

**CITY OF LAREDO**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2002-SC-009  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JULY 29, 2002  
12:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

In attendance:

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

Mayor  
Council Member, District II  
Council Member, District

III

Johnny Amaya,

Council Member, District

IV

Gene Belmares,  
Juan Ramirez,

Council Member, District VI  
Council Member, District

VIII

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

City Secretary  
City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney

Motion to excuse Cm. E. Valdez, Jr., Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. and Mayor Pro Tempore Agredano.

Moved: Cm. Amaya  
Second: Cm. Ramirez  
For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 2002 1. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$16,544.00 by increasing the Texas Department of Health's share of program income and expenditures for the Immunization Action Plan Project budget of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2002.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance amending the City of Laredo 2001-2002 budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 by increasing the Texas Department of Health's share of program income and expenditures for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program budget of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period of September 1, 2001, through August 31, 2002.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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#### **IV. FINAL READING**

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinance #2002-O-171.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

3. 2002-O-171 Appointing one or more persons as Associate Municipal Judge (s) for the

Municipal Court of the City of Laredo for a limit of two (2) years; amending the City of Laredo approved positions to provide for the positions of the persons appointed; and providing for an effective date. (As amended)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2002-O-171.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## V. STAFF REPORT

### 4. Submission of the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Proposed Annual Budget as per City Charter

Article VI, Section 6.02, Submission of Budget, which states that "Sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year, or any time before that, the City Manager shall present to the Council, in an open public meeting, after proper public notice, and having been placed on the Council meeting agenda, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying message," and discussion related to the current and proposed budget.

Larry Dovalina, City Manager, made a presentation before the Council.

Veronica Urbano, Acting Budget Director, gave a brief overview of the budget process.

<b>Reduction to deficit:</b>	<b>(5,260,866)</b>
Funded the match for COPS Grants (54 officers) from Police Trust Fund	529,741
Overtime reduce to 50% except police and fire	185,801
Reduced Operational line items to a zero percent growth	832,827
Transfer Creek Cleaning Crews to Solid Waste	428,347
Initial reduction from various departments	358,702
Freeze all vacant position for the first quarter	235,647
Review of Revenues	248,776
<b>Total deficit being proposed to be funded by tax increase</b>	<b>(2,441,025)</b>

### Proposed new items for FY2002-2003

	<b>General Fund Only</b>	<b>All Funds</b>
31 Police Officer transferred from COPS Universal Program and EI Protector	\$1,038,758	
33 New Firefighters	\$ 1,488,729	
Approved New positions	\$ 139,391	\$ 254,446
20% Health Insurance increase	\$ 813,227	\$ 1,267,476
2.8 COLA	\$ 362,705	\$ 1,408,963
Merit	\$ 264,744	\$ 622,915
New Municipal Court	\$ 342,218	

Other department request \$ 811,094

**Total \$5,260,866**

Bridge Short Fall \$ 2,025,474

Impact on General Fund \$ 1,012,737

Approximately 96 vehicles from Utilities will be used to start a Motor Pool Program.

	Operating Expense	Capital Experience	Total Appropriation
FY 2001-2002	\$274,649,355	\$ 59,437,501	
	\$334,086,856		
FY Proposed for 2002-2003	\$282,492,818	\$ 24,418,108	
	\$306,910,926		
Difference	\$ 7,843,463	\$ (35,019,393)	\$(27,175,930)

Larry Dovalina stated that the General Fund Balance for the end of the fiscal year is \$13,451,415.00.

The Mayor acknowledged that the submission of the Fiscal year 2002-2003 Proposed Annual Budget was presented to the Council in an open public meeting.

## VI. 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.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Time: 12:45

Moved: Cm. Amaya

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I, Gustavo Guevara, Jr., City Secretary, do hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 04 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting held on July 1, 2002.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.

City Secretary