

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2000-R-24
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 5, 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,

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

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Cynthia Collazo,
Larry Dovalina,
Jaime Flores,

City Secretary
Acting City Manager
Acting City Manager
City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of July 20, 2000 and July 24, 2000.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Flores asked to observe a moment of silence for the loss of Isaac Villarreal, a Water Distribution crew member who had 28 years of service with the City of Laredo.

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

Cm. Eliseo Valdez, Jr. provided an update on the Administrative Services Department activities from October, 1999 through August, 2000.

Applications referred	8,481	
Number of positions opened		347
Vacancy rate	7%	
New Hires	435	
Retirements	40	
Firefighter/Police Entrance Examination	3	
Police Promotional Exam	1	
Civil Service Hearings	6	
Safety Training Sessions	89	
Workers Compensation Claims Processed		358
Employee Wellness Fair (City Employees)		641
Workers Compensation Consultations	281	
Return to Work Evaluation	137	
Pre-Employment Drug Screening	411	
CDL Random Drug Screening	106	

Significant projects completed:

Open Enrollment 2000	1,782 employees
Conducted Medical Benefits Rate Study	
Implemented Retirement Incentive Program	
Started Defensive Driving Course	

Invitations

None.

Recognitions

Cm. Agredano mentioned the unfortunate accident that took place at the Democratic headquarters yesterday where the porch caved in. He mentioned that some local and visiting elected officials were injured. The firefighters that were at the scene provided swift action and medical treatment to all those who sustained injuries. Cm. Agredano thanked District Chief Johnny Rendon, Capt. Steve Landin, Capt. David Piton, and Firefighter Jose Ochoa for their swift and instinctive actions.

Mr. Rolando Gallegos, from Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, mentioned the joint workshop conducted together with TxDot held at Texas A & M International University and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mayor Flores for her

participation at the workshop and for supporting the efforts of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Communiqués

Cm. Amaya recommended that special recognition be granted to Public Works Director Joe Guerra, Mr. Cedillo, along with staff members for the outstanding work they did at the construction site at Cedar and Kearney. Cm. Amaya also publicly thanked Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, and his staff for the design of this project and the installation of safety features at this site that all citizens can appreciate.

Mayor Flores pointed out that there was an article in Twin Plant News magazine featuring Laredo's 1,000,000th crossing of Celadon trucks through the international bridges at the City of Laredo.

Cm. Galo offered some comments over the letter printed in the Laredo Morning Times that made critical remarks in regards to the Laredo Entertainment Center project. He again maintained his commitment to the project and his involvement in the negotiating process in order to obtain the most favorable agreement for the citizens of Laredo. He pointed out that this is not a money-making venture for the City of Laredo and that is why the City is not considering handling the operations for the center.

Cm. Guerra submitted two letters for the record. One refers to the concerns addressed at a meeting held by Acting City Manager Larry Dovalina, Cm. Guerra and the Trautmann Development Company. The second letter is from a constituent in District VI concerning a law enforcement matter.

Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. also publicly thanked Public Works Director Joe Guerra for the fine work his department performed in the vicinity of Kazen Elementary. The placement of needed sidewalks in that area has greatly reduced the traffic hazards previously posed to pedestrians.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public hearing to adopt the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 by appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 by appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2000 and ending September 30, 2001, consistent with the financial plan described in

said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Luis Dovalina , Laredo Police Officers Association President, outlined the reasons why the Laredo Police Department needs more investigators. He mentioned the continued growth in population as one reason. Crime statistics also show that crimes such as burglaries and robberies are on the rise locally. He mentioned that increased community involvement in reporting of crime also justifies the need for more investigators in order to conduct the lengthy investigations that follow once a crime has been reported. Heavier caseloads create more backlog due to the lack of sufficient investigative personnel in child abuse case referrals which have to be investigated. Mr. Dovalina stated that he is addressing City Council in an effort to obtain the City Council's full support of this request.

Cm. Agredano agreed that there is a heavy backlog of police cases that cannot be handled quickly due to the shortage of investigators within the department.

Chief Dovalina addressed the City Council and requested the opportunity to meet with the LPOA president in order to discuss alternatives available to personnel. He pointed out that there is a list of officers that will be eligible for promotion, but noted that there are not enough positions to accommodate all the officers who will become eligible. He acknowledged that there is a limited number of positions available, but offered that there are some vacancies in the next higher positions which are sergeants positions.

Cm. Galo asked whether there were monies within the department's budget that could be transferred over to personnel. Chief Dovalina stated that they are limited in funds in all aspects and that they have also utilized Trust Fund monies to purchase equipment that is currently in use by the department.

Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo recommended that the City Council allow Officer Dovalina to meet with the Police Chief and allow them the opportunity to work out some of these concerns and thereafter meet with management.

Heberto Ramirez, Budget Director, provided a summary of the motions that were made at the budget workshops. He went on to report that there was one amendment that was needed, an additional \$100,000.00 that was left outside of the third party funding allocation. He proposed to City Council that they approve the \$100,000.00 reduction from various city departments to deal with this adjustment.

Motion to make the necessary changes to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 as described by Heberto Ramirez.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Public hearing to amend the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Children's Dental Health Program of the City of Laredo Health Department to reflect an amendment to the contract with the Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch for the period beginning August 1, 2000 through July 31, 2001.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the Children's Dental Health Program of the City of Laredo Health Department to reflect an amendment to the contract with the Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch for the period beginning August 1, 2000 through July 31, 2001; and increase revenue line item 226-0000 from \$0 to \$20,000 and expenditure line item 226-6301 from \$0 to \$20,000.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Public hearing to amend the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Airport Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration being grant project no. 3-48-0136-26-00 in the amount of \$849,845.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating a portion of Runway 17R/35L and for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land to expand the Runway Protection Zone to Runway 35L and

appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 Airport Budget to recognize additional revenues from a grant received from the Federal Aviation Administration being grant project no. 3-48-0136-26-00 in the amount of \$849,845.00 for the purpose of rehabilitating a portion of Runway 17R/35L and for the purpose of acquiring a parcel of land to expand the Runway Protection Zone to Runway 35L and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Public hearing for the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.576358/\$100 value with a Maintenance Operation rate of \$0.417755/\$100 and an Interest and Sinking fund rate of \$0.158603/\$100. Motion to set a date of September 18, 2000 to introduce an ordinance for the adoption of the tax rate.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Cm. Bruni commented that Sergio Delgado, Chief Appraiser, has been doing an excellent job in providing information to the various taxing entities and that his department is running very efficiently.

Cm. Guerra responded to Cm. Bruni's remarks by commenting that there are several realtors in town that are not very satisfied with Mr. Delgado's performance.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Public hearing of an ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 budget by

transferring the revised budget from General Fund Improvements Other than Building in the amount of \$125,000.00 and Professional Services in the amount of \$134,784.00 for the Skate Board Park in order for monies not to lapse and completion of project to continue and be finalized in FY 2000-2001 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Budget.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 budget by transferring the revised budget from General Fund Improvements Other than Building in the amount of \$125,000.00 and Professional Services in the amount of \$134,784.00 for the Skate Board Park in order for monies not to lapse and completion of project to continue and be finalized in FY 2000-2001 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Budget.

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.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Discussion with possible action updating the FAR PART 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Study.

Cm. Bruni commented that this Airport Noise Compatibility Study which was commissioned back in 1992, had undergone review by different citizens'

committees and was finally completed in 1994. This study covers information on noise abatement and he suggested that Mr. Jose Flores provide a copy of said study to the new council members. He stated that the noise contour lines have deviated from the contour lines outlined in this report. He also mentioned that he would like to receive guidance from the Federal Aviation Administration in addressing this concern.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, reported that he visited with the Federal Aviation Administration in Ft. Worth on August 29, 2000. Also present at that meeting were Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo and Erasmo Villarreal who are assisting him with the implementation of the PART 150 acquisition program with the Federal Aviation Administration. He stated that the Federal Aviation Administration is supporting the city in updating its airport PART 150 study. He emphasized to them the fact that this study worked with 1992 and 1993 data to determine the noise-impacted areas; and since then, the city has had substantial increase in airport operations. With that increase, it is possible that noise contours could have shifted thus affecting more of the residents that reside near the airport. The FAA is also supporting the city in producing a master plan for the aeronautical areas of the airport.

2. Discussion on processing a rezoning on those properties in the proximity to the proposed UISD Sports Facility at the intersection of the Bob Bullock Loop and State Highway 359 from M-1 to B-4, with possible action. (Co-sponsored by Council Member Alfredo Agredano)

Keith Selman, Planning and Zoning Director, recommended that the City Council direct his staff to bring back a zone change recommendation because of the public hearing process.

Mayor Flores agreed that his department should bring back recommendations regarding the proposed change.

Cm. Bruni requested that his staff prepare a map of the area that encompasses this proposed sports facility with all the M-1's that have been approved within a one-mile radius. He wants to know what the impact would be if the city were to have a chemical spill in the vicinity.

Motion to request the Planning and Zoning Department to submit a staff report to City Council providing all the relevant information.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

B. Request by Council Member Johnny Amaya

1. Status report on the Operation Clean Up Program with possible action.

Cm. Amaya requested an update as to when District IV is scheduled for this project.

Erasmus Villarreal stated that he has been in contact with the Public Works Department and was told that they should be ready to start with Operation Clean-Up again by October 11. He also mentioned that District IV would be the first area to be scheduled for clean up.

2. Status report on the number of junk vehicles tagged by Code Enforcement during the recent detail coverage in District IV.

Erasmus Villarreal reported that Code Enforcement officers went out on August 14, 2000, to a targeted area and they tagged 23 junked vehicles. To date, only eight vehicles have been removed by property owners. He mentioned that they did have one address that had ten vehicles on it. At this particular address, the property owner has removed four of the ten vehicles and he is in the process of removing the remaining six out. He is expecting to have full compliance by property owners within the next 10 to 15 days.

Cm. Agredano asked what the normal procedure is once a vehicle has been tagged by Code Enforcement officers.

Erasmus Villarreal replied that the normal procedure is that once the vehicles get tagged or the owner receives notice in the mail, the vehicle owners have ten days to comply. If the property owner and the vehicle owner is the same person, his department has to send them a certified letter to remove the vehicle within ten days or if not, to cover the vehicle so it will not continue to be a nuisance.

Cm. E. Valdez, Jr. mentioned that there are problems also with trailers that are utilized to haul trash to the landfill. He stated that people park these vehicles on the right-of-ways and leave them there for weeks until the people are ready to take the trash to the landfill. He recommended having these vehicles tagged as well.

Erasmus Villarreal suggested that Code Enforcement officers could stop by and speak to the owners to see if they would voluntarily comply with the request. If not, then the police department would have to intervene.

Cm. J. Valdez, Jr. inquired about the tractor-trailers that are parking on private property by Quail Creek Drive.

Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo mentioned that Cm. Bruni had brought this to the City Manager's Office attention a few months ago. There have been some developments since then, mainly the formation of a Task Force composed of Police Chief Dovalina as well as Erasmus Villarreal, Keith Selman, Jose Flores, and Peter Behrman. Mrs. Collazo stated that the Task Force met last week with the Traffic Advisory Committee and they have asked

the committee members for comments and suggestions. The committee has assigned one member to work in conjunction with the Task Force in order to come up with some practical solutions. They are requesting feedback from the transportation industry as well to make sure that they would also buy into the process.

Mayor Flores inquired whether the City Manager's Office had a status report on the building of proposed truck stops in the city.

Cynthia Collazo stated that no one from the private sector has stepped up with a specific proposal. She mentioned that she had spoken to John Adams from Laredo Development Foundation over this concern. He indicated that there were two or three interests there and it appeared they would submit a proposal in the near future.

C. Request by Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr.

1. Presentation by Officer Luis E. Dovalina, President of the Laredo Police Officers' Association, regarding the City Employee Retirement Benefit Package, proposing a number of ideas that would allow for the creation of a better benefits package for every city employee.

Association, regarding the City Employee Retirement Benefit Package, proposing a number of ideas that would allow for the creation of a better benefits package for every city employee.

Luis Dovalina spoke as a representative for all city employees. He read a prepared statement to give the City Council background information regarding the employees' retirement system.

"In order to be able to increase the retirement system plan, we must know where it comes from and where we would want it to be. We also need to be aware of the costs in the future. If we wait any longer, the costs will go up. Just like with construction costs, the more you wait the more the cost goes up. And the reality of the retirement system improving becomes even dimmer each year.

The retirement system started back in 1978 for police officers and the rest of the city employees joined in 1983. The retirement system for fire fighters started some time around 1948. That is why their retirement system is better than the rest of the city employees'. The fire fighters' system is a system of its own and it was adopted through the legislative action. We, the rest of the city employees, fall under the Texas Municipal Retirement System known as TMRS. It has its own rules and regulations. The maximum benefit currently allowed by law is 21% contribution: 7 % employee and 14 % employer rates of contribution. We are currently at 5% and 10% rates of contribution.

What does this mean in the form of a monthly paycheck for a city retiree? As of July, 1999, the average monthly salary was \$448.56, with the proposed change of the 1.89% increase of the consumer price index, it will increase by \$8.46 more, increasing it to \$452.02 a month. Now, this is not enough money to make a living on. If you rent, you cannot afford it since most of the rent on a

house or an apartment is approximately \$400 to \$500 a month. One has to pay for electric, water, gas bills, groceries, clothing, and how about automotive repair bills. Now, I am not talking about luxury items, I am talking about the things one needs to get around in Laredo and survive. This is after putting twenty-five to thirty years of service for the City of Laredo and glad to have served the City of Laredo. What do we reward them with? Well, some of the retirees will qualify for social security benefits; but how about those that do not qualify?

My quest is not one of luxury items. What I hope to accomplish is to give the retirees a little more of what they gave to us. What does one get from the city when one retires? A plaque that gives thanks to his/her for the years of service.

Many things have happened. Administrative Service Director Dan Migura talked about a plan for last year's budget. But that is where it was left – forgotten. During our contract negotiations, we talked about creating a city committee, which would look at other cities and how we compare with them in benefits. Even then, the city representatives stated “if” they established a committee. I cannot stand around and wait to see “if it happens” and “if there is funding”, we will go to 7% and 14% rate of contributions. We need to go forward and find or put aside some monies from savings or projects or however the city government wants to put this plan of action into play.

In comparing other cities with ours, we fall behind them. It does not matter that we are the second fastest growing city in the nation, or that we are the largest inland port in the world. That does not put bread on the table for the retiree that worked for the city or that helped in bringing forward these accomplishments for the city. They were part of the link that made Laredo what we are now. The future lies in front of us, and we must take care of those who wish to serve our community, who gave most of their lives working, and not be able to reap the fruits of their labor.

There are approximately 230 cities within the TMRS group plan that are currently at a better rate. There are 162 cities at the 7 % and 14 % rate; 10 cities are at the 7 % and 10 ½ % rate; 46 cities are at the 6 % and 12 % rate; and 12 cities are at the 6 % and 9 % rate. That leaves approximately 489 cities at the 5 % and 10 % rate or less. Most of the cities that have a better rate than Laredo are of a smaller population than Laredo.

We need the change before the cost will get so high that we can never improve the retirement system. What does the city have to gain from all of this? Well, it takes approximately 3 and one half to five years to see any significant change in our system. What will happen then, the work force for the city will change, you will get employees to retire and young and healthy employees will come to work for the City of Laredo, bring health costs down for the City of Laredo employees' benefits. This would create a better and improved workforce.”

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Department Director, addressed the City Council and stated that the Health and Benefits committee met earlier in the day and the council committee agreed to direct staff to establish a committee to further address the concerns pointed out by Officer Luis Dovalina. This committee will report to council committee on January 1, 2001 with a proposed plan that would look at options as to how they can settle these issues.

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

7. An ordinance closing as a public easement that section of the 1900 block of Poggenpohl Street between Sta. Rita and Vidaurri Avenues situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, County of Webb, Texas and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

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Motion to waive final reading of ordinances # 2000-O-218 and # 2000-O-219.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. 2000-O-218 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for the E 2/3 of Lot 2, Block 2165A, and Lots 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11 and 12, Block 1480, Eastern Division, located at 2600 block of Diaz Street; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-218.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-219 Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning

the E 2/3 of Lot 2, Block 2165A, and Lots 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12, Block 1480, Eastern Division, located at the 2600 block of Diaz Street, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-219.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Amaya

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

9. 2000-R-125 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant, if offered, from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program in the amount of \$4,500,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a portion of parallel taxiway to Runway 17L/35R. The City's ten (10%) percent local match for this project in the amount of \$500,000.00 is available in the Airport Land Reimbursement Account.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-125 with the amendment of changing the amount to \$4,400,000.00.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. 2000-R-128 A resolution declaring the City of Laredo's intent to sponsor the construction of a Fifth International non-commercial, bridge crossing joining the Mexican State of Tamaulipas and the State of Texas and located in the City of Laredo for the purpose of meeting the needs of the area's growing populous; instructing the City Manager to notify all applicable levels of government in Mexico and the United States of the City's intent and to formalize discussions necessary in moving this project forward; and further directing the City Manager to receive proposals to undertake preliminary studies in regard to location, design, financial feasibility, and the social and environmental impact of the project.

Mayor Flores recommended that the City Council instruct the City Manager's Office to initiate a working discussion with Webb County to see whether there is value added to the possibility of having Laredo-Webb County apply for this fifth bridge.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

11. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application for \$153,470.00 to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Activities Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

12. Consideration authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract

with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston - Dental Branch to provide Dental Student/Residential Training at the City of Laredo Department for the period beginning August 1, 2000, through July 31, 2001.

Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo noted the amount of the contract is \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Consideration authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for \$183,186.00 to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the Tuberculosis Elimination - Federal Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to award contract number FY00-139, to the LOW BIDDER, Park Place

Recreation Designs, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$13,319.00, for the purchase and installation of a play structure for the Ochoa Park complex and rejecting all bids received for a second play structure. The design of the second play structure has been modified and new bids are currently being requested. Funding for this project has been allocated in the 2000 Contractual Obligation Bond.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to transfer funds in an amount of \$30,090.00 from the CPL Road Project,

Account #402-4323-535-5002 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase and installation of one shaded play structure at Santa Maria Ave. and Circle Drive play area and also the purchase and installation of an upgraded shaded play structure at Father McNaboe Park.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to authorize Amendment No. 2 for \$100,000.00 to the Groundwater Source Development contract with CH2MHILL Engineers. This amendment represents Phase II of the contract for work related to the development of the project requirements and specifications, and assistance to the City on the technical/financial aspects of the final contract negotiation with the selected firm. This amendment brings the total groundwater contract to \$305,000.00. Funding is available in the Water Availability Fund.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to award an engineering contract to Foster Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$77,278.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the San Francisco Xavier Road. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Ramirez
Second: Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.
For: 3
Cm. Ramirez
Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.
Cm. Amaya

Against: 5
Cm. Agredano
Cm. Bruni
Cm. Galo
Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Abstain: 0

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Galo
For: 5
Cm. Bruni
Cm. Galo
Cm. Agredano

Against: 3
Cm. Ramirez
Cm. Amaya
Cm. J. Valdez, Jr.

Abstain: 0

Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

18. Consideration for approval of change order no. 4 for an increase amount of \$40,950.00

for additional construction work at the Calton Road Widening Project at the Public Library and the McPherson Road Widening Project from Calton Road to the Culvert Drainage Channel at Cotulla's Restaurant to provide additional asphalt paving along McPherson from the Calton/McPherson intersection to the bridge at Cotulla's Restaurant, approximately 1300 L.F. and provide new pavement appearance to the entire scope of the project at Calton Road and McPherson.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code (551.071 (1)(A) &

(B) to consult with City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation and possible settlement offer regarding property located at 1704 Lane St., and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code (551.071 (1) (A) & (B) to consult with City Attorney regarding contemplated litigation and possible settlement offer regarding property located at 1704 Lane St., and return to open session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

20. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in

regards to deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for a proposed City Landfill site, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 in regards to deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for a proposed City Landfill site, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and return to Open Session for possible action.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

TIME: 7:45 p.m.

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. E. Valdez, Jr.
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 through 16 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council meeting of September 5, 2000.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary