

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF LAREDO
M2000-R-21
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
AUGUST 07, 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,
Johnny Amaya,
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,
Joe A. Guerra,
Jose Alberto Valdez, Jr.,
Juan Ramirez,
Gustavo Guevara,
Larry Dovalina,
Cynthia Collazo,
Jaime Flores,

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

Motion to excuse Cm. John C. Galo.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of June 19, 2000 and June 26, 2000 with corrections.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, gave an update on the ceremony for Bishop Tamayo.

Mayor Pro Tempore read the following letter:

On behalf of the Laredo International Fair and Exposition Board of Directors and staff please accept our sincere gratitude for the millings that were transported to the fair grounds during the last three weeks. The millings are being spread out throughout the grounds. This will help us settle the dust during annual events. Our community will greatly appreciate and benefit from this donation.

The Laredo Fair and Exposition is a non-profit organization dedicated to the youngsters of our community. We work hard in providing the facilities for the fair in which interested youngsters can participate. We are continuing to improve our fairgrounds and facilities in order to serve better our community. Please let us know if we could ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Claudia Williams and David A. Ender

Mayor Pro Tempore read the following letter:

The Del Mar Little League would like to request a donation from the City of Laredo to help in our work in providing a positive alternative to the many negative influences the children of Laredo face in their daily lives. This year we especially need your help due to the fact that two of our all-star teams won district 34 championships and will be traveling to sectional play offs. The cost of providing room and board for 28 young men while they are away representing the city of Laredo is an expensive burden that the league could only afford if it is shared by businesses such as yours. We want you to know that without your help the task of trying to serve the children in our league would be impossible.

Thank-you for any assistance.

Mr. Joe Nieto
Del Mar of Little League

Invitations

Recognitions

Mayor Flores recognized Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra for his excellent performance at the National Convention for the Republican Party.

- a. Recognition of the Laredo Housing Authority Board Members.

Abraham Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Laredo Housing Authority, spoke on the Laredo Housing Authority Commission Membership and the services provided by the agency.

Mayor Flores presented the recognition certificates to members of the board. Those present and receiving their certificates were Aldo Tatangelo and John Peter Montalvo.

- b. Recognition of the American Little League as Regional Qualifiers to State Little League in Waco, Texas.

Mayor Flores presented the Seven Flags Certificate to the American Little League District 34 and Section 8 Champions. They were as follows:

Luis A. Saldana
Javier Canales
Antonio Briseno, Jr.
Jose P. Sanchez
Reynaldo Pena
Alex Garcia

Daniel Becerra
Domingo Oliva, III
Jose G. Castillo
Erik Gutierrez
Jose A. Carrizales
Ismael A. Tellez, Jr.

Juan Ortiz, Manager
Dante Madrigal, Assistant Manager
Isidro Orozco, Jr., Assistant Manager

Communiqués

- Cm. Bruni read the following:

More or Less?

“The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers; wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints; we spend more, but we have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; we have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge but less judgment; more experts, but more problems; more medicine, but less wellness.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul; we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals; we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.

These are the time of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare; more leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food but less nutrition.

These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is much in the show window and nothing in the stockroom, a time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to make a difference...or just hit delete".

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

a. Appointment by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores of:

Javier Garza	Airport Advisory Committee
Daniel Barrera	Board of Adjustments
Victor Garza	Citizen Environmental Advisory Committee
Brenda Garcia	Library Advisory Committee
Rafael Torres	Charter Review Committee
Luis Guerra	Laredo Housing Finance Corporation
Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	"
Oralia Garcia	Laredo Affordable Housing Corporation
Tranquilino Alvarez	Building Standard Board Members
Carlos San Miguel	"
Hector Torres	"
Lonnie Berry	"
Juan Homero Sanchez	"
Gabriel Palacios	"
John Hickie	"

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

b. Appointment of Leroy Morin by Council Member John C. Galo to the Airport Advisory

Committee.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Valdez

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

c. Appointment of a Civic Center Ad Hoc Committee.

The mayor named Lorraine Laurel, Ana Galo and Claudia Canales.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo General Fund FY 2000 Annual Budget for a

grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$118,561.00 for computer hardware, software and professional development for library staff, providing for effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo General Fund FY 2000 Annual Budget for a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the amount of \$118,561.00 for computer hardware, software and professional development for library staff, providing for effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 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. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk stated that due to some of the concerns raised at the previous City Council meetings, he wanted to inform the Council that there is a restriction on the property. He stated that no heavy truck traffic would be permitted.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- Public hearing for the approval of a contract with Texas Department of Health and amending the budget in the amount \$552,000.00 for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001. (Approval of Resolution 2000-R-111 needed before Public Hearing)

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a contract with Texas Department of Health and amending the budget in the

amount \$552,000.00 for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001; and increase revenue line item 226-0000-323-4034 from \$0 to \$504,000.00, and increase expenditure line item 226-6025 from \$0 to \$504,000.00; and increase expenditure line item 226-6026 from \$0 to \$48,000.00

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing for the approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and amending the budget for seven grants as depicted in the amount of \$1,117,569.00 in direct funds and \$360,678.00 in program income for the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001. (Approval of Resolution 2000-R-112 needed before Public Hearing)

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and amending the budget for seven grants as depicted in the amount of \$1,117,569.00 in direct funds and \$360,678.00 in program income for the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Public hearing for the approval of a contract with the Texas Department of Health and

amending the budget in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001. (Approval of Resolution 2000-R- 110 needed before Public Hearing)

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Approval of a contract with the Texas Department of Health and amending the budget in

the amount of \$42,000.00 for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001; authorizing the City Manager to make transfers within the budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Discussion on establishing a permanent "City Hall at the Mall", with possible action.

Mayor Flores informed the Council that the Department of Housing and Urban Development wishes to fund a kiosk at the mall in order to inform the public about housing programs that are available. She added that the booth would also inform the citizens of the services that the City provides.

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, stated that the city is excited about the opportunity of partnering with HUD in reaching the public and informing them of the different programs that are available.

Motion authorizing the City Managers to prepare a proposal for the Council to review.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Alfredo Agredano

1. Status report on the traffic light on Highway 359 and Concord Hills.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, advised the Council that his department was working with TxDOT to install a traffic light on Highway 359 and Concord Hills.

Fitzgerald Sanchez, Texas Department of Transportation, assured the Council that TxDOT had the equipment and the manpower to install the traffic light. However, they need the approval from City Council.

Cm. Agredano asked TxDOT to expedite the project.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, stated that it would be placed on the agenda at the next meeting.

Motion was made to install a traffic light on Highway 359 and Concord Hills as soon as possible.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

C. Request by Council Member Louis H. Bruni

1. Status report on the traffic light on Highway 59 and Henry Cuellar Elementary School.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Director, reported that the study did not warrant a traffic light on Highway 59 and Henry Cuellar Elementary School. He noted that a request was submitted to TxDOT asking for left turning lanes and safety devices at the intersection. The department will begin another study.

Fitzgerald Sanchez, representing Texas Department of Transportation, stated that the criterion for establishing a school zone does not fit that situation. The school zone is set up for pedestrian activity not for vehicular activity. TxDOT has lowered the speed limit, placed signs approaching the intersection and will install flashing beacons to reduce the speed. He added that the City might build a traffic signal if warranted, on state system and in the City of Laredo.

Mayor Flores stressed the importance of all government entities working together to solve traffic problems before they occur.

D. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Status report on the possible seepage of water from the Lyon St. storage tanks, with possible action.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, informed the Council that the seepage of water has been a concern for many years. He informed the council that there have been no formal complaints submitted. He added that his department would take the claim form to the residents that are affected by the seepage.

E. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Joe A. Guerra

1. Request by former Mayor Aldo Tatangelo to discuss the issue of affordable housing, with possible action.

Aldo Tatangelo appeared before the council to discuss construction of affordable housing on city property. The city owns approximately 500 parcels of land. He requested that Community Development give a presentation on the properties that are suitable for building houses.

F. Request by Council Member Juan Ramirez

1. Discussion and possible action on placing a sidewalk on the 500 block of Juarez St.

Joe Guerra, Public Works Director, stated that the department would begin placing the sidewalk next week since he has extra money in his budget.

2. Status report on the monies available in the Civic Center Reserve Capital Improvement Fund, with possible action.

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Director, reported that in 1994 the money was transferred into a Capital Improvement Fund. To date, the account has earned \$690,222 dollars in interest. He added that in 1999 the City Council passed a motion to put in \$50,000 a year from the Hotel Motel assuming that there was a surplus. Finally, he said there is \$3,777,722 in the Capital Improvement Fund, which is restricted for the new convention center.

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement authorized by Ordinance No. 99-O-099 dated April 19, 1999, and as amended by Ordinance No. 99-O-240 dated August 23, 1999, with Webb County Juvenile Board for approximately 100,357 square feet of land located on Block No. 23 at the Laredo International Airport. Said amendment will amend the lease term to end on December 31, 2000 instead of May 31, 2000. All other terms and conditions remain in effect and unchanged.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

8. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a subordination, non disturbance, and attornment agreement, entered into by and between Pinnacle Towers, Inc., the City of Laredo, and Hamilton Housing Partners, L.L.C., regarding the sale of an Antennae Tower easement from Hamilton Housing Partner, L.L.C., to Pinnacle Towers, Inc.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Internet available: //www.cityoflaredo.com

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances 2000-O-189, 2000-O-190, 2000-O-191, 2000-O-192, 2000-O-193, 2000-O-194, 2000-O-195, 2000-O-196, 2000-O-197, 2000-O-198 and 2000-O-199.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain:

Cm. Amaya and Cm. E. Valdez abstained on 2000-O-194, 2000-O-198 and 2000-O-199.

9. 2000-O-189 Approval of an amendment of the contract with the Texas Department of

Health and Budget revision in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000; and decrease revenue line item 226-0000-323-4036 from \$200,000 to \$188,000 and expenditure line item 226-6007 from \$200,000 to \$188,000. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-189.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-190 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 99-O-196, authorizing a name change on the Conditional Use Permit, for used clothing sales, from Daniel B. Hastings, Sr. to Angel R. Laurel, Jr. on Lots 6 and 8, Block 195, Western Division, located at 1119 Flores Avenue; providing for publication and effective date.

(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-190.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-191 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

1.680 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located on the northwest corner of Jacaman Rd. and the Bartlett Avenue extension, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date. (AS AMENDED)
(City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-191.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-192 An ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Annual Budget

by creating 4 new positions for the Parks and Recreation Department, D. D. Hachar Recreation Center, authorizing the City Manager to implement said amendment. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-192.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-193 Authorizing the transfer from Mineral Leases Fund to the Capital Improvements Fund in the amount of \$115,080.00 to partially fund the development of a 4.16 acre neighborhood park located in Eastwoods Subdivision at the 3600 block of Sheffield and Derby in District II; amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Annual Budget for General Fund by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$108,201.28 as proceeds from the settlement of a lawsuit styled City of San Benito, et al., vs. P.G.& E. Gas Transmission; transferring \$66,920.00 to the Capital Improvements Fund to provide additional funding for Eastwoods Park and the COPS Substation to be located at Springfield Ave. and Ryan St. in District V, and authorizing the City Manager to implement

said Budget. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-193.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-194 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County for approximately 300 square feet of office space constituting Suite

No. 20 of Building No. S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2001, and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending on June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003. Monthly rent shall be \$345.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-194.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Cm. Amaya

Cm. E. Valdez

2000-O-195 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with

Texas Migrant Council for approximately 50,442 square feet of land located on Tract 3, Block 25 (5102 North Bartlett) at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on August 1, 2000 and ending on July 31, 2005 with a 120 day notice to terminate by either party. New monthly rent shall be \$750.00 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Current monthly rent is \$724.93. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-195

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-196 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Juan Vargas d/b/a The Education Center for approximately 4,308 square feet constituting Building No. 1169 located at 4407 Foster Avenue at the Laredo

International Airport. Lease term is for three (3) months commencing on

October 1, 2000 and ending on December 31, 2000. Lessor has the option of extending this lease for one (1) term of six (6) months ending on June 30, 2001. New monthly rent shall be \$1,625.00. Current monthly rent is \$1,537.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-196.

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

2000-O-197 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Border Maintenance Services, Inc., for approximately 2,504 square feet constituting Building No. 1421 located at 1817 Pappas Street at the Laredo

International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2001. New monthly rent shall be \$851.00.

Current monthly rent is \$725.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-197.

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

2000-O-198 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County for approximately 300 square feet of office space constituting Suite

No. 22 of Building No. S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2001, and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending on June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003. Monthly rent shall be \$345.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-198.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 2
Cm. Amaya
Cm. E. Valdez

2000-O-199 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Webb County for approximately 300 square feet of office space constituting Suite

No. 23 of Building No. S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2000 and ending on June 30, 2001, and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year ending on June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

Monthly

rent shall be \$345.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and

extension terms of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price

Index. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-199.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Cm. Amaya

Cm. E. Valdez

XI. RESOLUTIONS

10. 2000-R-109 A resolution authorizing the use of surplus proceeds from the City of Laredo, Texas Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation (97-B), in the amount of \$10,015.00, for the purchase of two (2) used military six wheel drive trucks, later to be converted into brush tankers, these trucks will be used to fight brush fires and to eliminate some of the wear and tear of new fire engines.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-109.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

11. 2000-R-110 A resolution accepting a grant and amending a contract with the Texas

Department of Health in the amount of \$42,000.00 for the Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project (BCCCP), of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-110.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. 2000-R-111 A resolution accepting a grant and amending a contract with the Texas

Department of Health in the amount of \$552,000.00 for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-111.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 2000-R-112 A resolution accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the

amount of \$1,117,569.00 in direct funds and \$360,678.00 in program income for the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-112.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Amaya
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

14. 2000-R-114 A resolution of the City of Laredo authorizing the intervention in Central

Power and Light Company's request to increase the fuel factor and implement a surcharge filed at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Docket No. 22768; authorizing the joining with other intervening cities to protect municipal and ratepayer interests; authorizing the hiring of attorneys and consultants; and requiring reimbursement of the cities; ratemaking costs.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-109.

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

15. 2000-R-115 A resolution authorizing Deputy Secretaries to sign documents on behalf

of the City Secretary when he/she is otherwise unavailable to attend to the day-to-day operations of the City.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-115.

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

XII. MOTIONS

16. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$69,411.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice COPS Office for the funding of the COPS MORE 2000 Program. The funding will be used to hire three (3) clerk III positions, which will enhance the Laredo Police Department's community-oriented policing philosophy. The total grant award for this program is \$69,411.00 with the U.S. Department of Justice providing 75% (\$52,058.00) of the total grant award and the City contributing 25% (\$17,353.00) in matching funds. This grant provides funding for one year and requires the City to absorb the cost of the newly hired positions for one full locally funded budget cycle after Federal funding has ended.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to award a professional service contract to Bexar County Forensic Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, in an estimated annual amount of \$120,000.00 for criminal investigation laboratory services for the Police Department. All services are requested on a as needed basis. Services include arson, controlled substances, DNA, firearms, tool marks, toxicology, serology, and other services required for criminal investigations. Funding is available in the Police Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to award contract number FY00-120, to the LOW BIDDER, Nueces Power Equipment, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$29,897.00, for the purchase of one vibratory asphalt compactor, for the Public Works Department. This compactor will be assigned to the street maintenance division. Delivery of this equipment is expected within eight weeks. Funding is available from Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO) proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one, regenerative air street sweeper, through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) - Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the total amount of \$109,415.87, for the Public Works

Department. This replacement sweeper will be assigned to the Street Cleaning Division. Delivery of this equipment is expected within three months. Funding is available from Public Property Finance Contractual Obligations (PPFCO) proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to award contract number FY00-122, to the SOLE PROPOSER, Vetrol

Data Systems Inc., Vero Beach, Florida, in the amount of \$24,130.00, for the purchase and installation of an automated building inspection request system for the Building Department. The automated inspection system provides a computer network to allow access to permit and inspection information via a touch-tone telephone interface. This system will allow access to building contractors to request permits and obtain the results of inspections. The contract price includes all required hardware, software, installation, and training on the use of this system. Funds for this contract are available in the Building Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration to award contract number FY00-118, to the LOW BIDDER, Rush Truck

Center - San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$49,085.16, for the purchase of one, three ton crew cab truck with service body for the Utilities Department -Water Distribution Division, and authorization is requested to reject the two bids received for the purchase of one service truck for the Utilities Department - Wastewater Treatment Division. The two bids received for the service truck exceeded the budget amount. Funding for the crew cab truck are available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to award contract number FY00-098, to the LOWEST BIDDER, Val Tech Services, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$20,500.00, for the purchase of 100 trash can holders and trash cans for the downtown business district. These holders

are made of decorative wrought iron. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to award contract number FY00-124, to the LOWEST BIDDER, Cascade Engineering, Grand Rapids, MI., in the amount of \$102,500.00, for the purchase of 2,500 rollout waste containers designed to hold household garbage. These containers are designed to be mechanically lifted onto the trash trucks. The City is implementing a pilot program to determine the feasibility of using these waste containers City wide. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award contract number FY00-128, to the LOW BIDDER, Barco Products, Batavia, IL, in the amount of \$36,405.00, for the purchase of 300, portable plastic barriers for use for traffic control on all bridges. Funding for these items are available in the Bridge Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award annual contract number FY00-127 to the LOW BIDDER, Safelite Auto Glass, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$20,000.00, for providing glass replacement service for the Fleet Maintenance Division. All work will be done on a per need basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to award annual contract number FY00-126, to the LOW BIDDER, Crosstown Sterling, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the amount of \$66,616.00, for the purchase of one twelve cubic yard dump truck for the Utilities Department -

Transmission and Distribution Division. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award of supply contract number FY00-123 to the following LOW BIDDERS : Libcon Inc. DBA Leyendecker Materials Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$1,167,500.00, for the purchase of asphalt and black base, City Ready Mix, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$366,000.00, for the purchase of ready mix cement, 4G Asphalt DBA Big Buck Asphalt, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$228,250.00, for the purchase of flexible base, sand, and gravel, and Javalina Ready Mix, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$13,250.00, for the purchase of ready mix concrete, as required for all city paving and construction projects.

In addition, the City Council must choose lots to determine the contract vendor for ready mix concrete - Class B, picked up at the vendor's plant. There was a tie bid for this commodity between City Ready Mix and Javalina Ready Mix at a unit cost of \$47.00/cyd.

Motion to approve with the winner of Class B was City Ready Mix as drawn by Mayor Flores.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to award contract number FY00-130, to the LOW BIDDER, Protective

Products International, Sunrise, FL., in the amount of \$50,331.00, for the purchase of fifty seven body armor vests for the Police Department. Twenty five will be purchased from the Police Department's Trust Fund budget and thirty two will be purchased from Financial Task Force grand funding.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration for acceptance of the University Blvd. Extension Project and approval of

final payment in the amount of \$19,976.72 to Price Construction, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$199,767.15. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to approve amendment no. 1 an increase of \$187,889.00 to the engineering contract with Mejia Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for additional professional services for the Fire Fighting Training Facility. Funding is available in the Fire Training Facility Project Engineering Fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to approve a professional services contract with Brown & Root, Inc., Houston, Texas, for an amount of \$28,000.00 for engineering services to prepare the plans and specifications for the rehabilitation of concrete bridge deck and construction phase services for Bridge No. 1 related to the 1997 report for the repairs, structural evaluation and assessment of load carrying capacity, and strengthening of the bridge. Funding is available in the Bridge System Purchased Professional Services.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to award a construction contract to Laredo Class One Builders, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$114,000.00 for the Police Substation located at Springfield Ave. and Ryan Street. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2 a net decrease of \$120,896.90 for the

balance of final in place quantities, acceptance of the 16-Inch Water Line Along State Highway 359 and approval of final payment in the amount of \$293,234.07 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount of \$718,368.10. Funding is available in the Waterworks System 1997, Bond Issue Line Extensions.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to approve the selection of consultant and authorization to negotiate

a

professional services contract with Carter & Burgess, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, to provide Consulting Services for the Chacon Creek Flood Mitigation Project. The Project is to implement the flood protection plan developed under a grant from the Texas Water Development Board. The Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the watershed has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The scope of services for the mitigation project includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- a. Identify, recommend, and prioritize projects to mitigate the flooding according to the flood plain study.
- b. Prepare a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan according to the flood plain study to mitigate the flooding.
- c. Formulation of corrective solutions for the problem areas with evaluations and capital costs for each alternative.
- d. Identify the funding mechanism to implement the Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to approve the Project Plaque for the DPW Service Center (EDA Project

No. 08-01-03159).

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration for approval of change order no. 2 to add 30 working days due to utility

conflicts to the construction contract with Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for Texas Avenue/Price Street Drainage improvements. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue Texas Ave. / Price St.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to award a contract for \$53,965.00 to Naismith Engineers of Laredo, Texas, for the design of a synthetic liner for the North Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent pond; for a facility planning study to determine the feasibility of future plant expansion and utilization of the 39-acre site; and for the development of a wastewater service area plan for northeast Laredo (between Shiloh, McPherson and Loop 20). Funds are available in the 2000 Wastewater Bond Issue.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. STAFF REPORT

38. Presentation on the recruitment progress of the City Manager position, with possible action.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services, stated that he has not received any additional applicants since the previous report. Also, he sent out letters of interests asking all applicants if they were still interested and no one has declined.

39. Council consideration on the extension, renaming, re-establishment, or dissolving of certain committees.

Motion to extend the Impact Fees Advisory Committee for one year.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to extend the Mobile Home Sites Committee for three months.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to dissolve the Planned Unit Development Committee, the Ambulance Advisory Committee, the Noise Advisory Committee and the Plumbing/Electrical Advisory Committee.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to activate the Veteran Affairs Committee as a Standing Committee.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to activate the Metro Government Committee as a Standing Committee.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

40. Providing an update on the status of the Impact Fees Project.

Fernando Roman gave the following presentation.

Impact Fees Status Report

1. Status – On hold, pending resolution of groundwater project and creation of infrastructure development policies.
2. Completed to date:
 - 1.) Approved Land Use Plan
 - 2.) Approved 10-yr CIP
 - 3.) Discussed Maximum Impact Fee
3. Last action by Committee: Organized meetings with Councilmembers to discuss level of impact fee.
4. Pending Items:

Development Policies:

 - 1.) Comparison with other Cities.
 - 2.) Development of Policies to address line extensions not included in the CIP.
 - 3.) Development of a reimbursement system
 - 4.) Establish a method to reserve line capacity

Fee Issues:

 - 1.) Development of a Fee allocation method
 - 2.) Determination of the best funding mix: Impact Fees vs. Rate Increases
 - 3.) Establish an accounting method.
5. Action Plan:

- 1.) Reconvene committee to revise project goals and concerns in a facilitated environment.
- 2.) Create and approve infrastructure development policies.
- 3.) Consider the inclusion of the groundwater project in 10-year CIP.
- 4.) Recalculate the Maximum Impact Fee
- 5.) Address Fee Issues.

Timeline:

- 1.) Reconvene Committee in late August 2000.
 - 2.) Create infrastructure policies by November 2000 Incorporate Groundwater project by January 2001.
 - 3.) Recalculate Fee by March 2001.
 - 4.) Develop and Approve Impact Fee Ordinances by May 2001.
41. Status report on the studies, proposals and legislative recommendations of the Rio Grande Water Planning Group (Senate Bill 1) and discussion on the projective water demand for the City of Laredo, with possible action.

Fernando Roman submitted the following information:

Senate Bill 1 - - Long-Term Projections for Laredo

	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population	188,525	251,238	328,439	428,492	450,462	473,958
Demand						
Projected Water Demand	42,235	52,964	65,927	84,571	88,339	92,483
Current Water Supply	43,573	43,573	43,573	43,573	43,573	43,573
Projected Deficit	-1,338	9,391	22,354	40,998	44,766	48,910
Supply						
Water Conservation	0	1,059	2,637	5,074	7,067	9,248
Non Potable Reuse	0	1,059	1,978	4,229	4,417	4,624
Groundwater	0	5,475	7,212	15,925	21,900	21,900
Subtotal	0	7,593	11,827	25,228	33,384	35,772
Rio Grande Water Rights	-1,338	1,798	10,527	15,770	11,382	13,138

Motion to accept the demand projections submitted by staff.

Moved: Cm. Valdez
 Second: Cm. Amaya
 For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Presentation on proposed re-stripping and modifications to the approach of International Bridge II, with possible action.

Rafael Garcia, Bridge Director, commented that there is a problem with non-commercial traffic. He suggested using a chain to close Lincoln Street.

Motion to table the item for the next meeting.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the minutes contained in pages 01 to 24 are true, complete and correct proceedings of the City Council held on this the 7th day of August, 2000.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary