

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
5:30 P.M.**

M99-R-11

M I N U T E S

APRIL 19, 1999

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores called the meeting to order.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elizabeth G. Flores,	Mayor
Alfredo Agredano,	Councilmember, District I
Louis H. Bruni,	Councilmember, District II
John C. Galo,	Councilmember, District III
Cecilia May Moreno,	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez,	Councilmember, District V
Joe A. Guerra,	Councilmember, District VI
Mario G. Alvarado,	Councilmember, District VII
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

IV. MINUTES

1. City Council Meeting, March 22, 1999
City Council Workshop (Legislative), March 26, 1999

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mayor Flores asked that items under Communications be moved up at this time.

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

2. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Foreign Trade Zone Operators Agreement with Dairy Process, Inc., to operate an approximately 5,000 square foot facility within Foreign Trade Zone No. 94 - Site 1 located at the Laredo International Airport.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Laredo Independent School District for approximately 9,216 square feet constituting Building No. 1325 located at 4103 Maher Avenue at the Laredo International Airport.
 - a. Lease term is for one year commencing on March 1, 1999 and ending on February 28, 2000 and may be extended for one term of one year ending February 28, 2001.
 - b. Monthly rent shall be \$2,145.00 and will be adjusted annually during the extension term of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index.However, it is agreed by the parties that the lease may be terminated by either party on not less than sixty (60) days written notice from the party terminating to the other.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Alamosa PCS, LLC, a Corporation, for a lease at the La Bota Water Tower located on .9183 acres in Survey 2143, Abel Morgan, Original Grantee, Abstract 591, Laredo, Webb County, Texas to co-locate cellular antennas and related equipment for use in connection with its communications business.
 1. Term of the lease is ten (10) years commencing on April ____, 1999 and ending April ____, 2009, with an option for three (3) successive renewal terms of five (5) years.
 2. The annual base rent shall be \$7,700.00 each year during the term of the lease and will be adjusted on each anniversary of the Commencement Price Index, providing for effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment between the City of Laredo Airport Fund, as Lessor, and the City of Laredo Engineering Department dated October 26, 1998 and approved by Ordinance No. 98-O-274; said Amendment exchanges Lessee's leased area from 1,140 square feet of office

space in Building No. S-1 constituting suites nos. 7, 20, 22, and 23 located at 1718 E. Calton Road to 1,055 square feet of office space in Building S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road constituting Suites No. 1 and 3.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 6. Ordinance establishing a 15% penalty on delinquent tax accounts as of July 1, 1999, to defray costs of collection pursuant to Section 33.07(a) of the Property Tax Code.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 7. Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY1998-99 General Fund, Capital Improvements Fund, and 1998 C.O. Issue Annual Budgets by appropriating revenues and expenditures by drawing down \$999,451 from excess opening balance of the General Fund at October 1, 1998, transferring said amount to the above mentioned funds, and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 8. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey a 0.1638 of an acre (7,135 sq. ft.) tract of land, more or less, as an Easement and Right-of-Way, to Central Power and Light Company, for the installation of certain underground electrical service facilities to serve the Jefferson Street Water Plant in Laredo, Texas. Said 0.1638 of an acre tract of land being situated within the City of Laredo's "Jefferson Street" Water Treatment Plant in Webb County, Texas; and more particularly described by metes and bounds and providing for an effective date.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READING

Internet Available: <http://www.cityoflaredo.com>

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #99-O-099, #99-O-100, #99-O-101, #99-O-102, #99-O-103, #99-O-104, #99-O-105, #99-O-106, #99-O-107, #99-O-108, and #99-O-109.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 9. 99-O-099 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a

lease agreement with Webb County for a tract of land consisting of approximately 100,357 square feet located on Block No. 23 at the Laredo International Airport.

- a. Lease term is for one year commencing on October 1, 1998 and ending September 30, 1999.
- b. Monthly rent starting on October 1, 1998 shall be \$1,700.00. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-099.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O 100 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with Webb County American Red Cross for approximately 491 square feet constituting Suite No. 2 of Building S-1 located at 1718 E. Calton Road at the Laredo International Airport.

- a. Lease term is for one year commencing on February 1, 1999 and ending on January 31, 2000 and may be extended for one year ending January 31, 2001.
- b. Monthly rent shall be \$300.00 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 approve Ordinance #99-O-100.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-101 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and International Bank of Commerce, as successor to that lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 96-O-200 dated November 16, 1996 between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and Gerardo Javier Ramos, as Lessee, and Eleuterio Garza d/b/a/ E. Garza Construction Company, as assignee and now hereinafter referred to as Lessee under this amended lease for two tracts of land being Lot No. 1 consisting of approximately 15,463.8 square feet and Lot No. 3 consisting of approximately 4,769 square feet all located on Block No. 15 of Subdivision Plat of Laredo

Airport and is further described by metes and bounds description.

- a. Lease term is for twenty (20) years commencing on December 1, 1996 until November 30, 2016, plus two consecutive ten (10) year renewal option periods until November 30, 2036.
- b. Monthly rent effective January 1, 1999 shall be \$540.00 plus annual rent adjustments based on changes in the Consumer Price Index and the rental obligation shall be further adjusted based on Fair Market Rent appraisals at each ten (10) year anniversary. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-101.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-102 Ordinance consenting to transfer an assignment of a Lease Agreement for approximately 8,580 square feet constituting Building No. 55, located at 4818 Thomas Avenue, Block No. 10, at the Laredo International Airport, from Arturo Fernandez to Valero Development Corporation and approving the assignment of said lease by and between Arturo Fernandez to Valero Development Corporation and authorizing the City Manager to execute said consent of assignment. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-102.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-103 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey a 17' x 110' easement and right-of-way, to Central Power and Light Company, for the installation of certain underground electrical service facilities to serve Fire Station No. 11 at 11015 McPherson Road in Laredo, Texas. Said 17' x 110' easement and right-of-way being situated in Porcion 20 and the northeast part of Survey Number 2415, School File 14283, Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-103.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-104 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey a 12' x 65' easement and right-of-way, to Central Power and Light Company, for the installation of certain underground electrical service facilities to serve Fire Station No. 10 at 5210 Hwy 359, in Laredo, Texas. Said 12' x 65' easement and right-of-way being situated in Las Cruces Subdivision Unit 1, in Porcion 31, Abstract 3116, Webb County, Texas, and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-104.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-105 Ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 99-O-002, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to the United States of America, General Services Administration for the sale, at its market value, to certain City property described as the "Surface Only" of a tract of land consisting of 15,432.35 square feet (55.56' x 277.76) more or less, of the 1000 block of Salinas Avenue between Washington and Victoria Streets and being bounded on the east by Block 172, W.D. and on the west by Block 171, W.D. Said street situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, provided however, that the City of Laredo will retain the entire street property as a utility easement, and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-105.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-106 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fire Department FY 1998-1999 budget in the amount of \$4,109.00 for

funds distributed from Senate Bill 102 Emergency Medical Services Trauma Systems Care Fund, to be used toward the purchase of educational, communication, and training equipment. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-106.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-107 Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$13,108 for the expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program Expansion of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 1999, through August 31, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-107.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-108 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo 1998-99 annual budget in the amount of \$121,049 to appropriate lease proceeds for the purchase of a combination sewer/catch basin cleaner (VAC) truck, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program (total cost of \$171,049). (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-108.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-109 Ordinance to grant tax relief for the Certified Historic Rehabilitation Project at:
Location: N61.51' of Lot 1;
 N52.56' of the S63.56' of the E38.61' of Lot 1;
 S11' of E49.06' of Lot 1;
 All of Lot 10;
 N61.51' of W35.5' of Lot 2;
 W35.5' of Lot 9, Block 73 WD

Commonly known as: 815 Salinas, Locally Significant
Historic Landmark.

Petitioner: Bill Skeen, Hamilton Housing Partners,
LTD.

The total amount of taxes to be exempt over the four
year period is \$14,415.27. This will be followed by a
four year period in which the taxes on the enhanced
value of the property are exempt and will remain at
\$14,415.27 for that four year period.
(Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-109.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

- 10. 99-R-048 Authorizing the City Manager to execute addendum
number two to the collective bargaining agreement
between the City of Laredo and Local 1390,
International Association of Firefighters. The Texas
Board of Health has adopted a fifth level of
certification in EMS, (Paramedic Licensure) effective
February 4, 1999. This new level of Paramedic
Licensure recognizes a paramedic who has met
additional educational college credits of at least
(A) 60 hours of College Credit which includes the
Academic Core Curricula as defined by the Texas
Higher Education Coordinating Board, or
(B) an Associate Degree, or
(C) a Baccalaureate Degree, or
(D) a Post Graduate Degree.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-048.

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

- 11. 99-R-056 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and
execute a construction cost sharing and maintenance
agreement between the City of Laredo and Mary Help of
Christians Middle School for the construction of an
access road connection from the rear of the school
property line in a Northwesterly direction to

Springfield Road, in accordance with the project engineered plans and specifications, at a total project cost of \$130,238.00, and authorizing the acceptance of a contribution in the amount of \$30,000.00 from Mary Help of Christians School as their contribution towards the project costs and expenses.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-056.

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

- 12. 99-R-058 Accepting the donation of the "Surface Only" of a 2.6061 acre tract of land, more or less, from Trend Land Development Inc., a Texas Corporation, provided however, that Trend Land Development Inc., removes all existing debris and cleans the easement area prior to its acceptance by the City. Said 2.6061 acre tract of land being situated in the Dellwood Park Subdivision, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas, and more particularly described by metes and bounds.

Mayor Flores announced that this resolution would be tabled.

Motion to table.

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

- 13. 99-R-059 Accepting the donation of Access Easements from Mr. Jose Luis Barroso and wife Rosalinda, and from Mr. Mario Hector Salinas, for the maintenance of a Utility/Drainage Easement owned by the City of Laredo. Said Access Easements being the South 10 feet of Lot 53, Block 2, and the South 10 feet of Lot 54, Block 2, respectively; both being situated in the Dellwood Park Subdivision, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas.

Mayor Flores announced that this resolution would be tabled.

Motion to table.

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

- 14. 99-R-060 Confirming the appointment by the City Manager of a member of the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of the City of Laredo.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-060.

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

VIII. MOTIONS

- 15. Consideration of award of supply contract #99-055, to the following LOW BIDDER, Libcon, Inc. DBA Leyendecker Materials, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$989,000.00, 4G Asphalt DBA Bid Buck Asphalt, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$238,000.00, City Ready Mix, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$298,000.00, Gator Recycler, La Marque, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$33,500.00, and Texas Fuel and Asphalt, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$7,800.00, for the purchase of asphalt, black base, ready mix cement, asphalt oils and emulsions, flexible base, and sand, as required for all city paving and construction projects.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 16. Consideration to award a construction contract to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc. in_the_amount_of \$1,433,159.50 for the Texas Avenue/Price Street Drainage Improvements Project. Funding is available in the 1998 C.O.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 17. Consideration to award a construction contract to LOWEST BIDDER,_Sechrist-Hall_Company,_Corpus Christi, Texas, in the

application for \$32,000 in nonlocal funds to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application for \$200,000 in nonlocal funds to the Texas Department of Health for continuation of the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

23. Consideration of award of contract number 99-075, to the LOW BIDDER, Philpott Motors, Port Neches, Texas, in the amount of \$26,292.00, purchase of one utility vehicle for the Engineering Department. The vehicle is a replacement for a 1988 passenger van. Delivery is expected within one hundred and twenty days.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

24. Consideration of award of contract number 99-080 to the LOW BIDDER, for the storage and transportation of leachate at the City of Laredo landfill. The successful bidder will be required to provide one or more frac tanks for the collection of the leachate. The contractor will be responsible for the disposal of the leachate stored in the frac tank in accordance to TNRCC regulations. The term of this contract is one year.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Agent, stated that the low bidder was Movac International at the estimated price of \$35,894.00.

Mayor Flores announced that the winning bidder is MoVac International at \$35,894.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 25. Consideration of award of contract number 99-078 to the LOW BIDDER, for the installation of a telecommunications network at the Bruni Library building located at 1120 San Bernardo. The contractor will be responsible for the installation of a voice and data communication network which includes all necessary wiring, connecting blocks, and fiber runs for current and future communication needs. The Building Department, a Police Substation and a branch library will be housed at this building. It is anticipated that the work will be completed within six weeks.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 26. Consideration to approve monthly adjustments to the tax roll updating the Council-approved tax roll for adjustments. These adjustments are produced by the County Appraisal District and by Court Orders.
 - A. February 1999 \$84,082.64
 - B. March 1999 \$22,971.50

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 27. Consideration to award an annual maintenance contract for library automation, network services, software, Vmark licenses and equipment for the libraries' Dynix network to Ameritech Library Services in the amount of \$46,957.63.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo

- 31. Consideration to amend the contract between the City of Laredo and the Laredo Webb County Food Bank for fiscal year 1998-1999 to increase funding from \$28,050 to \$29,653 for additional services rendered to include food distribution to the G.I. Forum.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 32. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract between the Texas Department of Health and the City of Laredo Health Department for the purpose of implementing a Medicaid Administrative Cost Reimbursement Contract for clinical services provided. The term of the contract will begin on April 1, 1999 and shall continue indefinitely. The contract is estimated to result in additional revenues of approximately \$100,000 per year to the Health Fund.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- 33. Status report of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program for the month of April 1999.

Cynthia Collazo, Community Development Director, reported the following breakdown for the month of April:

Fee simple acquisition	20	appraisals completed to date.
Acquisition offer presented	20	
Offers accepted	15	
Acquisitions completed	10	
Acoustical Treatment	7	
Avigation Easement	13	
Undecided	2	
Non-qualifying	4	non-owner occupants
Non-participating	4	do not wish to participate

Avigation Easement:

The report from the appraiser was received and then submitted

to Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). The FAA approved it on April 2, 1999. Staff has met with the residents who chose this option. A total of 13 families signed up and 9 letters have been presented.

Acoustical Treatment Program:

Staff met with the consultants on April 13. A scope of work was presented to them, so that we can tell them exactly what we need in this particular program. The schedule was forwarded to us on the 15th.

Mrs. Collazo explained that this program will take longer because several steps are required before submitting it for FAA's approval. This may take place between March and July of this year. Meetings with homeowners and individual meetings with the participants will take place around June. Then, sound testing, plans, specs, and so forth will be done between July and September. Construction will be beginning around November to December of 1999. This program will take approximately five to six months before actually starting because of the different requirements needed by FAA.

She added that they are ready to proceed with the next 25 to 50 families, and are hoping to keep a 50 family workload at all times. They are considering the first week of May to start with the meetings process and are currently checking the location. This will be subject to the funds availability. Of the \$6 million dollars, \$1.9 million has been committed up to this date and \$1 million dollars has actually been spent.

Currently, they are continuing with the program, but they need assistance from the Legal Department. However, the Legal Department has had a lot of work and since Ms. Collazo wants this project to keep on moving, she has discussed with the City Attorney the possibility of contracting outside legal help.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that he has evaluated either seeking contract help or reassigning priorities within the Legal Department. However, consideration needs to be given to the urgency of this program. He said, "I know that the need is now, and we do not have the resources at the Legal Department to just jump in and get the delivery of services that the department needs. So, if the motion was in the nature of authorizing the City Manager to look at, and define the need, and expedite the allocation of the adequate resources to meet the needs."

Cm. Bruni for the record, said that the motion will be the

verbatim quoted by the City Attorney.

Motion to instruct staff to look and define the need and expedite the allocation of the adequate resources to meet the needs of the noise compatibility program.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ruben Aguirre, District II constituent, was concerned that the noise abatement funding is too slow for the Country Club Estates residents.

- 34. Advising the City Council that a "Purchasing Governmental Expo" will be held on Thursday, April 29, 1999, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Texas A&M International University - Sue & Radcliff Killam Library -Great Room. The governmental expo is being held to afford local businesses an opportunity to get detailed information on how to do business with city, county, state, and federal agencies. The expo is sponsored by the City of Laredo, Laredo Community College, Laredo Independent School District, Laredo State Center, Texas A&M International University, United Independent School District, and Webb County.

Francisco Meza, Purchasing Agent, made the presentation before City Council. This is the first time that County, City, and school districts have gotten together to offer a "Purchasing Expo" aimed to local businesses. Nineteen agencies, including local, county and state agencies will be represented at this expo. This is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to attend and meet the procurement managers from these different agencies.

- 35. Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of a contract for collection of delinquent taxes with the firm of Ricardo De Anda, Attorney at Law. The City of Laredo has contracted with this firm since 1985 and their performance has met all contractual agreements.

Motion to direct staff to prepare the renewal contract for collection of delinquent taxes.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Valdez

Cm. Galo was concerned that as a matter of policy we should be

going out for RFP's (Request for Proposals), because that is what happened with El Metro we just kept extending the contract instead of going out for RFP's.

City Manager Pena explained that state law requires a city that in order to levy the tax, we must have an attorney under contract no later than June 30th. The city has contracted with the firm of De Anda since 1985 and have been contracted in three year intervals. Mr. De Anda and his firm has been an extension of our tax office for a number of years, has done more than a satisfactory job, and our collection rate is doing well. He added that this is not a competitive bid item, as such, so by law it is not required to be put on a competitive basis. As staff, both himself and Mrs. Colon, are satisfied with the performance that this firm has provided and do not recommended, at this time, that they switch firm. He added that he is asking direction from council and if they want to request for proposals they can prepare such an item, and go out for RFP's. This will probably take at least 30+ days or so to bring back a contract.

Cm. Valdez pointed out that as far as he has been a council-member, he has seen this firm do better and we have one of the best tax collection rates than any other entity in the city. He added it keeps getting better every year and what guarantee do we have that any other firm is going to do as well as Mr. De Anda has been able to do during the past few years. He asked for figures from Mr. Pena on how rates have been going up.

Mayor Flores asked that they vote on the motion first, then if council wants to discussed the possibility for the next time, and depending on motion outcome.

Mr. Pena clarified, that the motion is to direct staff to prepare the contract, they still need to bring the contract back to council. This item is to bring council up-to-date on the status, so they do have time to go out for proposals.

Cm. Guerra stated that due to time constraints, he does not think that 30 days are enough to go for RFP's.

Motion was clarified again, to direct staff to prepare the renewal contract for collection of delinquent taxes with the firm of Ricardo De Anda.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo
Second: Cm. Valdez
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 36. Discussion and clarification regarding the paving improvements on south Meadow Bridge at Tex-Mex Railroad (Guatemozin to Willow) with possible action to include the South Meadow Bridge in the current Recycling Project at an increased contract cost of \$13,163.08.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, made the presentation before City Council. He said that the area is in terrible condition and at a previous council meeting Cm. Galo had asked that staff look into it. This issue is now being brought back for action. Action recommended would be to include the bridge in the Cutler Paving Project.

Motion to approve to include the South Meadow Bridge in the current recycling project at an increase cost of \$13,163.08.

Moved : Cm. Galo
 Second: Cw. Moreno
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 37. 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 the proposed Regional Fire Fighting Training Facility, 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 the proposed Regional Fire Fighting Training Facility, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Mayor Flores announced that she would like City Manager Pena, Mr. Jaime Flores, Mrs. Cindy Collazo Mr. John Orfila, Mr. Larry Dovalina, and Fire Chief Ramirez to come into the executive session.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

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

38. 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 the extension of University Boulevard and the construction of a fire station, 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 the extension of University Boulevard and the construction of a fire station, because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, presented an award received by the City on behalf of United Way which he presented to City Manager Pena. He indicated that the city gave \$30,000 or more to United Way. In addition, there are 21 division/department employees that were recognized for their contribution and those contributing 100% -Airport, Budget Office, Community Development, Finance, Health, Internal Audit, City Manager's Office, Municipal Housing, Personnel, Library, City Secretary's, Tax, Telecommunications, Utilities Billing Dept., Waste Water Collection, Waste Water Collection (Zacate Creek), Water Distribution, Water Treatment Plant, and Utilities Administration.
- b) Michelle Martinez representing Prime Regiment, a group of people in Laredo who would appreciate being heard and that hope council will consider their request, read a letter as follows:

Mayor and City Council:

On behalf of all skaters in Laredo, we would appreciate being heard. We would like the permission of the city, to have

a skate park built here in Laredo. I was actually inspired to write this letter by the first amendment which includes freedom of speech and petition. Once again, the purpose of my letter is to seek both permission, and a location for such a park. We truly understand that this is not something that may be easily approved, and we are aware of the expenses it will bring. However, we are all very willing to put in as much effort as we can, with the help of sponsors, fundraising, and donations.

The main reason for this idea, is because, without a doubt, we need a place to skate. It seems that everywhere we want to skate, you can't, for numerous reasons - bad neighborhoods, rough surfaces, restricted areas, busy streets, etc.

Secondly, we already have a great number of people wanting to get involved in this. With all the support we've received from all our supporters, we are very confident that this park will be a success.

Most importantly, there are advantages. For those of us who don't have any after-school activities to attend, a skate park not only gives us the opportunity to keep ourselves active, but it also encourages the average teen to put down those drugs, and get out those dusty rollerbaldes and skateboards. From my opinion, it would be a lot nicer to see kids spending their money on safety skating gear in your local store, rather than spending it with your local drug dealers. The same goes for any other trouble-makers in training. This park may be the solution to keep many kids busy and out of harm's way.

In conclusion, we would just like to add that your approval, would really mean a lot to us. Please take the time to think it through.

Sincerely,

Claudia Guarjardo and
Michelle Martinez

(end of letter)

Miss Martinez said that Parks and Recreation are already doing a research on this, checking cost estimates, and facilities.

Mayor Flores asked if they have a preferred location/area.

Miss Martinez replied, that somewhere where it will be fair for the whole city. She mentioned that maybe downtown would be a

good place.

- c) Florencio Pena, City Manager, informed council that he was given three tentative dates for the Strategic Planning Session with Joe Gonzalez Management Connection. It will be a four-hour session and the dates are May 21st or 22nd, June 4th or 5th, and June 18th or 19th.

Mayor Flores asked Mr. Pena to request a date within a weekday evening because it is hard for council to get together during the weekends.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

39. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.

A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Recognizing the accomplishments of the Laredo All-American Jr. All Star Cheerleaders which consists of 25 school girls ranging in ages from 8 to 14. These outstanding bound ladies represented the City of Laredo at the National Cheerleaders Association competition held in Dallas in February 27-28, and placed 2nd nationally.

Mayor Flores recognized the All American Jr. All Star Cheerleaders for placing 2nd in National Cheerleaders Association competition held in Dallas and recognized them with a plaque.

B. Request by Council member Alfredo Agredano

1. Discussion on car salvage and flea market businesses on Hwy 359 and instructing city staff (code enforcement and environmental engineering) to conduct a survey on City Ordinance violation.

Cm. Agredano reported that the reason he placed this item on the agenda was due to the fact that there was a fire at the flea market on or about March of this year. He added that the Building Director and himself went to the area and there are approximately five salvage yards inside the city limits. He was informed by Mr. Salinas that they do routine inspections of those salvage yards and they keep up-to-date on the code enforcement violations.

He added that one of his concerns is the water source leading to those locations, especially the flea market. They noticed that the closest hydrant is about a quarter of a mile from the flea market. He called the Utilities Director in reference to this issue and he states that there are plans to extend those water lines.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that they had initially intended to site the fire training facility at the landfill and for that purpose they had allocated monies for the construction of a water line to the landfill. The project was put on hold because of the lack of resolution of the matter of the fire training facility.

In conversations with the City Manager lately, they decided that instead of using the monies somewhere else, that they just would continue to hold it so that they could either fund the regional fire training facility or fund the extension or the continuation of the line to the landfill because they have two possible uses: 1) A truck wash for our own vehicles (garbage vehicles) 2) Also, the hazardous waste collection facility so eventually, they are going to have to extend the line to serve our own purposes for Public Works.

City Manager Pena stated that the first priority is the fire training facility and until the issues are resolved the money will not be used, until there is a commitment. There is an item under executive session to go over that issue.

Cm. Agredano reiterated that his main concern is that the water source is far away from that area. He wants to see if we can get those water lines extended all the way to the landfill and maybe get a water line extended under the street, then install a hydrant next to the flea market because his concern is the safety of the people working there.

Mr. Roman stated the some of the "colonia waterline money" will be used for that. He added that the timing is not necessarily compatible. If we get funded late this year, they will begin to design, so probably any construction related to the colonia will not begin until maybe June of next year.

Cw. Montalvo asked if that area can wait until they can

put the waterline for the colonias?

Mayor Flores stated that it seems that it would be more profitable for everyone and less expensive if they coordinate both jobs somehow.

Mr. Roman replied, "yes, because they would only be paying for the oversize."

C. Request by Council member Cecilia M. Moreno

1. Discussion and possible action on a request for a listing of sidewalks, surrounding churches, that do not have the necessary curb cuts for the disabled. A suggested plan of action with proposed implementation time lines is requested.

Cw. Moreno stated that she did receive two communications in reference to this issue, but in one she could tell they misunderstood what she wanted. She was not talking about churches that don't have sidewalks, she was talking about those that already have the sidewalks, but about the curb cuts on those that have sidewalks. She pointed that she did not get information on cost and what projects can be started so that they take care of the curb cuts.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that they compiled a list with the help of Laredo Chamber of Commerce and the phone directory. The list has about 85 churches and what he thinks they can do is select some churches from each district and see whether or not they have sidewalks and/or ramps because if they provide the ramps they have to provide sidewalks. Then they can prepare some sort of program and bring back the program to the City Manager and to City Council for approval.

Cw. Moreno reiterated, "again, I talking about the curb cuts, I didn't say ramps or sidewalks...I am not talking about such an expensive proposition." She added that the rest is good, but we need to start with all those that already have their sidewalks and simply involved a curb cut. She said that this does not have to be a one year project, that it can be two or three year project and if that is what we can afford. She suggested that they do two or three from every district until eventually all of them get done as was done with the street program.

Motion to proceed with considering a project such as this for our CIP.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
There was no second

Cm. Alvarado said he would like to keep the compiling of information on sidewalks in there, because there are some churches that do not have sidewalks such as St. Jude's Church. He asked that staff compile the information and come back during the budget workshops and then they will see what can be done.

Motion to instruct staff to proceed in considering this type of project (curb cut project) and report as to how many curb cuts are needed, so that we can start looking at this project and make it part of this coming year's CIP.

Moved : Cw. Moreno
Second: Cm. Alvarado
For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council member Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Discussion and possible action concerning safety hazards around project sites on public property and the City's enforcement efforts on having contractors comply with the City's safety specification.

Cm. Valdez wants to know if the city has developed a safety orientation program where existing contractors or new contractors are required to attend these orientation programs to make sure they comply with our ordinances and/or requirements before they step on public property to do work for the city.

He pointed out that he has found, throughout the city, where in certain construction sites there are big holes where a car can be consumed. He pointed that some areas are not properly barricaded. Some people only put yellow ribbons and they might as well put dental floss, because these ribbons won't take care of anything. He has seen areas where they are working on sidewalks, they put a rig bar and take off for the weekend and those bars are sticking out of the ground. We need to be strict about what they do, and make sure these people comply and properly secure these areas.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, said he is not sure if this legally possible, and asked if council want to consider adopting a penalty provision in all our construction contracts per say that if they conduct an inspection and a violation is found, that the contractor will be fined?

Cm. Valdez wants to know who will be held accountable if an accident happens? Would it be the contractor or the City?

Mr. Pena replied that the contractor is liable for the work area and for the safety around the construction site.

Mayor Flores indicated that when they do sign the contract there has to be notification, education, or advisement.

Cm. Valdez would like to see that a program implemented or developed that will assure that contractors go through some kind of orientation. If they don't have the time, then develop a manual, hand it over to them, have them initial all the different requirements, and then deliver it to the city. He said that by doing this they will be fully aware of what our requirements are.

Cm. Alvarado said there are state requirements. He said one incident was brought up to his attention, that a contractor was doing a sidewalk project and did not have a flag person on site, the vehicle was motioned to continue to go through an intersection, there was a four-way stop intersection, and an automobile accident was caused.

City Manager Pena said he will come back in a couple of weeks with some kind of a manual, if we don't have one. He pointed out that there are certain basic safety procedures that must be adhered too and the contractor is liable if he doesn't follow them.

In terms of the city, they might be able to facilitate the process if they present some kind of a manual.

Cm. Valdez asked that included in this manual they indicate that they have to secure the areas daily before they go home.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that before the contractor gets started on every job, they have a pre-construction conference and they are advised of all of these safety aspects, but "yes" we do have some violations. Sometimes these violations are not caused by the contractors, but by traffic breaking barricades, etc. and therefore, leaving the area opened. They do keep after the contractors as best as they can, especially on Fridays and during long weekends to make sure that they secure everything.

Cm. Valdez asked who is responsible on keeping an eye on that area on weekends?

Mr. Rivera said they (contractors) are supposed to have an "on call party, person/persons and they are responsible for that."

Note: At this time City Manager Pena asked that before going into executive sessions that Mr. Mario Martinez be called (over the phone) to brief City Council on the item under the Supplemental Agenda regarding pending State Legislation. Before the call was placed with Mr. Martinez, Mr. Pena spoke on an item under communications first.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

VIII. MOTIONS

Consideration to approval change order no. 2 to the Orilla Avenue Street Improvements between Mann Road and Carrillo and Texas Avenue between Guadalupe and Chihuahua Streets with Jimmy Closner and Sons Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$23,766.10 for additional paving and sidewalk construction work required along Orilla Avenue. Funding is available in the 1998 C.O. Issue Orilla Project.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
 Second: Cw. Montalvo
 For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Consideration with possible action to establish a position regarding pending State Legislation. There are currently numerous legislative proposals being considered which may impact

the City of Laredo. A presentation regarding this matter will be made during our meeting.

Mayor Flores received the call from Mario Martinez, Legislative City Liaison, regarding HB 1704. She read a letter sent by the City Manager to Representative Henry Cuellar.

Letter quote:

"Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am forwarding to you the City of Laredo's concerns with HB 1704 and providing you with suggested amendments to the bill.

We are concerned with the possible unintended consequences that the bill will have on all cities across the state. We understand that the motivation for this bill is the State's concern with the City of Austin, and Circle C; however, the fact is that the amendment as proposed will impact not just Austin but all Texas cities. We are additionally concerned that the language will affect all cities prospectively as well as retroactively.

Accordingly, if the legislature's concern is with the impact upon Circle C and the City of Austin, we propose that the bill address only them. There has been no evidence of abuse of retroactive rule making by any other city. Alternatively, we would propose that the bill grants all cities the same retroactive rule making authority that the legislature grants to itself, the State. Finally, we would propose language which would specifically limit "permit vesting" to a specific period of time. By this I mean that cities be granted authority to place time limitations on any and all permits, master plans, plats, and all "series of permits," so that if the permittee does not accomplish the permitted development, it be required to re-apply for the respective permitted action."
(End of letter).

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that if the bill is intended to affect Austin and Circle C, "rated for Austin and Circle C" that the rest of the cities continue to implement their own time periods with limitations as to permit vesting, which is what the last option says.

The bill in fact already has some language to put that limitation, and in fact, we do put limits on permits and the like. They are concerned that the language in this bill might lead to precluding that; whereas the bill itself restores the retroactive rule making and keeps for the state the ability to

retroact, but not granting into the cities. The concern here is that since the bill will not reach the floor today, Representative Cuellar advised us to contact him after meeting with council and having the benefit of the advice from Mr. Martinez.

Mario Martinez, Legislative City Liaison, confirmed that the bill was posted for floor action today, but did not make it for consideration and more likely it will be brought up tomorrow.

He informed that Representative Cuellar spoke with Rep. Bosse regarding an amendment that Rep. Bosse is intending to introduce on the bill, once it's brought up for consideration. Mr. Martinez's understanding is that the amendment does have some effect on what the House refers to as the dormant projects that do not have an expiration date. He knows that this was of particular concern to the City Manager and added that this is a viable concern. Mr. Martinez explained that City Manager Pena expressed this concern to Representative Cuellar who felt that it was to the benefit of the City to go ahead and address that with Representative Bosse.

It is his understanding, that while Rep. Cuellar was visiting with Rep. Bosse he had a clear understanding of the amendment and felt that it would actually take care of part of Mr. Pena's concern, being the dormant project.

He added that Mr. Pena also addressed an additional concern about the "expiration date" that needed to be addressed. Rep. Cuellar indicated that he will be talking to an attorney or a legislative legal counsel referencing that second portion of "expiration dates".

Mr. Pena added that he believes Representative Cuellar has indicated interest with Representative Bosse to include some kind of additional wording that will ensure that we can have some kind of limitation. He said the city has a platting process that requires the submission of a Master Plan, a preliminary plat and a final plat. He explained that what this legislation would do, is that once any plat, any preliminary plat, or master plan approved by the P&Z Commission (once approved) then the years and regulations that were applied at the approval time will continue to apply infinitely. In other words, at least the word that the legislation currently is worded. What it proposes to do is that those developers have obtain a "vested right", that is they have gone through the planning process, the P&Z Commission has approved a master plan, and whatever rules or regulations they plot at that time will

apply in the future and at the present time there is no limitation. We do not have expiration dates in our master plans. The only expiration that we have is in our final plats. So we would like some wording and believes that Rep. Cuellar is trying to work that out to provide a five-year limitation so that per say there is a plat approved today, if that plat is not under construction within five years, then it will lapse.

Mayor Flores said that is a good idea, but let's talk about a plan that was adopted before the requirements for parks and landscaping, etc. Assuming that the plan is dormant, could it be revived? We could "not" impose a requirement right now of landscaping or parks, etc. for all other developers?

City Manager Pena answered, that is correct.

City Manager Pena said that what was approved in those days, that's it. We cannot change it now, and if five years from now the council decides to adopt impact fees or drainage rules and regulations, they will not be able to do that because of the way the legislation is currently structured.

Mayor Flores asked if what he is telling us if this bill is worded correctly and with the amendment that is proposed, that any master plan that is approved will have, four (4) or (5) year build out, or there will be some expiration so that it gets revisited and updated.

City Manager Pena answered, that is correct. The new rules and regulations that the council made (including zoning) could be subject to change and there would be a time limitation on it.

He said there are other legislative updates that Mr. Martinez would like to address, but he felt this was important because they might vote on this issue tomorrow. The Texas Municipal League has taken a position against this legislation, they opposed it, and feel that what's good for the state should be good for cities. The state is allowing themselves to be able to retroactively and to be able to change and are not limiting themselves, but they are not willing to do that for cities.

Mayor Flores said she not only wants to oppose it, but also wants to offer some amendments.

Mr. Martinez said he knows that Rep. Cuellar is now engaged in working with the authors of the bill and he has their attention and that he will be most happy to visit with the Mayor or with Mr. Pena early tomorrow at their convenience to go ahead and

specifically addressed those two concerns that Mr. Pena had expressed earlier.

In concluding the phone conversation, Mr. Martinez asked that Council consider having them do this on other specific issues that they might express interest in during the legislative session. They will make it a point to be responsive to Council on Monday evenings at council's request whether it be a few minutes or 30 minutes on any specific issue that council feels that is a priority issue. This gives them an opportunity to deal directly with City Council and give direct reports and get engaged with the respective members of the Legislature on those specific issues.

Keith Selman, City Planner, clarified several points. He said that his understanding on this legislature is that by submitting a Master Plan, basically you freeze all regulations. So, someone submits a Master Plan and came in, everything in that process, is frozen including the building permitting process. That seriously limits the Municipality's authority and ability to adopt and implement new ordinances. That is the proposed bill now. One word used earlier "dormant" could almost mean anything. What he would say, "what we would want to incorporate into this legislation is a fixed time." A Master Plan becomes null and void unless re-approved within two years or something of that nature. He added that particularly the Master Plan issue is of real concern.

Mayor Flores added that they had conversations with the author of the bill and there might have been some intent that might not have been completely understood or explained, but having Rep. Cuellar work on that will help solve all those problems. She asked that Mr. Martinez call the City Manager's Office tomorrow to inform on the issue tomorrow.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Summary of the presentation heard by the Water Issues Committee in its 4/8/99 meeting, regarding a proposal by northwest Webb County landowners to provide groundwater to the City of Laredo.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, repeated what he had learned from Mr. Rod Ponton who was one of the presentors at the Water Issues Committee of 4/8/99.

He said there were two presentations made at that meeting. One by a group from Kinney County represented by Mr. Zack Davis who had previously approached him with a proposal to sell ground

water from the Edwards Aquifer at the Kinney County location. He referred him to our Consultants CH2M Hill who are studying groundwater issues. They came and repeated the story that they have the ability to produce up to 20,000 acre feet of water without a considerable loss in their levels and that they will be happy to entertain offers to go "either pump to the river at some point so that we can recover that water at the water plant" or "construct the pipe line and that would be our burden if we so desire to do."

The second presentation was done by a group led by Mr. Rod Ponton and Mr. Ron Freeman who came representing landowners from northwest Webb County. They had preliminary figures to offer us a deal to provide groundwater to Laredo from the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer. They told us that they could pump up to 100 million gallons per day from the Carrizo Aquifer and deliver to us via pipeline that would be constructed by a non-profit corporation that would float bonds. These bonds would be paid for by them with us the City of Laredo purchasing a minimum amount of water from them for a flat fee that over the course of a number of years would pay in total for the project. At the end of those years, the well field will be ours as would be the line, and whatever rights are made available.

Mr. Roman added that Mr. Ponton told the group that what they wanted to do is to get the city to give them a "Letter of Intent" and this letter is not to ask for a financial commitment, but simply to let him know that the city is seriously considering a secondary source of water and that he would then invest an additional sum of money in doing exploration of the aquifer in Northwest Webb County.

Cm. Bruni added that they did have a very productive meeting with this particular group that was led by Mr. Ponton.

Note: A proposal was handed to City Council for review, but no proposal was provided to the City Secretary for the record.

Cm. Bruni reiterated that they propose to make some kind of contractual agreement with the city that they "could provide up to 100 million gallons of water per day at a designated area that the Utilities Department would chose." They could provide 100% of our water from a secondary source of water.

He added that he also has the feasibility study of the groundwater supply/delivery that was faxed to him today for review by the Mayor and City Council. He has not reviewed it, but thinks that it is something that the City of Laredo and this

council have to study and give merit to because it is something that he has always wanted to see "the City of Laredo having a secondary source of water".

He added that raw water is of bad quality in the Rio Grande and is getting worse. The reliability is uncertain and in order for this community to continue to prosper and have economic development, we must secure a secondary source of water. In the long term, forecasts call for more droughts, and we are in a seven year cycle of drought, the Amistad Reservoirs are backed down to 37% and starting to release a lot of water to the valley. Of all the project that the committee has reviewed he thinks that this one offer the most merit.

They are saying that they have reserves of "100 acre feet of water per year" that could be drawn from this aquifer without even "deleting the amount of water that is in there". It is in an area primarily owned by the Briscoe Family, it is in the heart of the Carrizo Aquifer and it is no cost to the city. They would bring the water to a point whether it be our Jefferson Water Plant or to a point where we can co-mingle it into system with Texas Clean Water Act specifications.

He concluded by saying that once we get the study from our consultants, that they will have this company come before City Council and make another presentation. They will be having meetings with them, but he thinks this is something that really needs consideration and that they should continue the dialogue with this group and the committee.

The committee endorsed this particular proposal and found more merit in this proposal than dumping raw water into the Rio Grande that the other group had presented.

Cm. Galo said that something that adds a lot of merit to this proposal is that they are "at this time seeking to do it with tax credits." They said that over a period of maybe 15 years we would own the project and this would be a contract that we would be looking for at about 15 year period, then we would own it which makes this very attractive.

Mr. Roman concluded by saying that they are exchanging information such as production statistics from the city, costs, etc. They will be sending us their studies so that they can be sent to our consultants in San Antonio for incorporation into the study.

Mayor Flores asked that they update as we go along on the status

of this project.

Cm. Bruni stated that this is an independent aquifer, this is the Carrizo Wilcox Aquifer in Northwest Webb County, it is isolated (only in that particular area), it has no affiliation with the Edwards Aquifer or any other aquifer besides what is underneath the Briscoe Ranch. The initial reports show that there is more water in this aquifer than in the Edwards Aquifer.

Cm. Guerra implored that staff move as expeditiously as possible on this matter because a bigger state to the north of us is also "hot on the heels of this effort".

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Adjournment time: 7:20 P.M.

Moved : Cm. Agredano


Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 34 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 19th of April, 1999. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.


Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

Minutes approved on: May 17, 1999