

CITY OF LAREDO

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2000-R-010
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
APRIL 17, 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 G. Alvarado,	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo	Mayor Pro Tempore District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Cynthia Collazo,	Acting City Manager
Larry Dovalina,	Acting City Manager
Jaime Flores,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of March 20, 2000 and April 3, 2000.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 6 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Not present: Cm. Galo and Cm. Alvarado

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

- a. Presentation by Council Member Louis H. Bruni, Director of the South Texas Rain Enhancement Association, on an up-to-date progress report.

Cm. Bruni deferred the item until the April 24, 2000 meeting.

Invitations

Recognitions

Cm. Alvarado joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Deputy Police Chief Fructuoso San Miguel III, recently returned from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy as he graduated from the 200th Session on March 24, 2000.

Mayor Flores recognized Deputy Police Chief Fructuoso San Miguel, III who excelled in many diverse endeavors. She proudly presented him with a FBI National Academy Certificate of Acknowledgement for his unyielding knowledge, courage and integrity.

Police Chief Agustin Dovalina read the following statements:

Laredo Police Department Chief Agustin Dovalina III, is proud to announce that Deputy Police Chief Fructuoso San Miguel III, recently graduated from the very prestigious Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Deputy Chief San Miguel, a seventeen year veteran Laredo police officer, was among 268 law enforcement officers who attended the 200th Session of the National Academy held in Quantico, Virginia, from January 2000 until March 24, 2000. The session consisted of men and women from 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U. S. Virgin Islands, 22 international countries, three military organizations, and three Federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected officers having a proven record as a professional within his or her agency. This training has long been a benchmark for professional, continuing education and officers worldwide attend these sessions in order to be better prepared to meet the crime challenges within their communities. The sessions are highly competitive and there is an extensive waiting list. On the average, selected officers have 18 years of law enforcement experience, and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive level positions.

U. S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Former DEA Administrator Thomas Constantine, and FBI Director Louis J. Freeh were the principal speakers at the ceremony. Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents, and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their field of expertise.

Since 1972, National Academy graduates have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia due to the accreditation by the

university of many courses offered.

According to Chief Dovalina, Deputy Chief San Miguel "is one of Laredo Police Departments' most respected leaders." He added that the police department "is extremely proud of Chief San Miguel's accomplishment." He is only the third officer from the Laredo Police Department selected to attend the National Academy. Chief Dovalina was the first Laredo Police Department officer ever selected to attend (178th N. A. Session in 1994) and LPD Lt. Gilbert Navarro attended the 192nd N. A. Session in 1997.

End of letter

- b. Sgt. Jose Jalomo, Jr., a 22-year veteran of the Laredo Police Department, was accepted to attend in Quantico, Virginia, the 201st Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy Session.

Chief Dovalina confirmed that Sgt. Jose Jalomo was accepted to the 201st Federal Bureau of Investigation's Academy Session.

- c. The Nonprofit Management and Volunteer Center's Volunteers in Action Program awarded Saul G. Campillo the 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award for contributing over 1,328 hours of labor to the library, and receiving the award for the second year in a row.

Jose "Chito" Vela, Non-Profit Organizer, stated the 1999 Volunteer of the Year Award recipient is Saul G. Campillo. As a distinguished volunteer, Mr. Campillo has achieved the title of outstanding volunteer for two consecutive years.

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, stated that Jose "Chito" Vela was the active motivating force that doubled the amount of volunteers representing a cost savings to the city of \$250,000.

- d. Recognition to the Laredo Restaurant Association on their participation for the World Trade Bridge Open House on April 9, 2000.

Rosaurio Cabello, Finance Director, expressed her thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Laredo Restaurant Association for their participation and sponsorship at the World Trade Bridge Open House.

- e. Recognition for the work done on the World Trade Bridge Globe by James Humphries, Ashley Humphries & Sanchez - Architects, and commissioned to Armando Flores, Artist / Professional Welder.

Mayor Flores stated that she was impressed with the magnificent globe that demonstrates the International Trade aspects of the World Trade Bridge. She recognized Armando Flores, Artist/Professional Welder, for his outstanding effort in creating the sculpture. She presented Mr. Flores a special framed and signed poster of the World Trade Bridge.

- f. In recognition of the countless hours of hard work and effort by the individuals involved in an endeavor that will be remembered as the catalyst to the new millennium, the Mayor and City Council dedicate the World Trade Bridge Global Monument to these individuals who made this project possible.

Motion to dedicate the World Trade Bridge Global Monument to individuals who made the project possible and to all the men and women who are going to make the World Trade Bridge a success.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Joe Guerra

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Galo was not present.

Communiqués

Students from the Eagle Charter School invited the Mayor, the Council and the public to attend "A Taste of Broadway in Laredo" to be held on May 19, 2000 at the Laredo Civic Center.

AFJROTC presented Mayor Flores with a token. The three cadets will be representing Laredo in Florida at the National Competition as "The Streets of Laredo" team.

Mayor Flores read the following letter from Granite Construction:

Dear Councilman Mario Alvarado:

I just wanted to say thank you for the work and effort for the Laredo Fire Department Chief Tomas Ramirez and his staff have done in review and acknowledging our unusual situation in the Camino Columbia Plat. Our company has projects under constructions around the country and we consider ourselves very fortunate when we find a public official such as Chief Ramirez who is willing to approach a problem with both fairness and common sense. We hope to continue to gain the confidence of the City Staff as we strive to show that we will do the right thing and provide a safe and exceptional development at truck-transfer platform.

Sincerely,
Jeffery Badickt
Project Manager

End of Letter

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing to amend Ordinance No. 97-O-334 by transferring three grant funded positions originally funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 319(h) grant to the NPDES Fund in order to continue the Illegal Dumping Enforcement Program and to enforce the other environmental ordinances and authorizing the City Manager to implement changes within the 1999-2000 budget.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Ordinance No. 97-O-334 by transferring three grant funded positions originally funded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 319(h) grant to the NPDES Fund in order to continue the Illegal Dumping Enforcement Program and to enforce the other environmental ordinance and authorizing the City Manager to implement within the 1999-2000 Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Cm. Galo joined the meeting at this time, 6:14 p.m.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo
Second: Cm. Alvarado
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing to amend the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$2,497.00 for the Special Project Program, "Community-based Tobacco Prevention Project" of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 2000, through June 5, 2000; and increasing revenue line item no. 226-0000-357-2566 from \$0 to \$2,497.00, and increasing expenditure line item no. 226-6400 from \$0 to \$2,497.00.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$2,497.00 for the Special Project "Community-Based Tobacco Prevention Project" of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 2000, through June 5, 2000; and increasing revenue line item

no. 226-0000-357-2566 from \$0 to \$2,497.00, and increasing expenditure line item no. 226-6400 from \$0 to \$2,497.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Alvarado

VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

3. A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Report on the April meeting of the Fannie Mae Impact Housing Council.

Mayor Flores stated that she had submitted two reports to the Council. One report was on Fannie Mae's trillion-dollar commitment and how that affected Laredo. She also submitted a report on Houses, Facts and Findings. She explained that prior to 1994, Fannie Mae had not invested any funds in the City of Laredo. However, the community has been strengthened by 186.8 million dollars between the years of 1994 to 2000 with encouragement from the Council, several local banks, housing advocates, Community Development Department and lending institutions.

She also devoted considerable discussion on future Fannie Mae Projects and Predatory Lending.

She expressed the council's desire and commitment to put more families in homes.

B. Request by Council Member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the POP's Program for Eastwood Subdivision.

Chief Agustin Dovalina stated that a series of policing operations were in effect to deter any criminal activities. A number of

citations have been issued.

C. Request by Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Status report on the initiatives by Parks & Recreations and Crime Stoppers on the vandalism of city parks.

The Council heard a progress report from John Vidaurri, Parks and Recreation Director. He stated that the City of Laredo has increased the parkland by 300 acres in the last two years. He added that efforts are now underway to create a report for the council prioritizing the problems and providing suggested solutions.

Tony Reyes, Crime Stoppers Coordinator, informed the Council that his department is working very diligently in assisting the City in their fight against vandalism in city parks. A video was presented.

D. Request by Council Member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Discussion on re-routing commercial traffic and regular vehicular traffic through the Mines Road area in response of the new bridge opening, with possible action.

Cm. Alvarado expressed his concern about the dreadful traffic situation on Mines Road.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, stated that his department is prioritizing the problems on Mines Road in order to alleviate problematic traffic flow.

Carlos Rodriguez, Laredo Area Engineer for TxDot, reported that the department is committed in creating a functional free flow for motorist on Mines Road. He added that the department would expedite solutions to eliminate all problem areas.

Mayor Flores stated that the City Council is gravely concerned about the traffic situation on Mines Road and assured citizens that it is a priority to correct all traffic problems.

2. Update from staff on traffic signal for Muller Elementary School at La Bota entrance, with possible action.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported the traffic signal for Muller Elementary School is expected to be fully functional in August.

3. Update on the cleaning of the creek between Bristol Rd. and

Flecha Lane, with possible action.

Joe Guerra, Public Works, remarked that the project would be completed this week.

4. Presentation by local concrete providers to discuss designated route for concrete delivery, with possible action.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

4. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Aerocarga International, Inc., for approximately 2,040 square feet constituting Building #1328 located at 4015 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on April 1, 2000 and ending March 31, 2001 and may be extended for two-one year options ending on March 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003. Monthly rental shall be \$315.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Ordinance introduction: Cm. Bruni

5. Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Jett Racing & Sales, as Lessee, for a tract of land containing approximately 3.01 acres located on Block No. 1, Lot No. 3 as Recorded in Volume 5, Page1, Plat Records of Webb County, Texas, said property is located at the Laredo International Airport and is further described by metes and bounds description in the lease agreement. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on April 1, 2000 and ending on March 31, 2020 plus two consecutive ten-year renewal option periods until March 31, 2040. Monthly rent shall be \$1,966.75 plus annual rent adjustment based on changes in the Consumer Price Index and the rental obligation shall be further adjusted based on Fair Market appraisal at each ten (10) year anniversary.

Ordinance introduction: Cm. Bruni

X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

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Motion to waive final reading of ordinances # 2000-O-088, # 2000-O-089, # 2000-O-090, # 2000-O-091, # 2000-O-092, # 2000-O-093, # 2000-O-094, # 2000-O-095, # 2000-O-096, # 2000-O-097, # 2000-O-098, # 2000-O-099, # 2000-O-100 and 2000-O-101.

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

6. 2000-O-088 Approval of a contract with the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census 2000, for in-kind funding in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department, Public Health Promotion Division, for the period beginning February 22, 2000, through June 30, 2000. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-088.

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

2000-O-089 Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health for the purpose of upgrading a .5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Caseworker position to a 1.0 Caseworker position for the HIV Ryan White Title II Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning April 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-089.

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

2000-O-090 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 31.803 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located north of Hwy. 359 and east of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date. (As amended)
(Cm. Louis H. Bruni)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-090.

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

2000-O-091 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 5.352 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located north of Hwy. 359 and east of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.
(Cm. Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-091.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-092 Accepting donations for the City Cemetery Irrigation Project totaling \$3,384.01 from Elks Lodge, Episcopal, Mexican Masonic, and Woodman Of The World Organization and amending the City of Laredo Annual Budget for 1999-2000 by appropriating donations to increase the Revenue & Expenses for the Cemetery Improvement Project under the Capital Improvement Fund in the same amount.
(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-092.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-093 Rescinding Ordinance No. 98-O-0268 and the existing Operations Agreement dated October 17, 1998 and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract by and on behalf of the City of Laredo as Zone Grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94 for the operation of Zone Site #3 within said Foreign Trade Zone, and specifically authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Operation Agreement with Seegrove International Shippers, Inc., a Texas Corporation to operate an approximately 96,676.5 square foot facility within Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94-Site 3 located at the Killam Industrial Park for a term of nine (9) years.
(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-093.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-094 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County Head Start for approximately 380 square feet constituting Suite No.9 of Building No. S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road. This

space is occupied by Laredo Webb County Community Head Start Program. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on March 1, 2000 and ending on February 28, 2001, and may be extended for one (1) year ending on February 29, 2002. New monthly rent shall be \$450.00. Currently monthly rent is \$429.45. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-094.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-095 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the lease agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 99-0-200 dated July 19, 1999, between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Jose Mario Flores, as Lessee, for Building No. 2075 located at 1720 E. Hillside Road at the Laredo International Airport, to amend Section 1.04 (B), entitled "Rental Obligation and Mode of Payment", so that payment of monthly rent be effective March 1, 2000 instead of December 1, 1999. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-095.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-096 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Scheduled Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with Compass AirWays, Inc., for exclusive joint use space located at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal for the purpose of conducting commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for fifteen (15) months effective April 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001. The monthly rent including landing fees is capped at \$1.50 per enplaned revenue passenger. (As amended) (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-096.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-097 Establishing a 15% penalty on the 1999 delinquent tax accounts as of July 1, 2000, to defray costs of collection, pursuant to section 33.07 (a) of the Texas State Property Tax Code; providing for notification and effective date. (As amended) (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-097.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-098 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Border City Rods, a non profit organization, for the El Metro Park & Ride Lot, located at 4600 Daugherty for the purpose of holding an auto show. The lease term is for two days, beginning 8:00 a.m. on September 2, 2000 and ending at 3:00 p.m. on September 3, 2000. Rental fee shall be \$1.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-098.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-099 Authorizing the City Manager to execute a two-year (2) lease with the Laredo Amateur Boxing Club, Inc. for the use of City property at 1610 Guadalupe, property known as the Orlando and Gaby Canizalez Boxing Gym. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-099.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-100 Granting a consent easement to P.G. & E. Gas Transmission, Texas Corporation, P.G. & E. Gas Transmission Teco, Inc., and P.G. & E. Energy Trading - Gas Corporation, their wholly owned subsidiary corporations and wholly owned subsidiary general and limited partnerships, and their successors, lessees or assigns, to maintain, use and operate certain natural gas and/or natural gas liquids transmission pipelines along, across, and under certain designated public property and rights of way in the City of Laredo, Texas, for a term of 25 years. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-100.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2000-O-101 Designating as a one-way westbound that section of Moctezuma, Block Number 800, between Santa Ursula Avenue on the east and

San Bernardo Avenue on the west, providing for the installation of appropriate signs to indicate one-way traffic in the west direction and providing for publication and effective date.
(Mayor Pro Tempore Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-101.

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

XI. RESOLUTIONS

7. 2000-R-053 A resolution whereby the City Manager is designated as an authorized representative of the City of Laredo with signature authority for all necessary applications and documents for the transfer of water rights on the books of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC).

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-053.

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

8. 2000-R-054 A resolution authorizing the City of Laredo to intervene in Central Power and Light Company's transmission and distribution rate case at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; authorizing the joining with other intervening cities to protect municipal and ratepayer interests; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants requiring reimbursement of rate case expenses incurred by the City; and requiring delivery of this resolution to a representative of Central Power and Light Company.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-054.

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

9. 2000-R-056 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Pipeline Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company, whereby said company grants the City of Laredo the right to construct, maintain and operate a 17-foot, 4-inch potable water pipeline crossing in the Milo Interchange area, at a License Fee cost of \$1,500.00, to be paid by the City of Laredo to Union Pacific Railroad Company. Said 17-foot, 4-inch pipeline being delineated in Engineer's Sketch.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-056.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

10. 2000-R-059 A resolution to authorizing the use of \$80,000.00 budgeted from the City of Laredo - Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO), Series 2000, for the purchase of one 15' tractor mower, to purchase three, full size trucks and one kid builder play structure for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-059.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. 2000-R-060 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$2,497.00 for the "Community-based Tobacco Prevention Project" of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 2000, through June 5, 2000.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-060.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

12. Consideration to refund property tax to the following taxpayers and companies:

1. J.C. Penney #658-5 in the amount of \$5,037.74 due to a Court Order.
2. Sears Roebuck & Co. in the amount of \$3,656.33 due to a Court Order.
3. The Pep Boys-Manny, Moe and Jack in the amount of \$1,181.47 due to a Court Order.
4. W. E. Haynes c/o Templo Jesus es Señor, Inc. in amount of \$502.17 due to the property being exempt.
5. Auto Lineas America in the amount of \$2,463.02 due to that it did not exist on the 1st of the year 1999.
6. K-mart Corp. in the amount of \$4,051.95 due to a Court Order.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Master Plan for the Zacate Creek Watershed. The original contract date was until November 25, 1999. On February 7, 2000, Council authorized amendment no. 1 to extend the contract from November 25, 1999 to April, 2000. Due to delay in collection of data processing of the Digital Terrain Model and completion of the survey, the consultant requested the additional time.

Alan Townsend, from Brown & Root, gave a brief update on the project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado was not present.

17. Consideration to accept the Stormwater Management and Ecology Demonstration Park at Laredo Community College and authorizing the final payment in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., for the construction. Funding is available in the NPDES Fund - Ecology Grant Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado was not present.

18. Consideration to award a professional engineering contract to Secor International Inc., Houston, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$54,990.00 for the engineering and construction quality assurance services for Type IV Cell for the City of Laredo Landfill as per requirements of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado was not present.

19. Consideration to award contract number 00-080, to the LOW BIDDER, Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$148,244.55, for the purchase of two backhoes for the Public Works Department and one for the Solid Waste Fund - landfill operations. The bid includes a five year extended warranty. Delivery is expected within 30 days. Funding for the purchase of these backhoes is available from Public Property Finance

Contractual Obligations (PPFCO) proceeds and Solid Waste Fund Capital Outlay.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado was not present.

20. Consideration of an award of contract number FY99-147, to the SOLE BIDDER, H.D. Industries, Jacksonville, Texas, in the amount of \$87,970.00, for the purchase of one pot patcher truck, for the Public Works Department. This truck will be assigned to the Street Maintenance Division. Delivery of this truck is expected within ninety days. Funding is available from Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation (PPFCO) proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Alvarado was not present.

21. Consideration to donate to the City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, the obsolete Pressure Filter Tanks located at the old Del Mar Water Treatment Plant. The Utilities Department wishes to demolish the old Del Mar Water Treatment Plant to sell the land. The removal of the filters is part of the demolition process. The removal and disposal of the filters, net of its salvage value, would cost the City \$6,200.00. The City of Matamoros will remove the equipment at their expense; therefore lowering the City's ultimate demolition cost by that amount.

Motion to approve with the deletion of "to sell the land" from the motion.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Galo was not present.

22. Consideration to award a contract number 99-081 to the LOW BIDDER meeting specifications, Al and Rob Sales, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$57,700.35, for the purchase of uniforms and Skaggs, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$9,553.53, for the purchase of windbreakers for the Bridge Department personnel. Full service contracts, which include alteration services, will be awarded to the low bidder. The City did receive lower bids from other vendors, however, the uniforms proposed by these vendors did not meet specification. Funding is available in the Bridge System Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Galo was not present.

23. Consideration to award a contract to the SOLE BIDDER, Bruce Zimmerman & Associates in the amount of \$249,430.00 to provide consultant services for the complete marketing plan of the up coming Automated Vehicle Identification and Weigh in Motion System. This is to include the development of a logo and the name of our transponders. Funding is available in the Toll Equipment Fund.

Motion to table for one week.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award contract number FY00-087, to the LOW BIDDER, Cantu Electrical, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$47,560.00, for the installation of a Little League lighting system for the Cruz Baseball Field located at 200 West Travis. The contractor will be responsible for the removal of the existing lighting system and the installation of galvanized pole lighting system. Funding is available from 25th Action Year Community Development Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three, full size, four door trucks, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) - Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the total amount of \$67,024.78, for the Parks and Recreation Department. These are replacement trucks and will be assigned to the Parks crews. Funding is available from Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO) proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application

in the amount of \$125,730.00 to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the "Childhood Immunization Action Plan Program" of the City of Laredo Health Department; \$46,113.00 in state-paid staff, and approximately \$1,485,745.00 in vaccines for the period beginning September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$4,999.00 to the Texas Department of Health for the "Youth Tobacco Prevention Campaign" of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 2000, through August 19, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Texas Department of Health for an innovation grant "Laredo Food Handler's Online" Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning July 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Consideration for acceptance of the Telecommunications Offices and Public Access Facility Project located at 1101 Garden Street and approval of final payment in the amount of \$23,187.78 to Faulkner Construction, Inc., Austin, Texas. Final contract amount is \$972,511.00. Funding is available in the Public Access Channel - PAC- Building & Improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. 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. Funding is available in the 23rd Action Year Community Development Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to award an engineering contract to G.G. Salinas Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$27,541.80 for surveys, design, and preparation of plans and specifications for the City Wide - Sidewalks Project No. 12 (33 Blocks) and Project No. 17 (4 Blocks) for a total of 37 Blocks. Funding is available in the 20th Action Year Community Development Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Consideration for approval of final change order no. 1, a decrease of \$59,167.50 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, and to add an additional 38 working days to the construction contract time due to utility conflicts, acceptance of the Street Paving Improvements Project 61-A (10 Blocks) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$72,890.33 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$245,594.25. Funding is available in the 25th Action Year Community Development Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Consideration for approval of construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for three Police Substations to be located at Sierra Vista Blvd. at Cenizo Loop, Springfield Ave. at Ryan Street and Santa Maria Ave. at Ortiz St. This item is being presented to the City Council Engineering Contract Review Committee for their review and recommendation. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund / Community Development District I, District V, Farias Police Substation.

Al Groves of Groves & Associates from San Antonio gave a presentation.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Galo was not present.

34. Consideration to designate Cable Television Channel 55 to Laredo Community College to be used as an educational channel, effective May 1, 2000. This channel will increase the educational cable programming with such programs as adult literacy, vocational skills and college careers.

Blas Castaneda from Laredo Community College gave the presentation before the Council.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalva

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Galo was not present.

XIII. STAFF REPORT

35. Quarterly report on the Down Payment Assistance Program under the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

A report was received from Erasmo Villarreal, Community Development Director, relating to the Down Payment Assistance Program. He was pleased to report that the program has assisted many Laredoans in acquiring a home. His projections for the next fiscal year indicate a rising trend servicing more families in the future.

36. Staff report on Mines Road Task Force activities and/or recommendations for traffic control on FM1472, with possible action.

The item was combined with a discussion on re-routing commercial traffic and regular vehicular traffic through the Mines Road area, D (1).

37. A report by the Laredo Police Department concerning the future sited of the COP'S workstation to be located on Mines Rd.

Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, reported that he has been looking for a temporary workstation site on Mines Road. He stated that the Fire Chief has agreed to allow officers to occupy space in the Mines Road

Substation. However, the space is limited. He added that the department is also inquiring in obtaining an RV to provide more visibility and provide a movable work station.

38. Informing Council that the funding for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department will end on August 31, 2000. The Texas Birth Registry Program will continue to monitor the NTD-affected births in Laredo and Webb County, and the Health Department will continue the intervention project, which is the distribution of the vitamins containing folic acid to women of childbearing age attending our clinic, particularly the WIC Program and the Maternity Program.

Roger Garcia, Health Department Acting Director, stated that his department has received information that the funding will end. The Texas NATD Projects, which have been in operation for the past seven years, were initially funded through a Center for Disease Control five-year cooperative agreement with the Texas Department of Health. There was a one-year extension of the funding by CDC, and the current year has been funded by the Texas Department of Health. However, the City of Laredo Health Neural Tube Defects Project will end on August 31, 2000. There are three components to the project; surveillance, case control and (folic acid) intervention. The Texas Birth Registry Program will continue to monitor the NTD-affected birth in Laredo and Webb County, and our plans are to continue the intervention project, which is the distribution of the vitamins containing folic acid to women of childbearing age attending our clinic, particularly the WIC Program and the Maternity Program.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

39. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1)(A) Texas Government Code to consult with the City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation to (a) identify and obtain certain currently unrendered taxable real and personal property for the City's Tax Roll, and (b) collect all taxes potentially owed to the City for the applicable statutory roll-back period; and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (1) (A) Texas Government Cod to consult with the City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation to (a) identify and obtain certain currently unrendered taxable real and personal property for the City's Tax Roll, and (b) collect all taxes potentially owned to the City for the applicable statutory roll-back period; and return to open session for possible action.

After executive session the mayor announced that no formal action was taken.

Motion made to authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney: (1) to proceed with the preparation and filing of a Challenge Petition with the Webb County

Appraisal Review Board regarding exclusion of property from the appraisal records and the level of appraisals in certain categories and to seek back-assessment for such property pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 41.03, and (2) to proceed with retaining legal council to assist the City of Laredo in pursuing all legal remedies in this matter.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 21 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 17th day of April.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary