

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2000-R-007
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
MARCH 06, 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
Louis H. Bruni,	Councilmember, District II
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 Alvarado,	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,	Mayor Pro Tempore, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara,	City Secretary
Larry Dovalina,	Acting City Manager
Cindy Collazo,	Acting City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

IV. Minutes

Approval of the minutes of February 7, 2000 and February 22, 2000.

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

V. Communications and Recognitions

Announcements

None

Invitations

None

Recognitions

None

Communiqués

- a. Presentation to Council on Mi Laredo Youth Leadership Project.

Rebecca Guerra, Norma Soria, Margarita Jasso and Juan Rodriguez spoke on behalf of Mi Laredo Youth Leadership Class. They selected a community problem that affects Laredo's youth, which is teenage pregnancy. The group was alarmed at the high number of teenage pregnancies in Laredo. They decided to promote abstinence by encouraging Laredo's youth to refrain from sex. They plan on informing, educating and supporting young minds to make the right decisions.

VI. Appointments to Commission, Boards and Committees

Confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Robert Summers to the Citizens Environmental Committee.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Confirmation of Council Member Eliseo Valdez's appointment of Yolanda Alva to the Citizens Environmental Committee.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. Public Hearings

1. Amending the FY 1999-2000 budget in the amount of \$1,800.00 for the Vital Statistics Division of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000; the additional funds will be budgeted in the postage line item for the purpose of mailing out certificates by certified mail.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the FY 1999-2000 budget in the amount of an

additional \$1,800.00 for the Vital Statistics Division of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and increasing revenue line item no. 226-0000-355-1052 from \$0 to \$1,800 and increasing expenditure line item no. 226-2912 from \$130,457 to \$132,257.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8 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: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing concerning an application by Jesus Luis de Leon, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 9, Block 351, Eastern Division, located at 114 West Lyon St., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 9, Block 351, Eastern Division, located at 114 West Lyon St., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. De Leon, property owner, stated that he is in agreement with conditions of the Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a Conditional Use Permit for a used car lot with the following restrictions:

1. The entire lot shall be paved except for the areas landscaped.
2. Seventy-five (75) percent of the buildings shall be composed of masonry, glass, or brick.
3. Mechanical or body repair shall not be allowed.
4. Inoperative cars or trucks shall not be allowed.
5. Heavy equipment or large trucks shall not be allowed.
6. Property adjoining a residential zone shall be divided from that zone by an opaque fence of at least six (6) feet high.
7. At least ten (10) percent of the lot area shall be devoted to landscaping. All property shall be kept in an attractive fashion with landscaping property maintained. All trash, garbage and other waste shall be kept in sanitary containers, which at all times must be concealed from public view.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Moreno

3. Public hearing concerning an application by Jorge Enrique Brizuela, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 927, Western Division, located at 3616 Santa Maria Ave., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning & Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5, Block 927, Western Division, located at 3616 Santa Maria Ave., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Jorge Enrique Brizuela asked for approval and stated that he did not have any additional information to present to Council

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a B-3.

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

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

4. Public hearing to amend the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-3. Fees for City Services, Subsection (b) providing for postage, certified mail - return receipt requested in the amount of \$3.10, and outside of the U.S., or Priority, Express or International mail at the prevailing rate.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article 1, In General Section 2-3. Fees for City Services, Subsection (b) providing for postage, certified mail - return receipt requested in the U.S. in the amount of \$3.10, and outside the U.S. or priority, express or international mail at the prevailing rate; providing severability; and providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. General Council Discussions and Presentations

5. A. Request by Council Member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on police pursuit policies, with possible action.

Eliodoro Granados, Assistant Chief of Police, reported that police officers receive extensive training in pursuit policies at the academy. He stated that he would report to Council with recommendations for upgrading educational policies that would enhance officer skills prior to the budget hearings.

Cm. Bruni requested input on Police Pursuit Policies from the Police Department.

2. Status report on the City of Laredo Curfew Ordinance, with possible action.

Eliodoro Granados, Assistant Chief of Police, stated that Chief Dovalina mailed letters, in reference to the curfew, to all of the high schools and only one had responded.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that staff does need to pursue getting input from teenagers on the City of Laredo Curfew Ordinance.

3. Status report on the new Municipal Court Building, with possible action.

Municipal Court Judge Rosaura Tijerina stated that it is imperative to have a larger building to meet the needs of the community.

John Hickey, working in conjunction with the Honorable Rosaura Tijerina, will complete an analysis within seven days to present to the Council in reference to a new Municipal Court Building.

Cm. Bruni directed staff to include a status report on the next agenda.

4. Status report on the continuous median proposed by the Texas Department of Transportation on Saunders Ave., with possible action.

Cm. Bruni expressed his dissatisfaction with Laredo losing its funding of over \$200,000 in the U. S. 59 Median Project. He stated that if any entity proposes that construction should take place, they should execute forward with their initial study. Not after the fact, come out with another study that terminates the project. Cm. Bruni conveyed that he is not in agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation.

He added that the Council has gone through many hours of dialogue and that he himself has had numerous conversations with the property owners and the Planning Department, to suddenly be notified that the funding was lost.

Finally, he acknowledged there has been a reduction in the number of accidents and collisions due to the relocation of K-Mart. However, the traffic problems will continue in the future.

Fitzgerald Sanchez, who is Director of Construction and the Acting Director of Transportation Operations for the Texas Department of Transportation for the Laredo District, stated that there is a call for projects every year out of the Hazard Elimination Safety Program. This year it was in the order of 17 million dollars for the whole state. He stated that Federal Funding Programs are Site Specific and the most recent study completed in December of 1999 indicated the reduction of traffic incidents in that area. Every district shall submit candidate projects. These are specifically tied down to roadway sections and they are prioritized on a type of Index Safety. They are based upon how many people were killed, injured or how much property was damaged. If funding is granted and is not used for the specific purpose requested, at the specific location, within a period of time, then the money is no longer available.

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Sanchez what the City of Laredo could do to ensure that studies are more current so that federal funds, that are

Site Specific, will not be lost due to the rapid growth. She stated that it is very difficult for the border to receive funds. Moreover it is extremely difficult for Laredo to receive funds.

Mr. Sanchez assured the council that there has not been a public notice that would affect Mines Road.

Motion to instruct staff to conduct an analysis on the Milmo's Right-of- Way and see if it warrants signalization.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member John C. Galo

1. Request for staff to study the corner of Malinche Ave. and Gustavus Street for possible signalization or controls to prevent accidents.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, obtained preliminary information from the Police Department in terms of accidents in that location. There have been at least 13 traffic accidents in the last three years. He requested that the council provide him more time to analyze the corner.

2. Discussion on maintenance and prevention of grass growth on City curbs with possible action.

Oscar Medina, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that his department will accelerate the project of applying friendly herbicides to the grass on City curbs. He added that a maintenance plan is being developed and will be submitted to the Council.

C. Request by Council Member Joe A. Guerra

1. Discussion on the opening of a COPS Station for District VI - 618 E. Del Mar Blvd. currently housing the Risk Management Division which is scheduled to move into New Public Works Facility in December 2000 with possible action.

Eliodor Granados stated that District VI does have the adequate personnel for a COPS station in that district.

Motion made to approve an opening of a COPS station in District VI with the best location being 618 Del Mar and/or locate the best location with a recommendation of locations for the three different sectors that were identified.

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Valdez requested a presentation before the Council with a full-scale map ensuring coverage in each district.

D. Request by Council Member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Status report on Mines Road Task Force activities and/or recommendations for traffic control on FM 1472, with possible action.

Roberto Murillo stated that the meeting for the previous Friday was cancelled. He did contact Texas Department of Transportation and they do not have any closures scheduled.

Cm. Alvarado requested information on the traffic control at the new school located at the La Bota Entrance.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

IX. Introductory Ordinances

6. Authorizing the granting and conveyance of an easement from the City of Laredo to The United States of America - General Services Administration for approximately 77.00 acres, more or less, in Webb County, Texas more particularly described as three separate parcels for the installation, construction, operation, and maintenance, etc., of various improvements necessary for the federal facilities used in connection with the border inspection station at the World Trade Bridge, and authorizing the City Manager to

execute said easement agreement.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

7. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with American Red Cross to lease a portion of the non-exclusive use premises located on the southernmost section of the first (1st) floor of the Airport Passenger Terminal located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop. The Laredo Chapter of the American Red Cross proposes to host a dance event to raise funds. Lease term is for four (4) hours commencing on March 25, 2000 at 8:00p.m. and pending on March 25, 2000 at 12:00 midnight. Rent shall be \$200.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. Final Reading of Ordinances

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

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances ;
2000-O-051, # 2000-O-052, # 2000-O-053, # 2000-O-054,
2000-O-055, # 2000-O-057, # 2000-O-059, # 2000-O-060 and
2000-O-061.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 2000-O-051 An Ordinance amending Section 24.63.2 of the Laredo Land Development Code allowing for the location of bed and breakfasts within certain zoning districts; amending Section 24.78(p)(2) of the Laredo Land Development Code pertaining to "Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements" for Commercial Use; amending Appendix A of the Laredo Land Development Code; and providing for publication and effective date.
(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-051.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-052 An Ordinance amending provisions of the

Laredo Land Development Code specifically Section 24.73 pertaining to oil and gas extraction and production specific use zoning overlay district and permit requirements; Section 24.63 pertaining to permitted uses; Section 24.77.2 pertaining to dimensional standards supplementary provisions; and amending Appendix "A"; providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-052.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-053 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 5.00 acres as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A" located east of McPherson Rd. and south of Bob Bullock Loop, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Joe Guerra)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-053.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-054 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5 and 6, Block 541, Eastern Division located at 919 Kearney St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Cecilia May Moreno)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-054.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-055 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance

(Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 8.65 acres, as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A", located at the southwest corner of F.M. 1472 and El Pico Rd., from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Mario Alvarado)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-055.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-057 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 8.00 acres as further described by metes and bounds on attached Exhibit "A" located east of McPherson Rd. and south of Bob Bullock Loop, from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (Cm. Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-057.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-059 An Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1999-2000 annual budget in the amount of \$484,250.00 to purchase equipment for the Financial Disruption Task Force. Funding is available from the opening balance of the Financial Task Force. The National Drug Control Policy (HIDTA) High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area is funding the operation at no cost to the City. The grant period is from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-059.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-060 An Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 1999-2000 Contractual Services Fund and Solid Waste Fund Annual Budget by appropriation revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$2,135,000.00 from a proposed Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation to finance the acquisition of automotive equipment and machinery & equipment for various City departments.
(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-060.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Moreno
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-061 An Ordinance closing as a public easement that section of the 1200 block of North India Avenues between the north right-of-way line of Guadalupe Street and the south right-of-way of the Texas Mexican Railroad tracks, situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas and providing for an effective date.
(Cm Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-061.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Moreno
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XI. Resolutions

9. 2000-R-015 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a memorandum of agreement between the United States of America, acting through its General Services Administration, and the City of Laredo concerning World Trade Bridge, Laredo, Texas. It is the intent of the City of Laredo to convey fee title to approximately 77.00 acres of land more or less, to the United States of America for the federal facilities at the Laredo IV Border Station, said conveyance of land to be accomplished at the same time title to the facilities

is transferred to the United States after payment to the City in full.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-015.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 2000-R-027 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for an Environmental Justice Grants and pledging that if a grant is received, City of Laredo will comply with grant requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-027. Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager stated that the resolution should read ratifying the action of the City Manager rather than authorizing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 2000-R-028 Declaring the public necessity to acquire the "Surface Only" of forty-one parcels of land for the Chacon Creek Improvements Project. Said parcels being: Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7, Block 1206; all of Blocks 1289A, 1335, and 1421A; Lots 3, 4, 5 & 6, Block 1480; Lots 1 & 2, Block 1571; all of Blocks 1784, 1785, and 1867; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8, Block 1868; all of Blocks 1869 and 1870; Lots 5, 6 & 7, Block 2103; all of Blocks 2104, 2105, 2106A, and 2107A; Lots 5 thru 8, Block 2109; Lots 5 thru 8; Block 2110; Lots 1, 2, 7 & 8, Block 2114; all of Block 2115; 2119A (except Lot 5); all of Block 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2161, 2165A, and 2166; Block 2167 (except Lot 8); all of Blocks 2169, 2170, and 2171, 2171A (Lot 7A), all ob Blocks 2172 and 2172A; and a parcel of land adjacent to Block 2109, between Ejido Ave. and the original City Limits. Said forty-

one parcels being situated in the Eastern Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; being delineated on attached copies of City Plats; and authorizing staff to negotiate for the purchase of said parcels at their market value or less, as established by State Certified Real Estate Appraisers, and further authorizing the City Attorney to initiate condemnation proceedings to acquire those parcels that staff is unable to acquire through negotiations due to inability to agree on a purchase price, conflicts of ownership, owner refusal to sell, and/or inability to locate a listed owner.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-028.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 2000-R-029 Authorizing the City Manager the use of surplus proceeds from the City of Laredo - Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO), Series 97-B, in the amount of \$30,000.00, for the purchase of a four wheel drive truck for the Fire Department. This will be a replacement for a 1989 truck that has been sidelined due to mechanical problems. This truck is used to transport the rescue boats to points along the Rio Grande River.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-029.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 2000-R-032 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$20,000.00 to the South Texas Development Council for a Regional Solid Waste Grant Program; authorizing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City of Laredo in all matters related to the application; and pledging that if a grant is received, City of Laredo will comply with the grant

requirements of the South Texas Development Council, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and the State of Texas.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-032.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 2000-R-036 Supporting the promotion of economic growth of the City of Laredo, the economic interests of its citizens and businesses, and the commercial relationship with Mexico; and urging the U.S. International Trade Commission to revoke the current antidumping order against imports of cement from Mexico.

Motion to table Resolution # 2000-R-036.

Allen Walsh, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Alamo Cement Company from San Antonio, testified against Resolution #2000-R-036. He submitted written testimony.

Rose Mary Clyburn, Senior Vice President of Cemex U. S. A., testified in favor of the resolution.

Motion to table Resolution # 2000-R-036.

Moved: Cm. Valdez

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. 2000-R-037 Expressing the City Council support towards an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs through the State's HOME Investment Partnerships Program by the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services in partnership with Bringing Everyone Special Together(BEST) for a Homebuyer Assistance Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. This homebuyer assistance is sought to better meet the needs of the City's Special Needs Population.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-037.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. 2000-R-038 Expressing the City Council support towards the submittal of an application by the Hamilton Housing Partnership, Ltd. to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Grant to assist the elderly residents of the Hamilton Hotel whose income falls below 50% of the area median income.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-038.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. Motions

17. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to accept a donation of 100 trash receptacles worth approximately \$20,000.00 from Southern Sanitation for the Downtown area. The trash receptacles will be constructed of rod iron and will match the receptacles that have been recently installed by the Department of Public Works. They will have a sign bearing the Southern Sanitation name. The City of Laredo will be matching this donation with an additional 100 trash receptacles.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to award Contract Number FY00-073, to the LOW BIDDER, EnviroSolve, LLC, Tulsa, OK., in the amount of \$59,840.00, for conducting a city wide household hazardous waste collection event on April 15, 2000, and the collection of hazardous waste from the collection facility located at the landfill. Funding is available in the NPDES Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to reject the SOLE BID received for awarding contract FY00-059, for providing water taps/T connections as required by the Utilities Department. The City requested unit cost pricing for unit cost for water taps and T-connection installation service needed to repair distribution lines. The unit cost proposed by the sole bidder, J. Solis Maintenance & Welding Service, Laredo, Texas, far exceeded the estimated cost for this service. Staff is requesting authorization to reject this bid and solicit new bids.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award contract FY00-060 to the LOW BIDDER, VMG Company, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$78,950.00, for providing asphalt/concrete repairs as required by the Utilities Department. VMG Company submitted the lowest bid pricing on a per square foot cost on an as needed basis to repair asphalt and concrete cuts required to repair distribution lines. This type of service will be requested on an as needed basis and all work is inspected by the Utilities Department for compliance with City requirements.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to award contract FY00-070, to the following LOW BIDDERS, for the purchase of vehicles authorized in the FY00 capital equipment budget:

Philpott Motors, Port Neches, Texas:

13 - 1/2 ton Trucks \$204,620.00

3 - 1/2 ton ext. Cab Truck (sb) \$ 53,205.00
12 - 3/4 ton ext. Cab Truck \$246,564.00
5 - 3/4 ton four door cab truck \$108,375.00
1 - full size sedan \$ 19,610.00
2 - mini van \$ 39,084.00
\$671,458.00

Southwest Ford, San Antonio, Texas:

3 - 1/2 ton ext. cab truck (lb) \$ 53,868.00
3 - mid size sedan \$ 43,641.00
\$ 97,509.00

Delivery is expected within ninety to one hundred and twenty days.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to purchase a replacement ambulance for the Fire Department through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC)- Cooperative Purchase Program, in the total amount of \$120,188.00. The ambulance body will be installed on a Freightliner chassis. Funding for this ambulance will be secured from the contractual obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to award Contract Number FY00-068, to the LOW BIDDER, Kahn Fence Corporation DBA Fence Masters, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$39,900.00 for the provision of an infrastructure required for the underground construction to trench approximately 15,000 linear feet and backfill as required to provide electrical service to the World Trade Bridge illumination system. CP&L will be responsible for the installation of electrical conduit and the illumination poles and lamps. Funding for this project has been allocated in the Bridge System.

The City did receive a lower bid from Ernesto Lopez, Laredo, Texas, however, this vendor failed to submit a bid bond as required by the bid documents. Due to this omission, staff is unable to accept this bid.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award a construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER R.P. Constructors, Inc., New Braunfels, Texas in the amount of \$1,195,000.00 for the construction of the Bio-Solids Dewatering Projects Parts A and B. The Project includes the installation of a belt filter press at the South Laredo and North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plants. The construction time is 275 calendar days. Funding is available in the 1994 and 1998 A Sewer Construction Bonds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 1, a decrease of \$90.00 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Concrete Reconstruction at Calton/Springfield Intersection and approval of final payment in the amount of \$21,963.40 to Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$161,440.00. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Fund - Truck Route Intersection.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for acceptance of the Azteca Neighborhood Park and Paving Improvements constructed by the in-house forces at a cost of \$101,112.00 and within the original budget. This is a Community Development Block Grant Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to release 50% of the retainage in the amount of \$23,187.78 to Faulkner Construction, Inc., for the Telecommunications Offices and Public Access Facility Project located at 1101 Garden St., and to retain \$23,187.78 for punch list items and warranties.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Consideration for acceptance of the Chaparral Drainage Improvements from Calton Road to Canal Street and approval of final payment in the amount of \$31,383.40 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$245,387.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 3, an increase of \$1,959.30 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Zacate Creek Beautification Project Phase I and approval of final payment in the amount of \$39,346.87 to Dominguez Development and Construction, Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$303,566.80. This is a Community Development Block Grant Project.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 2, a decrease of \$29,237.25 due to a reduction in

quantities not needed to complete the project, acceptance of the Construction of Sidewalks Improvements for Trautmann, Alma Pierce and Amparo Gutierrez Elementary Schools and related improvements and approval of final payment in the amount of \$60,060.75 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$207,165.75.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to award a construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas, in the bid amount of \$119,844.00 for the Zacate Creek Beautification Project Phase II (Re-bid). Funding is available in the Community Development Budget.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to approve the selection of four consultants for the Sidewalks - City Wide Projects 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a professional services contracts as follows:

- a. Rosin Group, Inc. - Project 12 (33 Blocks) and Project 17 (4 Blocks)
- b. WSBC Civil Engineers, Inc. - Project 14 (37 Blocks)
- c. G.G. Salinas Engineering Co. - Project 12 (33 Blocks) and Project 17 (4 Blocks)
- d. Sherfey Engineering Company, L.L.C. - Project 13 (16 Blocks), Project 16 (12 Blocks) and Project 17 (8 Blocks)

Funding is to be identified at the time A/E contract negotiated.

Motion to approve and add Sunset Loop to District I Sidewalk Projects

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1
Cm. Guerra

33. Consideration of approval of final change order no. 1, an increase of \$11,535.30 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Zacate Creek Erosion Control Project and approval of final payment in the amount of \$82,514.62 to Ramos Industries, Inc., Pasadena, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$508,548.70.

Motion to approve.

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

34. Consideration to cancel Council Meeting on March 27, 2000.

Motion to approve.

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

XIII. Staff Reports

35. Status report by the Nonprofit Management and Volunteer Center, presentation of revised funding criteria for Third Party Agencies with staff recommendation and possible action.

Chito Vela, Jr., representing Third Party Funding, submitted the following documents:

Third Party Funding Criteria Recommendations

- * Adoption of the revised Third Party Funding Application
- * Formation of an Ad Hoc Third Party Funding Advisory Committee
- * Allocation of Third Party Funds as the start of the Third Party Funding Process
- * Creation of Funding Categories

Third Party Funding Application

- * Based on existing applications from various state agencies, cities, and the United Way.
- * Used objective criteria.

* Requires detailed information about the organization's programs, budget and staff.

Ad Hoc Third Party Funding Advisory Committee

* Nine Member Committee:

- * 3 City Staff
- * 3 Nonprofit Organizations
- * 3 At Large

The committee will meet to review the Third Party Funding Applications and hear presentations from the applicants. It will then make funding recommendations to City Council.

Committee members who are from nonprofit organizations will be required to sign a conflict of interest form and abstain from voting on funding recommendations for those organizations with which they have a conflict of interest.

Allocation of Third Party Funding as the beginning of the process

Before the applications for Third Party Funding are available, City Council should allocate a specific amount of money for the coming fiscal year out of both the General and the Hotel/Motel Funds which will go towards Third Party Funding. This would help budgetary planning and enhance competition between the organizations.

Creation of Funding Categories

The creations of funding categories allows City Council to direct Third Party Funding toward achieving specific goals and priorities. Proposed funding categories and amounts are :

General Fund	
Economic Development	\$ 20,000
Health and Human Services	\$ 500,000
Education	\$ 45,000
Environment	\$ 20,000
Total	\$ 585,000

Hotel/Motel Fund	
Tourism and Promotion	\$ 60,000
Historical	\$ 100,000
Arts	\$ 200,000
Total	\$ 360,000

Interlocal Agreements	
Laredo Development Foundation	\$ 185,000
Laredo Animal Protective Society	\$ 120,000
Total	\$ 305,000

Nonprofit Venture Grants	
General Fund	\$ 50,000
Hotel/Motel	\$ 40,000
Total	\$ 90,000

Total Proposed Third Party Funding \$1,340,000

Third Party Funding

Fiscal Year 1999 - 2000

General Fund	\$ 635,593	
Hotel Motel Fund		\$ 398,175
Interlocal Agreement		\$ 305,000
Total Third Party Funding	\$1,338,768	

Average of Fiscal Years
1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000

General Fund	\$ 563,776
Hotel Motel Fund	\$ 374,401

36. Presentation of the 1998-1999 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) prepared by the City of Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the independent audit firm of Baum, Mejia & Co.

Rosaurio Cabello, Finance Service Director, introduced the firm of Baum, Mejia and Company.

Raul Garza, representing Baum, Mejia and Company, reported that as the result of audit procedures they issued a total of three reports.

1. Financial Statement of the City.
2. Compliance with the governing laws and it's regulations as stipulated by federal and state agencies
3. Internal Control Structure that is in place to ensure that preparations of these financial statements and that they comply with the federal and state grants.

He added that the report issued is unqualified. They did not find anything materially wrong with the financial statements, its compliance with the federal and state grants nor with the internal control structure that the City has in place.

37. Status report on the World Trade Bridge.

Cindy Collazo, Acting City Manager, reported that the World Trade Bridge would be completed April 15, 2000. She also stated that the City Manager's Office is working very diligently to ensure a successful opening for the World Trade Bridge.

A video was presented on the Milo Interchange and the approach road projects.

38. Status report on Capital Improvement Projects with consideration of projects for FY 2000-2001, with possible action.

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, gave a presentation before the council. He named projects that were recently completed. He also reported a list of the other projects with their percentage of completion to the Council. He stated that the Capitol Improvement Projects Update might be viewed in the City of Laredo Web Page.

Cm. Agredano read the following statement:

"One project that is very important to South Laredo is the Cuatro Vientos Road which will be the extension of Loop 20 South. This road will provide relief to Hwy. 83 which is currently very heavily congested. It has come to my attention that the project can be accelerated by the Texas Department of Transportation if the City will participate in the Engineering and the Environmental Work for this road way. The County has committed \$500,000 to the project and additional \$500,000 is needed to make the engineering part of the project complete. Therefore I respectfully request the support of the Council by way of a motion to work with all diligence to include this project in next years Capital Improvement Program."

Motion to increase our Capital Improvement Project by adding the Cuatro Vientos Road and the work that we have to do on it.

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

Cm. Galo instructed staff to include North/South connection of San Francisco behind the H. E. B. area in the Capital Improvement Project. He also asked staff to contact the county in their assistance in analyzing and discovering more right of ways even if they are just county spec.

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M2000-S-007
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1110 Houston Street
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March 6, 2000
5:30 p.m.
Supplemental Agenda

XII. Motion

1. Consideration to approve the site for construction of a Skateboard Park on Zacate Creek Linear Park at the intersection of Lyon Street and Valencia and authorizing staff to proceed with the preparation of construction plans and specifications. Funding in the amount of \$125,000 is available from the Parks' Department Capital outlay line item and \$25,000 is available from Parks' Professional Services Line Item

Motion to approve.

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

XV. Adjournment Time: 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Cm. Valdez
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 22 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 6th day of March, 2000.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary