

CITY OF LAREDO  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2000-R-01  
LAREDO HOUSING AUTHORITY  
COLONIA GUADALUPE  
2000 SAN FRANCISCO AVENUE  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JANUARY 3, 2000  
5:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE

Elizabeth G. Flores,	Mayor
Alfredo Agredano,	Councilmember, District I
John C. Galo,	Councilmember, District III
Cecilia May Moreno,	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,	Councilmember, District V
Joe A. Guerra,	Councilmember, District VI
Mario G. Alvarado,	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Larry Dovalina,	Acting City Manager
Cindy Collazo,	Acting City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Louis H. Bruni due to illness.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

Mayor Flores asked for a moment of silence in memory of Rodolfo Javier Gonzalez and Alfonso Orneles, Jr. Mr. Gonzalez was the Department of Public Works Supervisor, and a city employee since 1970. He passed away January 3, 2000. Mr. Ornelas served on the City of Laredo Appeals & Grievance Committee for one year. He passed away January 1, 2000.

## Invitations

Mayor Flores invited Councilman Galo to accompany her to San Antonio to meet with the Mayor of that city, the Honorable Howard Peek. The main objective of their proposed meeting would be to discuss the Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition and related subjects.

Furthermore, Mayor Flores invited the members of the City Council to attend the Senate State Affairs Committee Meeting and the Senate Border Affairs Committee. Both will be held at the Texas A & M University International.

Finally, Mayor Flores invited the Council to attend a reception in honor of Senator Florence Shapiro, leader of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

## Recognitions

Cm. Agredano presented a plaque of recognition to the Parks & Recreation Department for their support of District I Scholarship Fund.

### a. Recognition of City Staff.

Mayor Flores thanked the City of Laredo Y2K Emergency Response Team Members for making Y2K a non-issue for the City.

### b. Recognition of District IV residents by Council Member Cecilia May Moreno.

Cm. Moreno congratulated Abraham Rodriguez, Laredo Housing Authority Director, on his outstanding achievement at being recognized by the Federal Government for his job excellence and service to our community.

Cm. Moreno also recognized Jose Cerda and Elda Lopez two recipients of assistance from Mr. Rodriguez's department. They have recently received their Bachelor's Degrees from the University.

Finally, Cm. Moreno recognized Resident Council Officers

from three Colonias. They are as follows: Patricia Negrete, Laura Garza, Norma Perez, Rebecca Robles, Maria R. Lopez, Raquel Martinez, Patricia Morales, Erminia Molina, Lupita Venegas, Rosa I. Castaneda, Martha Castro and Myrna P. Zapata.

## VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Confirming Council Member Cecilia May Moreno's appointment of Patricia Tijerina to the Laredo Women's Commission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

- b. Confirming Council Member Mario G. Alvarado's appointment of Jerry Elizondo to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing amending the 1999-2000 budget in the amount of \$2,000 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The funding source for this project is the Texas Health Foundation and it has been assigned a budget number 226-6101.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the 1999-2000 budget in the amount of \$2,000 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The funding source for this project is the Texas Health Foundation and it has been assigned a budget number 226-6101.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7                      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing concerning an application by Laredo Ready Mix, amending Ordinance No. 95-O-100 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a concrete batch plant on 5.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of Hwy 83 and north of Masterson Road, by renewing the term of the Conditional Use Permit until April 15, 2002. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 95-O-100 authorizing the issuance of Conditional Use Permit for a concrete batch plant on 5.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of Hwy 83 and north of Masterson Road, by renewing the term of the Conditional Use Permit until April 15, 2002.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of David Richter and Mr. Garcia, spoke in favor of approval of a Continuing Use Permit renewal.

Jesus Ponce, concerned citizen, spoke on the hazards of cement debris along the river. He stated that frequent inspections should be required insuring compliance of the City's ordinances.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce approval of Conditional Use Permit for two years.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

3. Public hearing concerning an application by Ricardo Paredes, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 22, Moreno Addition, located at 1417 Harding Avenue from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (HighwayCommercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a welding shop. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 22, Moreno Addition, located at 1417 Harding Avenue from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing Mr. Ricardo Paredes, spoke in favor of a Conditional Use Permit for a welding shop.

Mr. Paredes, applicant, asked that he be granted the Conditional Use Permit in order to operate his welding shop.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the Conditional Use Permit with the following restrictions:

1.) Parking of vehicles will be restricted to the site; No parking will be allowed on the public right-of-way adjacent to the site. 2.) The Conditional Use Permit will be issued for a period not to exceed three years. 3.) The welding shall be done within an enclosed structure that provides shielding of sparks and welding light from public view. 4.) The hours of the welding shop activity shall be restricted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. 5.) No recharging of welding tanks shall be permitted at this site. 6.) Provide a seven (7) ft. opaque wall from the residence to the rear of the property on all sides.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

4. Public hearing designating as a one-way northbound that section of Santa Rita Avenue Block Number of 1500 through 3100 between Benavides Street and Blair Street which includes providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the designated direction and providing for publication and effective date.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance designating as a one-way northbound that section of Santa Rita Avenue Block Number of 1500 through 3100 between Benavides Street and Blair Street which includes providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the designated direction and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

No public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

5. Public hearing designating as a two-way north and south bound that section of Juarez Avenue, Block Number 1000 between Victoria Street on the south and Washington Street on the north, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate two-way traffic in both north and south directions and providing for publication and effective date.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance designating as a two-way north and south bound that section of Juarez Avenue, Block Number 1000 between Victoria Street on the south and Washington Street on the north, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate two-way traffic in both north and south directions and providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

No public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

## VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### 6. A. Request by Council Member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the progress by the City in acquiring jet service with possible action.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

### B. Request by Council Member John C. Galo

1. Status report on 1704 Lane with possible action.

Cindy Collazo, Acting City Manager, and Benny Salinas, Building Director, reported that a citation was issued to the property owner and a court hearing was pending. At the hearing, Mr. Salinas will ask the property owner to remove the mobile home or comply with the city requirements.

2. Status report of Chacon Creek Project (Clean-up & Land acquisition) with possible action.

Erasmus Villarreal, Community Development Director, reported that his department is working diligently on acquiring the 20 acres approved by the City Council. He stated several problems such as encroachments, ownership discrepancies and other legalities are delaying the project.

3. Discussion with possible action to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to waive the dumping fees for Lake Casa Blanca State Park in exchange for services.

Mr. Henry Leal, representing Texas Department of Parks & Wildlife, requested a ontract with the City to waive the dumping fees for Lake Casa Blanca State Park. He stated that Lake Casa Blanca State Park waives all entrance fees for the City's Parks & Recreation Department's "Kid's Fishing Derby".

Motion to instruct staff to enter into a contract with the Texas Parks & Wildlife for the exchange of these fees.

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

C. Request by Council Member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Discussion on traffic signal funding for the intersection of FM 1472 and Muller Boulevard, with possible action.

Robert Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that signal warrant analysis for the intersection of FM 1472 and Muller Boulevard are currently underway.

He added that traffic signal warrant analysis that are in process are as follows:

McPherson Rd. and Wyoming Ave.  
McPherson Rd. and Commerce Ave.  
Jefferson & San Francisco  
Springfield Ave and Mayberry  
Hillside Road and San Francisco Ave.  
Big Bend & F M 1472 (Mines Rd.)  
Country Club & Del Mar Blvd.  
Calton Rd. and Haynes  
Springfield Ave. and Village Blvd.

Cm. Alvarado called for a letter to be sent to the United Independent School District Board expressing the Council's grave concerns about the traffic light that is needed at F M 1472 and Muller Boulevard. He acknowledged the



importance of notifying United Independent School District Board of the City's exact stipulations regarding the light.

2. Status report on Mines Road Task Force activities and/or recommendations for traffic control on FM 1742, with possible action.

Luis Landin, Traffic Director, reported that Texas Department of Transportation, Zachary Construction and the city's Traffic Department meet weekly to discuss ways to deter traffic congestion on Mines Road. He stated that the Police Department monitors Mines Road and are quick in preventing problematic traffic congestion.

## IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Roberto Villasenor for approximately 960 square feet constituting Building No. 1319 located at 4011 North Jarvis Avenue. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on December 1, 1999 and ending on November 30, 2000 and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending on November 30, 2001 and November 30, 2002. Monthly rent shall be \$300 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Current monthly rent is \$295.02.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with LaBaTa Services for approximately 416 square feet constituting Building No. 168 located at 5103 Maher Avenue. Lease term is for three (3) years commencing on December 1, 1999, and ending on November 30, 2002, and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending November 30, 2003, and November 30, 2004. Monthly rent shall be \$450.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Previous tenant was DynAir, Inc., paying \$500.00 per month.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a Non-Exclusive Revocable License with Autophone of Laredo, Inc., for the installation of radio communications equipment atop the beacon tower located at 4419 North Bartlett Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for

three (3) years commencing on November 1, 1999 and ending on October 31, 2002. Monthly rent shall be:

1. \$250.00 from January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2000, and
2. \$270.00 from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001, and
3. \$290.00 from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

Current monthly rent is \$230.15. License may be terminated by either party upon giving a sixty (60) day written notice.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Internet Available: <http://www.cityoflaredo.com>

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances #2000-O-001, #2000-O-002; #2000-O-003; #2000-O-004; #2000-O-005, #2000-O-006; #2000-O-007; #2000-O-008 and #2000-O-009.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

10. 2000-O-001 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a minor repairmechanic and oil change shop on Lot 10, Block 1625, Eastern Division located at 2710 Barrios Street. (Alfredo Agredano)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 2000-O-002 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7                      Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-003 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a mini-storage facility on 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road. (Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7            Against: 0            Abstain: 0

2000-O-004 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance Conditional Use Permit for a child day care center on Lot 7, Block 738, Eastern Division, located at 1306 Reynolds Street. (Cecilia May Moreno)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7            Against: 0            Abstain: 0

2000-O-005 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the east 2/3 of Lot 5, Block 972, Eastern Division, located at 1820 East Frost Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). (Cecilia May Moreno)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7    Against: 0            Abstain: 0

2000-O-006 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.7088 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the east side of McPherson Road and north of Shiloh Drive from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7                      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

2000-O-007 Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$74,409 for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 2000, through January 31, 2001. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7                      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

2000-O-008 Ordinance amending the Hotel-Motel Fund FY 1999-00 annual budget by appropriating additional funds for the Laredo Philharmonic Third Party Agency. Funds will be transferred from the Reserve Appropriations line item in the amount of \$12,000 for a total budget of \$37,000 for the Laredo Philharmonic and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7                      Against: 0    Abstain: 0

2000-O-009 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Laredo Little Theater for approximately 5,801 square feet constituting Building no. 52 located at 4802 Thomas Avenue. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on October 1, 1999 and ending on September 30, 2004 and may be extend for one (1) term of five (5) years ending on September 30, 2009. Appraised monthly rent shall be \$2,206 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Current monthly rent is \$418.32.  
(Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7      Against: 0              Abstain: 0

## XI. RESOLUTIONS

11. 2000-R-001 Accepting the assignment of 18.804 acre feet of municipal water rights from the balance of 800 acre feet deeded to the City of Laredo by Vaquillas Ranch Company, LTD., in payment of water availability charges and 7.8 acre feet of municipal water rights in payment annexation charges in connection with the final plat of Concord Hills Community, Phase V.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

12. 2000-R-002 Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Health Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The funding source for this project is the Texas Health Foundation and it has been assigned a budget number 226-6101.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7      Against: 0      Abstain: 0

## XII. MOTIONS

13. Consideration to award service contract number FY00-030, to the LOW BIDDER, J. Solis Maintenance and Welding Service, Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$98,000, for furnishing all necessary equipment, personnel, and appurtenances for the installation of replacement fire hydrants. Twenty eight hydrants will be replaced by the successful bidder. The City will provide the fire hydrant and the contractor will be responsible for the installation of this hydrant and any patch work needed such as backfilling, concrete and asphalt replacement, and lawn repairs. The contract term is for a six month period. Funding is available in the Utilities Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to award six month supply contracts (FY00-032) to the LOW BIDDERS, Leyendecker Oil Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$14,356.10, Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$1,663.20, and Arnold Oil Co. dba Lone Star Lubricants, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$1,146.44, for the purchase of lubricants for the Fleet Maintenance Division. The bid pricing will be firm during this six month period and all items will be purchased on an as need basis. The overall bid pricing is approximately 17% less than the previous contract period.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the North American Development Bank in the amount of \$450,000 for funding assistance through the United States Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP) in support of downtown infrastructure improvements related to the Centro Iturbide Project and to execute any and all documents as a result of this submission.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to award contract number FY00-041, to the SOLE BIDDER, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$18,695.51, for the installation of a complete phone system at Bridge 4. Funding for this project has been allocated in the Bridge Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to award annual service contract number FY00-046 to the Low Bidder Star Operations, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the furnishing of materials, machinery, equipment, labor, and all other services necessary for the maintenance of street lights (not maintained by CP&L) and traffic signal lights throughout the city. The contract includes electrical services for traffic signals and street lights, and for installation, construction, and underground work, for new and/or upgraded traffic signals and for the installation and maintenance of street lights. This contract also contains provisions for City departmental electricals service projects and repairs.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to renew lease agreement with Casa Beto, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$16,800 per year, for the lease of a warehouse facility located at 702 Davis. This warehouse is being utilized by the Health, Finance, Bridge, and Engineering Departments as a central storage facility of records and documents. This will be the fourth year that the City has occupied this facility. The lease cost of \$0.16/sq. ft. is prorated based on the square footage utilized by each operation. The term of this contract is anticipated to be fifteen to eighteen months. This is to allow sufficient time for the records retention warehouse to be constructed at the new Public Works facility. All city records stored at this facility will be relocated to the new Public Works Records Retention Warehouse.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado  
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo  
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to award the sole bid received from Jorge Dominguez, DBA Laredo Class-One Builders, Inc.,

Laredo, Texas, for the construction of restrooms at the Community Park located at 400 St. James and Base 2 Baseball Field located on 700 East Cherry Hill Street for a negotiated amount of \$33,000. Funding is available in General Fund - Parks Department and Capital Improvement Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to approve change order no. 1 a net decrease of \$7,203 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Mann Road Drainage Improvement Project (Laredo Manor Apartments) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$11,736.50 to Ramos Industries, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$117,365. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue Laredo Manor.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to approve change order no. 3, which constitutes a net decrease of \$2,387 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place; to add an additional 20 working days to the construction contract time due to increase of work; acceptance of the Hilltop Subdivision Phase II Street Improvements (13 Blocks) Project; and approval of final payment in the amount of \$92,559.25 to Jimmy Closner and Sons Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$897,210.07. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to award an engineering contract to Crane Engineering Corporation, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$123,453 for surveys, design, and



preparation of plans and specifications for the West Laredo CP&L Road Extension. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund CPL Road.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to authorize the award of FY1999 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$203,100 to Laredo Webb Neighborhood Housing Services to utilize towards the purchase of 10 duplex (20) units. These units will be rented to persons whose incomes fall at 80% or below of area median family income. These units are located at 2502 and 2504 Boston and authorizing the Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

City Manager to execute all documents.

24. Consideration to authorize amendment no. 2 for \$180,000 to the Groundwater Source Development contract with CH2MHILL Engineers, for work related to the selection of a groundwater provider; development of the project requirements and specifications; and assistance to the City on the technical/financial aspects of the final contract negotiation with the selected firm. This amendment brings the total ground water contract to \$385,000.00.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, commented on the selection of the groundwater provider.

A motion to table was withdrawn by maker Cm. Guerra.

Motion to deny.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

### XIII. RECESS AND CONVENE AS LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING

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

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

25. 2000-RMH-003 The Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation (LMHC) Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to amend the Lease/Purchase Program guidelines by changing the income requirements to allow families that exceed the 80% and 115% median average income to apply for the homes located and available at the Riverhills Subdivision, Unit I, thus creating a more mixed income project.

Motion to approve.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo Municipal Housing Board and reconvene as City Council.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

T I M E: 7:20 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

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

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 16 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on 3rd Day of January, 2000.

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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary