refund in the amount of \$597.86 payable to International Bank of Commerce due to a double overpayment made by the Title and Mortgage Companies on tax year 2001. Account #980-80003-010.
- cc. A refund in the amount of \$502.24 payable to Wells Fargo, Loan #4411294-4 due to a double overpayment by Title and Mortgage Company for tax year 2001. Account #938-20002-670.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 29. Execute a contract to Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., Pharr, Texas not to exceed \$60,000.00 to include project management services for the water and wastewater portions of the City of Laredo Colonias Project funded by the North American Development Bank (NADB). The funding has already been authorized by the NADB for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. Funding is available in the NADB Project Loan.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 30. Award a contract to Arcadis, Laredo, Texas for \$406,419.00 to design the Colonias Mines Road Wastewater Collection System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. This project is funded by the North American Development Bank (NADB). Funds are available in the Project Engineer Fees.

Cm. Galo stated that there is an unanswered question regarding the definition of a Form 5 and whether it was completed properly. He wants to make sure that the City follows up with established procedure.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Award a contract to Crane Engineering, Corp., Laredo, Texas for \$169,446.60 to design the 16" water line extension along Hwy 359 from the existing South Laredo Elevated Storage Tank to the Colonia Los Tanquecitos. This project is funded by the North American Development Bank (NADB). Funds are available in the Project Engineer Fees.

Motion to postpone.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Execute a contract to Turner Collie & Braden, Inc., Pharr, Texas for \$64,600.00 for water and \$51,700.00 for wastewater to include Project Management Services during construction for the City of Laredo Colonias TWDB-EDAP Project funded by the Texas Water Development Board. The funding has already been authorized by City Council through the General Agreement between the City and the TWDB.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Authorization to advertise the Invitation to Bid for State Highway 359 Work Order No.

4 Water Transmission Line Extension Project City of Laredo, Texas under the City of Laredo Texas Water Development Board EDAP Project. Advertisement for the Invitation to Bid to be published on Sunday, August 25, 2002 and Sunday, September 1, 2000 in the Laredo Morning Times and San Antonio Express News. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on September 4, 2002 followed by the Bid Opening on September 18, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. at the City of Laredo City Secretary's Office.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to approve a contract with Washington's Birthday Celebration Museum

of Laredo, Texas, to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Museum located at 900 Zaragoza Street, Suite 100, which displays items commemorating and promoting Laredo's oldest and largest celebration. The City of Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau will also operate the venue as an Information Center.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. In accordance with Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Charter of the City of Laredo referring the proposed City of Laredo Comprehensive Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission and requiring a report from the Planning and Zoning Commission on any recommendations to be brought back before the City Council no later than September 30, 2002.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Authorizing the City Manager to proceed in utilizing project savings from various Public Property Financial Contractual Obligation (P.P.F.C.O.) Bonds, Contractual Obligation Bonds, General Obligations Bonds and the Capital Improvement Fund totaling \$1,176,585.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. STAFF REPORTS

37. Presentation by staff and the City's consultant, Montgomery Watson Harza Americas, Inc. ("MWH") regarding the recommendation of an option to pursue as a secondary water supply.

Beto Ramirez, Interim Utilities Director, reported that on July 1, 2002, the City Council approved by resolution to extend the Advanced Authorization to Proceed for 60 days to identify options for the City of Laredo. The four options to be evaluated include:

- 1) to reduce the upfront costs of the project;
- 2) to provide expandability through staging of options;
- 3) to provide a long-term plan for securing said staging;

4) to provide a basis for comparison of alternatives.

He added that on August 12, 2002, the staff of Montgomery Watson Harza made a presentation to the Water Issues Committee. From that presentation came one recommendation which will now be presented to City Council.

Wayne Hunter of Montgomery Watson Harza provide a brief overview of the recommended project discussed at the Water Issues Committee. He stated that their objective is to establish a phased alternative to the original proposal that reduces initial capital cost and reduces the potential for raising water rates.

He stated that the recommended project consists of a phased project. The first phase is a 2.5 MGD Laredo groundwater and the intent is to provide a project closer to town, roughly 8 miles north of town through an 8-mile pipeline, a reverse osmosis water treatment plant with a 2.5 MGD capacity; and a local wellfield for that. He added that this project would be potentially expandable; one way being considered was to extend that pipeline further 35 miles to a north groundwater site that might deliver 5 MGD and 2.5 MGD which would collectively provide 10 MGD through a phased approach. He mentioned that Stage One has a construction cost of \$23.6 million and by deferring the long pipeline to Stage Two it would be deferred by \$27.5 million and the subsequent \$3.1 million. The recommended project also compares favorably to the construction costs under the original proposal. The project can be implemented in just under two years. The basis for the recommended project would be to reduce the initial capital costs and develop an alternative that approaches half of the original costs. This option also can be implemented quickly and is readily expandable.

Cm. Galo inquired as to the minimum requirements needed to pressurize the system in case of a catastrophe.

Beto Ramirez stated that if the City were under Stage Five, which requires the strictest conservation efforts, the staff calculation provides for a minimum requirement of 9.7 MGD. Without application of the conservation efforts, the supply required by the City would be about 14.1 MGD.

Cm. Galo mentioned that the Water Issues Committee talked about the potential system revenues to be created from this project and inquired as to anticipated savings from other projects in order to maintain the current water rates.

Beto Ramirez stated that they have had positive responses from developers. There is interest generated in the area of secondary water and they would like to set up meetings to discuss more about what direction this secondary water source project is taking.

Cm. Belmares inquired as to how the City is planning to finance the \$54.2 million currently shown.

Beto Ramirez mentioned that the water availability fees could be applied. He reported that there is a \$2 million dollar revenue stream coming from the water

availability fund. In addition, the City also has some savings from the privatization venture. They would also look as to how much revenues this new water source would produce.

Cm. Belmares inquired whether the City has enough to sustain the annual operations and maintenance on this project under the current rate.

Beto Ramirez replied that the City should have the funding availability. He stated that he will make sure they review this with their financial advisor and with staff before they come forward with any definite answers. He will make certain that there is nothing in the horizon, in terms of raising water rates, for a project that the City does not intend to raise water rates for.

38. Presentation by the Traffic Safety Department regarding traffic flow improvements that

have been implemented on Calton Road to address traffic congestion at the intersection of Calton Road and Yeary Avenue, with possible action.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, made a presentation to show the efforts being made to improve the traffic flow on Calton Road and Yeary Avenue. He stated that the traffic study on Calton Road was conducted during one of the worst peak hours which is during the lunch hour between 12:30 p.m and 1:30 p.m. They also conducted a study of Yeary Avenue where the traffic was backing up southbound. He added that traffic there tends to flow in the same direction because of all the commercial space around the area. He provided a history of how this traffic study was initiated. Former Cm. Guerra asked that the department look into converting that road as a northbound. On August 6, 2001, City Council approved the ordinance to remove trucks from Calton Road which made them think about other options. They completely removed all truck traffic some time in November and they were then able to install the signs and implement the ordinance. Some improvements recommended at that time were to accommodate a left-turn lane going westbound under IH-35. He stated that they were able to do that around December, 2001. They became aware that by making some timing modifications at Calton Road and Yeary they could reduce the congestion and traffic could flow easier along Yeary Avenue. In regards to the original request to make that road a northbound road, that is a viable option as it would reduce the congestion. However, some of the disadvantages would be that it would increase the trip length for motorists that utilize that road because they would have to go around the neighborhood. The other issue would be the traffic that would be generated if they would divert the traffic some other way. He provided some traffic counts for both northbound and southbound traffic. By making the traffic flow in one direction, that would divert all the additional traffic onto San Francisco Avenue. He mentioned that TxDOT has taken over the signals and they have made some timing changes on that intersection. He observed the traffic flow on Yeary Avenue last night and he stated that traffic is a lot better. He mentioned that they are still implementing changes and they are continuing to monitor the traffic flow at that location. Now, they are planning to incorporate San Francisco Avenue into the whole project and implement those changes into their system.

Mayor Flores suggested that his department take some additional photographs now that school is back in session and there is a lot more traffic on the streets to see if these changes are working out.

Cm. Ramirez inquired whether it is possible to widen Yeary Avenue on the east side.

Roberto Murillo replied that it might be easier to obtain the right-of-way on the west side but they would need to survey the area.

XII. 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.

XIII. RECESS AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY WATER LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as the Laredo City Water Local Government Corporation.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. 2002-RW-006 Authorizing the President of the Laredo City Water Local Government

Corporation ("LWC") to execute a third amendment to the Advanced Authorization To Proceed Agreement ("AATP") with MWH Americas, Inc. by extending it for thirty (30) days for the purpose of finalizing the terms of the Secondary Water Supply System Design-Build Service Agreement.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. 2002-RW-007 Authorizing the president of the Laredo City Water Local Government

Corporation ("LWC") to execute a Secondary Water Supply system Design-Build Service Agreement with Montgomery Watson Harza Americas, Inc.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Ramirez
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo City Water Government Corporation and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M-2002-S-07
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
AUGUST 19, 2002**

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

I. RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of the American Little League All Stars (District 34 Champs) for advancing to the Section 4 – State Tournament. (Co-sponsored by Mayor Pro Tempore Alfredo Agredano and Council Member Johnny Amaya)

Mayor Flores presented a Certificate of Recognition to the players for their dedication to the sport and for advancing to the Section 4 - State Tournament.

II. MOTIONS

Motion for reconsideration to set a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.630534 with a Maintenance and Operation rate of \$0.484758/\$100 value and an Interest in Sinking Fund rate of \$0.145776/\$100 value, to take place on September 3, 2002, at 5:30 p.m., City of Laredo Council Chambers, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas. (Co-sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alfredo Agredano, Council Member Johnny Amaya, Council Member Juan Ramirez)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 28 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on August 19, 2002.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary