

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M2000-R-26
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
SEPTEMBER 25, 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,
Louis H. Bruni,
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.,
Joe A. Guerra,

Mayor
Council Member, District II
Council Member, District V
Council Member, District

VI

Jose A. Valdez, Jr.,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Cynthia Collazo,
Larry Dovalina,
Jaime Flores,

Council Member, District VII
City Secretary
Acting City Manager
Acting City Manager
City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

None

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements

Invitations

Recognitions

a. The Laredo Fire Department would like to recognize Mr. Efrain Garcia for his unselfish

efforts in providing aid and comfort to the family of the September 3, 2000 accident on the IH-35 southbound lane, working with the Emergency Medical Service personnel. Mr. Garcia, a Certified Paramedic, rendered assistance in providing scene assessment and vital information to firefighters and paramedics responding.

Tomas Ramirez, Fire Chief, introduced Efrain Garcia, a certified paramedic, who provided aid and comfort to the family that was involved in a car accident on IH-35 on September 3, 2000. He added that for five years Efrain Garcia has been instrumental in training other Emergency Medical Service on his off-duty time.

Communiqués

- a. A presentation by Ceara Byrne, Secretary of the Red Cross Youth Organization on the Sign On, Live On Project which will be sponsored by the American Red Cross, on October 28, 2000.

Ceara Byrne read the following letter:

Hello, my name is Ceara Byrne, I am Secretary of the Red Cross Youth Organization and a senior at St. Augustine High School. I have organized a project concerning the "Sign On, Live On" Program that was originally created by the American Red Cross. The Sign On, Live On Program is designed to promote the awareness of organ and tissue donation. Tonight we are here to officially start the project off.

The aim of the project is to hand our donor cards to as many people in Laredo as we can on 'Make a Difference Day', which is Saturday, October 28, 2000. I have gathered together representatives from the seven high schools in Laredo, and we are preparing to invite the students from each of the high schools to volunteer for the project. We hope to have the 100 students from each school. With the help of these 700 volunteers we anticipate reaching out to 35,000 people in our community.

This project is very important to our society. At the moment we have a five-month old baby girl waiting for a new heart. There are so many people in our city who are in need of organs or in need of tissue. We lost a friend this past summer because she could not get a bone marrow match. With the grace of God, this project will be successful. That will be one person who has been given the opportunity to live despite the challenges that have occurred.

Without the effort of the representatives behind me, and my brothers, James and John, this program would not have been possible. I thank them for their help and participation in getting this organized. I would also like to thank Mr. Carlos Luna of Wal-Mart for his generous grant to help offset expenses, Joseph Mendiola, and the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department for allowing us to use the Hillside Recreation Center for our meetings. I thank Ms. Debra Murphy and Ms. Lucy O'Barr of the Red Cross for their support as well. I thank you Mayor Flores, for inviting us here this evening, and I thank you all for your time. I extend an invitation for you all to join us. Hopefully, this will be a very successful event. Thank you and have a good night.

- b. Mayor Flores read a proclamation claiming September 17th thru September 25th as Constitution Week.

VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Public hearing concerning an application by Leticia Quintana authorizing the amendment of a Conditional Use Permit for a flower shop by removing the time restriction on Lot 10, Block 712, Eastern Division, located at 220 S. Loring Ave. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a two (2) year extension of the Conditional Use Permit.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the amendment of a Conditional Use Permit for a flower shop to remove time restriction on Lot 10, Block 712, Eastern Division, located at 220 S. Loring Ave.; providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

- Motion to close the public hearing and extend the Conditional Use Permit for a total of six years and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

- 2. Public hearing concerning an application by Seymon Deutsch amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 14.875 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of Springfield Rd. and north of Mann Rd. from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District), B-1R (Limited Office/Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 14.875 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of Springfield Rd. and north of Mann Rd. from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District), B-1R (Limited Office/Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk asked the Council to concur with Planning and Zoning.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

- Public hearing concerning an application by Aaron Mendoza, Entice Custom Homes amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 11 and 12, Block 10, Crown Ridge Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 410 and 412 Northstar Rd. from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 11 and 12, Block 10, Crown Ridge Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 410 and 412 Northstar Rd. from B-3 (Community Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

- Public hearing concerning an application by San Isidro Monarch, Ltd., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Monarch Dr. (proposed) and south of Loop 20 from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 9.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Monarch Dr. (proposed) and south of Loop 20 from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing Sherffey Engineering, spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

- Public hearing concerning an application by Daniel Lopez, La Roca Restaurant amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.0069 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of McPherson Rd. and south of Jacaman Rd. from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.0069 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of McPherson Rd. and south of Jacaman Rd. from AG (Agricultural District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

6. Public hearing concerning an application by Butch Haynes amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1,2,3,4 and W1/2 of 5, Block 1082, Eastern Division located at 609 Buena Vista Ave. from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1,2,3,4 and W1/2 of 5, Block 1082, Eastern Division located at 609 Buena Vista Ave. from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Butch Haynes, property owner, appealed to the Council for a zoning change approval to place manufactured homes on the property.

Ricardo Garcia spoke against the zone change request because he did not want to see mobile homes at the site.

Mrs. Duncan spoke against mobile homes in her neighborhood.

Margarita Gonzalez spoke against the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and concur with Planning and Zoning to deny the zone change request.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Public hearing concerning an application by Holding Institute, Inc., amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 200, Western Division located at 1102 Santa Maria Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to CBD (Central Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning all of Block 200, Western Division located at 1102 Santa Maria Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to CBD (Central Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. Public hearing concerning an application by Lauro and Olga Villarreal amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4 and the W1/2 of Lot 5, Block 1394, Eastern Division, located at 2417 Kearney St., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4 and the W1/2 of Lot 5, Block 1394, Eastern Division, located at 2417 Kearney St., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mrs. Olga Villarreal, petitioner, asked approval for the zone change to build a second home.

Keith Selman, City Planner, stated that a one-house dwelling is allowable. However, if the applicant constructs two separate attached dwellings, they shall be classified as a duplex, which would require an R-2 type zoning.

Motion to close the public hearing and send back to Planning and Zoning.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: 0

For:

Against:

Abstain: 0

This item was sent back to staff.

9. Public hearing concerning an application by Rodolfo Garcia amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 13.44 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of Mines Rd. and south of Flecha Ln., from AG (Agricultural District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 13.44 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located west of Mines Rd. and south of Flecha Ln., from AG (Agricultural District) and B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, representing the property owner, asked the Council to concur with the Planning and Zoning recommendation and allow this property to be used to its highest and best use.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. J. Valdez

10. Zoning Public hearing concerning an application by Olga de los Santos amending the

Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2, 4, 6, and the S1/3 of 8, Block

947, Western Division, located at 3701 Davis St. from B-1 (Limited Business 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 by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 2, 4, 6, and the S1/3 of 8, Block 947, Western Division, located at 3701 Davis St. from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. J. Valdez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Zoning 11. Public hearing concerning an application by Gerardo G. Salinas amending the

Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 2, Hilltop Subdivision, Phase II, located at 7302 Wagner Ct. from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended

denial of the proposed B-3 zoning and approval of a B-1 zoning. This is an appeal from

an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 2, Hilltop Subdivision, Phase II, located at 7302 Wagner Ct. 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. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Edward Gutierrez, representing the property owner, appeared before Council requesting a B-1 zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a B-1.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 3

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Cm. Guerra

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. E. Valdez

12. Public hearing concerning an application by Vaquillas Development, Ltd. amending the

Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.79 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located south of S.H. 359 and east of Concord Hills

Bld. from R-1A P.U.D. (Single Family Reduced Area Planned Unit Development) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed B-3 zoning and approval of a B-1 zoning. 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 2.79 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located south of S.H. 359 and east of Concord Hills Blvd. from R-1A P.U.D. (Single Family Reduced Area Planned Unit Development) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Ramirez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Edward Garza, on behalf of Vaquillas Development, spoke in favor of a B-1 zoning.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as recommended by staff as a B-1.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

13. Public hearing concerning an application by Vaquillas Development, Ltd. amending the

Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.931 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located south of S.H. 359 and east of Concord Hills Blvd. from R-1A P.U.D. (Single Family Reduced Area Planned Unit Development) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed B-3 zoning and approval of a B-1 zoning. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 0.931 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located south of S.H. 359 and east of Concord Hills Blvd. from R-1A P.U.D. (Single Family Reduced Area Planned Unit Development) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. E. Valdez
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Edward Garza, on behalf of Vaquillas Development, spoke in favor of a B-1 Zoning.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as a B-1.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. E. Valdez
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

14. Public hearing concerning an application by Kent Martin amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2, Block 294, Eastern Division, located at 301 Clark Blvd. from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a used car lot. 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 Lots 1 and 2, Block 294, Eastern Division, located at 301 Clark Blvd. from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni
Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing, concur with Planning and Zoning and staff as a Conditional Use Permit, and introduce.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Public hearing to amend ordinance passed December 15, 1981 and setting the annual

salaries of the members of the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Laredo pursuant to Article II Section 2.02 of the City Charter.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Ordinance passed December 15, 1981, and motion passed on September 17, 1992 thereby increasing the annual salaries of the member of the City Council from \$6,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year and the salary of the Mayor of the City of Laredo from \$18,000.00 per year to \$36,000.00 per year, pursuant to Article II, Section 2.02 of the City Charter.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. E. Valdez

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

16. A. Request by Council Member Jose A. Valdez, Jr.

1. Presentation by Mr. C. Y. Benavides on Camino Columbia Toll Road.

Carlos Benavides III, President of Camino Columbia Toll Road, formally announced that Camino Columbia would be having a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 18th and that on the 19th they would be open to traffic. He added that Camino Columbia has spent every dollar necessary to make it the safest facility. He said that Camino Columbia is the best quality built project in the state of Texas.

He encouraged Federal, City and County agencies to go an extra mile in providing excellent customer service so that we can take the image of Laredo to the next level. He wants to promote our community as one diverse economy with transportation as the leader. He requests for the City to potentially initiate 24-hour service at the 3rd International Bridge.

2. Discussion with possible action on standardizing specifications for subdivision development.

Cm. Valdez expressed his concerns for standardizing specifications for subdivisions. He requested initializing a committee that would create standards and procedures in order to speed up the process for the developers.

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, stated that Cm. Galo had initiated a call to the City Manager's Office stating that the Builders' Association would be having a meeting to address several issues on the standardizing specifications for subdivisions. He added that they would be gathering information considering all ordinances of subdivisions existing within the Planning, Building and Engineering departments. He said that the City would work with them in order to assure that the process is streamlined to enhance the City's procedure.

Cm. Bruni stressed the importance of assisting the developers in expediting projects. He asked staff to come back with some recommendations.

Mayor Flores stated that the City should work on changing the current image of the City Inspectors. She said that they should do the inspection in an effective and timely manner. She encouraged staff to notify the Council of any problems in the process so they could address it immediately.

Benny Salinas, Building Director, explained the process in which his department receives request for inspections. He stated that the inspectors inspect the properties the following day. He added that the only department that is backlogged is the plumbing department, and that he will be hiring a new inspector soon.

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, stated that the Building Department is striving to meet the needs of Laredo. He said that the department has been provided with computer and software programs that will allow the permit process to flow quicker. He added that property owners and builders could acquire permits on the Internet, which allows property owners the option of obtaining permits without leaving their businesses.

Cm. J. Ramirez inquired about the ADA Compliance.

Benny Salinas stated that two inspectors would acquire their ADA Certification in October.

Larry Dovalina informed the Council that the City does encourage all the different construction companies and different developers that are developing commercial to submit their plans to the State Architectural Barriers Board.

3. Discussion with possible action on requesting TXDOT to conduct a traffic circulation study on Mines Road with a high priority status.

Cm. J. Valdez voiced his frustration with TxDOT governing Mines Road. He stated that on several occasions the City has submitted ideas for the

congestion on Mines Road and TxDOT submits a letter stating that they cannot comply. His plea was for TxDOT to implement short-term goals for the citizens in that area.

Fitzgerald Sanchez, Director of Operations, replied by saying that TxDOT is receptive to any ideas. He mentioned several projects that have been completed by TxDOT on Mines Road recently, which included the synchronization of the traffic lights, the re-striping and the re-surfacing. He also mentioned the long-term projects.

Mayor Flores informed the public that the delay is not with the local TxDOT but with the process of receiving funding. She added that we needed the construction a long time ago. She reiterated that it is very difficult to receive state and federal funds. Once the funds are granted it takes a long time to actually receive the money.

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

None

X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

Internet Availability: [//www.cityoflaredo.com](http://www.cityoflaredo.com)

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances 2000-O-223, 2000-O-226, 2000-O-227, 2000-O-230, 2000-O-231, 2000-O-232, 2000-O-233, 2000-O-234, 2000-O-235, 2000-O-236 and 2000-O-237.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. 2000-O-223 An ordinance providing for the levy and collection of General and Special

Ad Valorem and Alcoholic Beverage taxes for the City of Laredo for the tax year 2000. Therefore, providing revenue for the operation of the City and payment of the Interest and Sinking fund for Debt Service. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-223.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

(Mayor Flores voted in favor)

2000-O-226 Amending the City of Laredo FY 1999-2000 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures by \$8,150.00 in the Convention & Visitors

Bureau Fund - Special Events budget due to receipt of donations from the private sector for the annual City of Laredo Washington Trip to meet with members of Congress and federal agencies and incurring expenditures associated with said project and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-226.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-227 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. 3-48-0136-27-00 in the amount of \$4,400,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a portion of a parallel taxiway to Runway 17L/35R and appropriating said grant revenue and local match to the appropriate expenditure accounts and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-227.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-230 Identifying employees and granting retiree medical benefits to those employees who retire between October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001

with the exception of Firefighters and Police Officers who are provided for under a collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 2000. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-230.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-231 Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances as follows: Chapter

2,

Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), Section 2-87.7 (12)(a) except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date of October 1, 2000. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-231.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-232 Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's FY 1999-2000 annual budget in the amount of \$240,000.00 for fuel cost increase. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-232.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-233 Amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in

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the amount of \$17,139.00 for the Hepatitis C Study Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001; and increasing revenue line item 226-0000-

4085 from \$0 to \$17,139.00 and expenditure line item 226-6036 from \$0 to \$17,139.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-233.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-234 Amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in

the amount of \$2,654,500.00 to operate the Women, Infants, and Children

(WIC) Program, and to issue approximately \$13,000,000.00 in federal food vouchers by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001; and increasing

revenue line item from the WIC Program 226-0000-323-4037 from \$0 to \$2,654,500.00 and expenditure line item 226-6035 from \$0 to \$2,654,500.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-234.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-235 Amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in

the amount of \$4,470.00 in additional funds from \$149,000.00 to \$153,470.00 for the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000; and increasing revenue line item 226-000-323-4043 from \$149,000.00 to \$153,470.00 and expenditure line item 226-6016 from \$149,000.00 to \$153,470.00. (City Council)

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2000-O-235.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

2000-O-236 An ordinance adopting the City of Laredo Policy on Workplace Violence.

(City Council)

Luis Dovalina, President of the Laredo Police Officers Association, was concerned how the Work Place Violence Ordinance would affect the Police Department.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Department, informed the Council that the Ordinance has had extensive review from City Staff, which includes the Legal Department. He added that other cities our size have an ordinance of this nature and they are do not exclude the public safety employees. He said that the ordinance would also notify employees of the different types of harassment.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, reiterated by stating that the Ordinance has been closely reviewed. He stressed the importance of having the procedures and awareness for harassment documented for all city employees.

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, informed the council that the policy is a global situation of the entire city and how they interact with each other within the workplace.

City Council instructed to send Ordinance # 2000-O-236 back to staff and present it at the next meeting.

2000-O-237 An ordinance adopting the City of Laredo Policy on Sexual and Other Forms of Harassment. (City Council)

City Council requested for Ordinance # 2000-O-237 to be sent back to staff and present it at the next meeting.

XI. RESOLUTIONS

18. 2000-R-129 A resolution accepting the assignment of 25.05 acre feet of municipal water rights from the balance of 800 acre feet deeded to the City of Laredo by Vaquillas Ranch Company, Ltd. in payment of water availability charges and 16 acre feet of municipal water rights in payment of annexation charges in connection with the final plat of Concord Hills Community, Phase VI.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-129.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. 2000-R-130 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal government agreement between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Independent School District for the participation of the City of Laredo Police Department in the School Resource Officer Program. Compensation in the amount of one hundred seventy nine thousand two hundred and seventy seven dollars (\$179,277.00) to be paid by L.I.S.D., for the 2000-2001 school year.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-130.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. 2000-R-137 A resolution accepting the assignment of 10.5 acre feet of municipal water

rights from the balance of 800 acre feet deeded to the City of Laredo by Vaquillas Ranch Company, Ltd., in payment of water availability charges and 5.6 acre feet of municipal water rights in payment of annexation charges in connection with the final plat of Concord Hills Community, Phase X.

Motion to approve Resolution # 2000-R-137.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. MOTIONS

21. Consideration to adopt a schedule of hearings and proceedings and directing staff to prepare a service plan for the voluntary annexation of five (5) tracts of land totaling 698.1724 acres, more or less, and the unilateral annexation of three (3) tracts of land totaling 295.474 acres, more or less, for a total of 993.6464 acres, more or less, in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code.

2000 Annexation Schedule

Pursuant to Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code the following schedule is proposed for annexation:

Application Submittal Deadline

July 3, 2000

Council Authorization
2000

September 25,

(Staff authorized to prepare a service plan for annexed area and to adopt a schedule for annexation)

Planning & Zoning Commission Review
Public Hearing Before City Council

November 16, 2000

November 20, 2000

(Noticed by publication on November 3rd, not less than ten or more than twenty days before the hearing)

Public Hearing before the Council

November 27, 2000

(Noticed by publication on November 10th, not less than ten or more than twenty days before the hearing.)

Introduction of an ordinance instituting annexation proceedings and adopting a service plan for the areas to be annexed.

December 4, 2000

(Not more than forty nor less than twenty days from the date of public hearings.)

Final Reading of Ordinance

December 18, 2000

(Proposed effective date of annexation December 31, 2000)

Annexation proceedings must be concluded within 90 days of December 18, 2000.

Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra requested a service plan from staff.

Motion to approve and to include the Life Downs and State Park as part of the City's plan for annexation.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain:

22. Consideration to award contract number FY00-139, to the MOST RESPONSIVE PROPOSER, ICSS, Laredo, Texas, in the base amount of \$16,547.00 for the purchase of thirteen computers. These computers will be purchased and installed at the Santo Nino Branch Library. The City has established a base price for the computers and option pricing for accessories such as modems and zip drives. Delivery of all requested equipment is expected within thirty days. Funding is available in the Library budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mayor Flores voted in favor.

23. Consideration to award contract number FY00-148, to the LOW BIDDER, Laredo Fence Materials Inc. (Maverick Fence), Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$22,579.00, for the installation/repair of chainlink fencing at five city facilities. Funding is available in the N.P.D.E.S. fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

24. Consideration to award a two-year professional contract to the most qualified accounting firm to provide external audit services for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 and for fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. Contact will be subject to appropriation for fiscal year 2001. Funding is available in the Finance Department Budget.

Rosario Cabello, Finance Director, reported that on September 24th a motion by the Audit Committee to contact Contract Padget as lead auditors for FY2000-FY2001 was requested. Padget has subcontracted with local firms of Garcia/Martinez for those two fiscal years. However, at this point the two firms have not made their decision as far as contracting and the City is unable to award a contract at this time.

Motion to award the audit contract to the local firm of Martinez & Garza.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award a two-year professional service contract to the lowest qualified

proposer Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A. for banking services to be provided to the City of Laredo for fiscal year 2001 and 2002 at an estimated cost of \$40,219.20 for basic banking services and \$30,280.80 for additional services for a total estimated cost of \$70,500.00 per year. Funding is available in the Finance Department Budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration for approval of change order no. 5, a net decrease of \$6,234.00 for the

balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Laredo International Airport New Passenger Terminal Project; approval to retain \$50,000.00 for the completion of pending punch list items and approval to release partial retainage in the amount of \$144,188.00 to Don Krueger Construction Company, Victoria, Texas. Final contract amount is \$15,080,911.00. Funding is available in the Airport Construction Terminal/Taxiway-Building /Retainage Payable.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. E. Valdez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to Untied States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Zacate Creek Stream Restoration project from Gale Street to East of McPherson Road. The grant monies will be used for the stream restoration with alternative methods other than concrete. The alternate construction materials includes gabions, erosion control mats, and any other materials approved by EPA. The grant monies will also provide training for the local developers, contractors, engineers and city personnel about alternate methods of stream restoration. The project will be designed and constructed in-house. The total project cost will be \$400,000.00 including \$100,000.00 match from the City.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to vote for Council Member Eliseo Valdez, Jr. for the 2000 Board of

Trustees Election for Place 13 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Board of Trustees Election, with possible action.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. STAFF REPORT

29. Staff report update by the Laredo Police Department on the current status and future improvements to the emergency communications system.

Assistant Chief of Police Fructoso San Miguel reported that Motorola had completed their study on September 9th and the department is ready to proceed.

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, informed the Council that staff would like the opportunity to meet with Mr. Hyder from Motorola before the final suggestions are brought back to the Council.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council hereby reserves the right to go into executive session at any time during this public meeting, when it deems it necessary to consult privately with its attorney about any item upon this agenda, pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code.

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XII. Motions

1. Consideration to award change order no. 1, for a decrease of \$29,967.00 and an increase

13 days to the total contract time, to Lambda Construction, of New Braunfels, Texas, in the San Isidro and Highland Booster Stations project. The change order brings the contract total to \$895,214.00. The project is 90 percent complete and is expected to be in operation on October 14, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Guerra

For: 4

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 and 21 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 25^h day of September, 2000.

Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
City Secretary