

**CITY OF LAREDO**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
M2000-R-17  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
JUNE 26, 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,  
Alfredo Agredano,  
Louis H. Bruni,  
John C. Galo,  
Johnny Amaya,  
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,  
Joe A. Guerra,  
Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr.,  
Juan Ramirez,  
Gustavo Guevara,  
Cynthia Collazo,  
Larry Dovalina,  
Jaime Flores,

Mayor  
Councilmember, District I  
Councilmember, District II  
Councilmember, District III  
Councilmember, District IV  
Councilmember, District V  
Mayor Pro Tempore, District VI  
Councilmember, District VII  
Councilmember, District VIII  
City Secretary  
Acting City Manager  
Acting City Manager  
City Attorney

**IV. MINUTES**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Announcements**

**Invitations**

**Recognitions**

**Communiqués**

- a. Request by the Laredo Country Club for a permit for fire works display for their Annual 4th of July Celebration.

Patricia Guajardo, representative for the Laredo Country Club, asked City Council to approve of a permit for the fire works display to be held on July 4, 2000.

Motion to accept the request from the Country Club.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Mayor Flores read the following letter from Oversized Load Escort Service:

As frequent customers of the Traffic Safety Department, we are taking this opportunity to inform you of the excellent job that Mr. Juan Morales and his staff perform in their department. In our business, related to transporting oversized loads within the city limits, we are constantly facing challenges and concerns related to the safe movement of these loads. In this regard, the staff of the Traffic Safety Department has proven itself time and again in answering our questions and in helping us resolve our problems. They have taken time, may times outside business hours, to help us ensure that particular loads are transported fast and efficiently across the city limits. I believe that they have a genuine desire to make a positive difference in helping to keep Laredo the top commercial traffic in land port.

We hope that you will keep in mind the efforts of the Traffic Safety Department and its excellent employees and recognize them properly when evaluating their performance.

In you have any questions please let me know. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely yours,  
Sylvia L. Garza

## **VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- a. Appointment of Maria Elena Guzman by Council Member Alfredo Agredano to the Third Party Funding Committee.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- b. Appointment by Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr., of Susan Foster to the Third Party Funding Committee, Richard Perales to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and Jose Diaz De Leon and Gregorio Benavides, Jr., to the Redistricting Committee.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- c. Appointment by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr. of Maria de la Luz Flores to the Third Party Funding Committee, Manuel E. Perez to the Parks and Recreations

Advisory

Committee, Trent M. Stricker to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and Richard E. Raymond to the Transportation & Traffic Safety Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing concerning an application by Victoria Investment Properties and

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and Muller amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10 and Lot 9 less E 4.44', Block 120, Western Division, located at 919 San Bernardo Ave. from CBD (Central Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a 5 year C.U.P. for a Bus Stop.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10 and Lot 9 less E 4.44', Block 120, Western Division, located at 919 San Bernardo Ave. from

CBD (Central Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a Conditional Use Permit.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

2. Public hearing concerning an application by Reymundo A. Flores amending the Zoning

Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning N1/3 of Lot 1 and S1/3 of Lot 3, Block 552, Western Division, located at 2404 Main Ave. from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning N1/3 of Lot 1 and S1/3 of Lot 3, Block 552, Western Division, located at 2404 Main Ave. from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. & Mrs. Reymundo Flores, applicants, appeared before City Council to request approval for the purposed use of a Day Care Center.

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

- 1.) The Conditional Use Permit is issued to Rosa Flores and is nontransferable.
- 2.) The Conditional Use Permit is restricted to the site plan.
- 3.) The Conditional Use Permit is restricted to a daycare.
- 4.) Opaque fencing of seven (7) ft. or higher shall surround the property.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

3. Public hearing concerning an application by John J. Jacaman, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 49.71 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of the proposed Jacaman Rd. extension from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 49.71 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of the Bob Bullock Loop and north of the proposed Jacaman Rd. extension from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) and AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Miguel Orozco, from Scherffey Engineering, representing the Jacaman Family appeared to answer any questions from the Council.

Motion to close the public hearing and table.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Public hearing concerning an application by Steve Whitworth, Lago Del Mar Ltd., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for mini storage warehouse on Lot 1, Block 1, Lago Del Mar Subdivision, Unit II, located on the east side of Bartlett Ave. and south of Del Mar Blvd. The current zoning for this site is B-3 (Community Business District)

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for mini storage warehouse on Lot 1, Block 1, Lago Del Mar Subdivision, Unit II, located on the east side of Bartlett Ave. and south of Del Mar Blvd. The current zoning for this site is B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

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: Cm. Bruni

- Public hearing concerning an application by Andres Varela, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5A and N1/2 of Lot 3, Block 254, Western Division, located at 1414 Santa Maria Ave., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 5A and N1/2 of Lot 3, Block 254, Western Division, located at 1414 Santa Maria Ave., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Sally Varela, applicant, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with a Conditional use permit for one year.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Ramirez

- Public hearing to create a Special Paving Permit, suspending platting and certain survey requirements for a six month period to allow for the paving of parking lots; providing for publication and effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Creating a Special Paving Permit, suspending platting and certain survey requirements for a six (6) month period to allow for the paving of parking lots; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

of 7. Public hearing providing community residents an opportunity to comment on the City

Laredo 2000-2005 (5 year) Consolidated Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), and One-Year Action Plan on the use of the 26th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (\$4,316,000.00), Program Income (\$98,352.00), 2000 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (\$1,356,000.00), and 2000 Emergency Shelter Grant (\$152,000.00) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Erasmus Villarreal, Community Development Director, presented a comprehensive report on the Consolidated Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and the One-Year Action Plan.

As a result of this particular funding he named the following projects:

- 123 Blocks of Sidewalks

- Market Street Tennis Courts

- Park Improvements

- Demolition of buildings on Cedar Street

- ADA Sidewalk compliance in conjunction with the Paseo de Latino downtown

- 43 intersections streetlights

- 333 traffic street signs

- Preliminary work on the Zacate Creek Phase I

- Worked on Paving Project 61

- Acquisition of the Plaza Theater

- Code Enforcements Activities

- Graffiti Removal

- Design Work on the East Hachar Recreation Center

- Housing Rehab Loans

- Acquisition for the La Fayette Street Widening Project

- Design work on Zacate Phase II Project

- Clark/Hendricks the Birds of Buenos Ayeres Project

He added that it is important to prioritize the needs of the citizens of Laredo. He reported the number of Laredoans that has received assistance from certain programs through Community Development Projects.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra requested an update from staff on the 1.3 million dollar railroad overpass project at the Unitec Industrial Park.

Luis Diaz De Leon, interested citizen, requested funding to end the stench of the Zacate Creek.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing and final reading of ordinance ordering and proclaiming a Special Election to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2000, designating polling places, providing for publication in reference to an election for the approval of a sports and community venue project ("The Laredo Entertainment Center") and for one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement to conduct said Special Election and other matters relating thereto.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordering and proclaiming a Special Election to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2000, designating polling places, providing for publication in reference to an election for the approval of a sports and community venue project ("The Laredo Entertainment Center") and for one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement to conduct said Special Election and other matters relating thereto.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, highlighted sections in the ordinance pertaining to the election. She added that the City has received a determination from the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the Sports and Community Venue project will not have a significant negative physical impact on state revenue.

Irene Flores spoke in favor of the arena. She stated her opinion was due to a disappointing experience she had because of the inability of Laredo's facilities to accommodate the abundance of people that attend graduation ceremonies. Finally, she stated that the arena would enhance entertainment for the entire family and would mark Laredo on the map as a diversified city.



Charles Martens stated that he was presently undecided about his decision in the proposed arena because he needed more information.

Aldo Tatangelo stated that he was in favor of a facility for entertainment. However, he felt like the new facility should be included in the revitalization of the river frontage. He suggested renovation of an existing facility similar to other cities in Texas. He asked the Council to slow down the process and take a better look at the all possibilities that are obtainable.

Luis Diaz De Leon stated that he is opposed to the arena mainly because of the amount of money that is involved. He asked the Council to postpone the election and acquire more information.

Jesus Hernandez spoke in favor of the arena for the youth. He enthusiastically encouraged the youth to speak up for their future.

Jesus Ponce asked how much land would be included in the arena site. He also asked the Council to protect the citizens of the community against indebtedness in the event the project is a failure.

Rafael Garcia stated that he would support the arena if they would promote a Major League Soccer League rather than hockey.

Luis Dovalina spoke in favor of the arena project. He was impressed with the concept and goals of the proposal. He added that Laredoans should envision a positive outlook for Laredo.

Michelle Martinez, Danny Martinez and Jessie Garcia spoke in favor of the arena. They reiterated the fact that the arena would enhance entertainment opportunities for the youth of Laredo.

Julian Delgado spoke in opposition to the arena with a plea to revisit the project. He stated that the project was irresponsible and an enormous waste of money. He added that the possibility of having famous people entertain in Laredo was delusional.

Ms. Christine Lopez was in favor of the arena. She emphasized that the arena would generate jobs for Laredo.

Javier Mendoza was suspicious of the Council's interest in Arena Ventures. He insinuated that their support might be questionable. He expressed his support for an arena but stated that allowing Arena Ventures into the project was absurd.

Richard Mendoza spoke against the project. He commented that top names would not come to Laredo to perform. He was also concerned with property taxes.

Mercurio Martinez, III, briefed the public on the proposed Multi Use Laredo Entertainment Center. He stated that the entertainment center is a 35 million dollar venture designed to improve the quality of life in Laredo by bringing nationally

recognized entertainment. He added that the true value of the Laredo Entertainment Center is a diversified mix of events to satisfy all interests. He explained that such a facility will treat Laredoans to a variety of cultural and entertainment activity year round. He pointed out that the citizens would be able to comfortably enjoy events such as concerts, family shows like the circus or Disney on Ice, wrestling, boxing, rodeos, festivals, trade shows and the all too familiar graduations.

Keith Selman, City Planner, explained the exact location of the proposed arena and why that particular area would be the most appropriate location to serve the growing community of Laredo.

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, stated that the Laredo Entertainment Center would be constructed on 25 acres. In addition, Arena Ventures has an additional 55 acres to develop. The advantages for the city is that the additional development that would occur as part of the arena would greatly enhance the economic tax base as well as the property tax base of the community.

Mayor Flores exemplified the fact that she and the Council have gone through a very meticulous and lengthy process in obtaining thorough information about the entertainment center.

Kiki de Ayala, representative from Arena Ventures, stated that some individuals have been misinformed. He stated that Arena Ventures is trying diligently to advertise in order to inform the public of the correct facts.

He added that Laredo should be very honored that SMG, the worlds largest booking company, is willing to enter into a contract by bringing spectacular entertainment to Laredo.

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Director, stated that the arena project is "project specific" therefore, the sales tax would only be used for the arena. He also informed the Council that unlike 1982 or 1994 the economy is more diversified and is able to support the arena project.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, reminded the Council that the city is only binded by a letter of intent. He added that if the election fails on August 12<sup>th</sup> that the project would be terminated with no expense. However, if the citizens approve the project, then the City will have 180 days to negotiate with Arena Ventures.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra stated that he was opposed to the arena.

Cm. Ramirez stated that he was also opposed to the arena.

Cm. Galo voiced his support for the arena and referred to the project as a dream. He encouraged the public to exercise their right to vote on August 12, 2000. He reminded the public that the additional tax increase could not be used for developing or repairing any areas of the city other than the arena.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Bruni  
For: 6

Against: 2  
Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra  
Cm. Ramirez

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

9. Public hearing amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-3, Fees for City Services, Subsection (b) providing for charges for the duplication of EMS Activity Report Records; providing for severability and providing for an effective date and publication.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-3, Fees for City Services, Subsection (b) providing for charges for the duplication of EMS Activity Report Records; providing for severability and providing for an effective date and publication.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Agredano  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

10. Public hearing amending Ordinance No. 91-O-246 to increase the fee from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per person for the administration of immunization at the City of Laredo Health Department, and setting a maximum fee of \$12.00 per family.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending Ordinance No. 91-O-246 to increase the fee from \$1.00 to \$4.00 per person for the administration of immunization at the City of Laredo Health Department, and setting a maximum fee of \$12.00 per family.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Agredano  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### 11. A. Request by Council Member Alfredo Agredano

#### 1. Status report on opening the landfill on Sunday.

Oscar Medina, Assistant Director Public Works, recognized Randall Kippenbrok, Manager of the Land field, who asked the council for time to do an analysis of the cost opening later and closing later.

#### 2. Status report on the paving of the 3500 block of South Bartlett and the three blocks on Ejido St., north of Loop 20.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, asked the if they could put the item on the agenda at a later date.

### B. Request by Council Member John Amaya

#### 1. Status report, with possible action, on the curb and gutter cave-in at 2800 Cedar.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that the curb and gutter cave in at the 2700 block of Cedar is not in the current budget. He will research the project and see if the city can fund the project in-house.

## **IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

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12. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Outgrant No. DTFA07-84-01097 between the United States of America, as Lessor, and the City of Laredo, as Lessee, for the purpose of leasing the Air Traffic Control Tower Building and its electronic equipment. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing April 1, 2000, and ending on March 31, 2005. Rent shall be \$1.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

13. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Autophone of Laredo, Inc., for approximately 5,672 square feet constituting Building No. 962 located at 1816 Pappas Street. Lease term is for 20 years commencing on October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2020. New monthly rent shall be \$3,403.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index and further adjusted by Fair Market Rental Appraisal on the 10th anniversary. Current monthly rent is \$2,253.86.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

14. An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Barker Aeromotive approved by Ordinance No. 91-O-097 dated May 6, 1991 for Hangar No. 1309 consisting of approximately 21,482 square feet of hangar and lobby space located at 4015 North Jarvis Avenue at the Laredo International Airport. Said amendment extending the term of the lease agreement from twenty (20) years to twenty-nine (29) years ending on June 30, 2020 and may be extended for two (2) terms of five (5) years, ending on June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2030, respectively. Monthly rental shall be adjusted based on changes in the Consumer Price Index and the rental obligation shall be further adjusted based on Fair Market Appraisal at each ten-year anniversary.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

15. An ordinance granting a Transitting License to Williams Communications, Inc. d/b/a Vyvx, Inc. (in the State of Texas), to erect, construct, maintain, and operate a wire telecommunications system for a term of four (4) years with one (1), four (4) year renewal option pursuant to the City of Laredo's Wire Telecommunications System Registration and Licensing Ordinance of 1998- #98-O-353; and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

## **X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES**

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Motion to waive final readings of Ordinances # 2000-O-149, # 2000-O-156, # 2000-O-157, # 2000-O-158, # 2000-O-159, # 2000-O-160 and # 2000-O-161.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. 2000-O-149 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo Fire

Department FY1999-2000 Budget in the amount of \$2,901.50 for a total of \$10,401.50 distributed from Senate Bill 102 EMS/Trauma Systems Care Fund to be used toward the purchase of educational, communication and training equipment. Original budgeted amount for FY1999-2000 was \$7,500.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-149.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-156 Approve of amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget revision in the amount of \$20,000.00 in additional funds 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; and increase revenue line item 226-0000-323-4058 from \$74,409.00 to \$94,409.00 and expenditure line item 226-6018 from \$74,409.00 to \$94,409.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-156.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-157 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 1999-2000 Annual Budget in the amount of \$380,000.00 for the upgrade of the Laredo Police Department's communication system and to pay for the security fence around the narcotics building. The upgrade of the communications system is not to exceed \$350,000.00. Funding is available from the opening balance of the Laredo Police Department's Trust Fund. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-157.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-158 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's 1999-

2000

annual budget in the amount of \$208,466.00 for the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. This project funds the salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, and equipment for support personnel. Two additional clerical staff members will be added.

The U.S. Department of Justice will designate \$158,466.00 and the City of Laredo will designate \$50,000.00 to fund this grant from October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2001. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-158.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-159 Amending the City of Laredo's 1999-2000 annual budget in the amount of

\$1,552,624.00 for the Laredo Multi-Agency Narcotic Task Force. The Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division will be designating \$1,164,624.00 and the City of Laredo will be designating \$175,000.00 from the opening fund balance and \$213,156.00 of personnel salary contributions for a total amount of \$388,156.00 in matching funds. Funding will be used to pay salaries, fringe benefits, overtime expenses, indirect operating expenses, and equipment from June 1, 2000 through May 31, 2001. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-159.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-160 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign-Trade Zone Operators Agreement between the City of Laredo, as Zone Grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 94 and with Geologistics Americas, Inc., as Zone Site Operator of an approximate 4,810 square foot facility located at the Killam Industrial Park, Site No. 3. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-160.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-161 Ordering and proclaiming a Special Election to be held on Saturday, August 12, 2000, designating polling places, providing for publication in reference to an election for the approval of a sports and community venue project ("The Laredo Entertainment Center") and for one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract agreement to conduct said Special Election and other matters relating thereto. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-161.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XI. RESOLUTIONS**

17. 2000-R-093 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to spend \$800,000.00 for construction of the 16-inch water line on Highway 359 as the City of Laredo's contribution to the Colonias Water and Wastewater Improvement Project.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-093.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XII. MOTIONS**

18. Consideration to award a contract in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect, Inc.) to fund the 4th of July Family Fiesta and authorizing the City Manager to execute said contract, and fund the contract form FY1999-2000 account number 244-4930-553-5423.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## **XIII. STAFF REPORT**

19. Report on new proposed Municipal Court Building cost estimate and schematic design prepared by Mr. John Hickey, Architect.

John Hickey, Architect, presented the schematic design.

Judge Rosario Tijerina asked the Council for their support.

John Hickey, local practicing architect, spoke on the proposed Laredo Municipal Court Building. He submitted the following Construction Cost Estimate.

Division 1 – General Requirements  
Mobilization – stakeout and surveying

Estimated Cost  
15,820.00



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|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Schedules, Reports, Permits              | 10,170.00         |
| Samples & Shop Drawings                  | 8,814.00          |
| Temporary Facilities                     | 16,498.00         |
| Temporary Signs                          | 2,825.00          |
| Project Utilities                        | 11,865.00         |
| Clean Up & Close Out                     | 11,865.00         |
| Bonds & Insurance                        | <u>62,500.00</u>  |
|                                          | 140,357.00        |
| Division 2 – Site work                   |                   |
| Clear Site                               | 8,500.00          |
| Soil Treatment                           | 3,585.00          |
| Excavation – Beams                       | 1,806.25          |
| Compacted Fill                           | 2,893.75          |
| Landscaping Allowance                    | <u>19,500.00</u>  |
|                                          | 36,285.00         |
| Division 3 – Concrete                    |                   |
| Reinforced Steel                         | 18,550.00         |
| Concrete Formwork                        | 38,350.00         |
| Concrete Finish – Curing                 | 19,120.00         |
| Ready Mix Concrete 3000 PSI              | 28,600.00         |
| Concrete Accessories                     | 5,650.00          |
| Second Floor Lightweight Concrete        | <u>0.00</u>       |
|                                          | 107,770.00        |
| Division 4 – Masonry                     |                   |
| Split – face CMU                         | 258,500.00        |
| CMU                                      |                   |
| Masonry Accessories                      | 5,650.00          |
| Masonry Cleaning                         | 10,170.00         |
| Stucco                                   | <u>40,680.00</u>  |
|                                          | 315,000.00        |
| Division 5 – Metals                      |                   |
| Structural Steel                         | 135,600.00        |
| Miscellaneous Steel                      | <u>45,200.00</u>  |
|                                          | 180,800.00        |
| Division 6 – Carpentry                   |                   |
| Rough Carpentry                          |                   |
| Miscellaneous Rough Framing              | 24,860.00         |
| ¾ “ CDX Plywood Decking                  | 21,187.50         |
| Pre-Engineered Roof Trusses              | 101,700.00        |
| Fasteners & Misc.                        | <u>24,860.00</u>  |
|                                          | 172,607.50        |
| Finish Carpentry                         |                   |
| Door & Window Wood Trims – Interior      | 24,000.00         |
| Shelving                                 | 56,000.00         |
| Millwork                                 | <u>168,750.00</u> |
|                                          | 248,750.00        |
| Division 7 - Thermal/Moisture Protection |                   |

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Standing Seam Metal Roof                      | 90,000.00        |
| Insulation                                    | 35,850.00        |
| Sealants & Caulkings                          | <u>11,300.00</u> |
|                                               | 137,150.00       |
| Division 8 – Doors – Windows & Glass          |                  |
| Storefront Glass                              | 45,200.00        |
| Exterior Fixed Glass Windows w/Aluminum Frame | 6,732.00         |
| Exterior Hollow Metal Doors w/Frame           | 2,380.00         |
| Interior s.c. Wood Doors w/Frame              | 11,900.00        |
| Exterior Glass Storefront Doors               | 4,072.00         |
| Overhead Door and Opener                      | 6,780.00         |
| Door Hardware Allowance                       | 22,600.00        |
| Hardware Millwork Allowance                   | <u>8,000.00</u>  |
|                                               | 107,664.00       |
| Division 9 – Finishes                         |                  |
| Suspended Acoustical Ceilings                 | 71,700.00        |
| Paint interior Walls                          | 550,000.00       |
| 12 x 12 Tile Flooring                         | 130,872.50       |
| 4x4 Ceramic – Wet Areas – Walls               | 18,645.00        |
| 4x4 Wet Areas – Floors                        | <u>10,257.50</u> |
|                                               | 781,475.00       |
| Division 10 Specialties                       |                  |
| Bathroom Accessories                          | 10,170.00        |
| Signage                                       | <u>6,780.00</u>  |
|                                               | 16,950.00        |
| Division 11 – Equipment                       | Not in contract  |
| Division 12 – Furnishings                     | Not in contract  |
| Division 13 – Special Construction            | Not in contract  |
| Division 14 – Conveying Systems               | Not in contract  |
| Division 15 – Mechanical                      |                  |
| HVAC                                          | 45,500.00        |
| Plumbing                                      | <u>45,500.00</u> |
|                                               | 91,000.00        |
| Division 16 – Electrical                      |                  |
| Electrical                                    | 66,800.00        |

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Total                  | 2,402,608.50 |
| Total Cost per sq. ft. | 100.53       |

Motion to accept the design.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to amend the City of Laredo Protocol Handbook - Section VI - H(5) "Appointees who are reappointed by a different Mayor or Council Member and who have not served a total of eight years shall serve for extended terms concurrent with

terms of their new appointing officials, provided that they serve no longer than a total of eight years in any appointed capacity or combination thereof, except in a "holdover" capacity defined as when the appointing council member is him or herself in a holdover seat or the new council member has not yet appointed his or her representative".

Motion to approve as written.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 2

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Ramirez

Against: 6

Cm. Agredano

Cm. Galo

Cm. Amaya

Cm. E. Valdez

Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Cm. Ramirez

Abstain: 0

A motion was made to approve that appointees may serve no more than eight years in one committee and no more than 16 years combined

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. J. Valdez

For: 6

Against: 2

Cm. Bruni

Cm. Ramirez

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to amend the City of Laredo Protocol Handbook - Section XII-A regarding the order of seating of the City Council.

Motion to approve the seating of council members according to the District number.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Staff report on the circulation study for Lamar Middle School, as presented by Traffic

Engineers, Inc., in conjunction with the widening of Lane Street between Milmo and Arkansas and authorizing staff to proceed to negotiate right of way (r.o.w.) donation, as needed, with adjoining property owners for this project.

Keith Selman, City Planner, gave a presentation before the council.

Mayor Flores asked City Managers to contact Laredo Independent School District for a time line of their construction.

Motion to negotiate right of way donation, as needed with adjoining property owners.

Moved: Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Galo  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Time: 9:12 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Amaya  
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 19 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

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Gustavo Guevara  
City Secretary