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

MINUTES APRIL 26, 1999 M99-R-12

### 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,

Elizabeth G. Flores,
Alfredo Agredano,
Louis H. Bruni,
John C. Galo,
Cecilia May Moreno,
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.
Joe A. Guerra,
Mario G. Alvarado,
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,
Councilmember, District VI
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Councilmember, District VII
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Councilmember, District VIII
City Secretary
City Manager

Jaime L. Flores,

Mayor

City Attorney

Motion to move up items #18(B)1, #20, #25, #27, #28, #29, #22, and #18(C)2.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado Second: Cm. Galo

Abstain: 0 For: 7 Against: 0

### IV. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with a public sale to convey "Surface Only" of a 0.8557 acre tract of non-aeronautical use land (approximately 37,274 square feet) being part of Block No. 21 - Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport located at the Laredo International Airport, together with improvements located

thereon and subject to that Lease Agreement between the City of Laredo, as Lessor and Mercy Regional Medical Center, as Lessee, for a portion of Lot No. 2 and being more particularly described by metes and bounds to H. Rentals for the purchase price of \$188,000.00. Said tract of land is located at the 100 block of Gust Street.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

2. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents associated with a public sale to convey "Surface Only" of a 0.6754 acre tract of non-aeronautical use land (approximately 29,420 square feet) known as Lot No. 3 and to convey the "Surface Only" of a 0.5709 acre tract of non-aeronautical use land (approximately 24,868 square feet) known as Lot No. 4, all being part of Block No. 21 - Subdivision Plat of Laredo Airport located at the Laredo International Airport, together with improvements located thereon being more particularly described by metes and bounds to Commerce Bank for the purchase price of \$160,500.00 for Lot No. 3 and \$151,200 for Lot No. 4 for a total of \$311,700.00. Said tracts of land are located on the 100 Block of Gust Street.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

3. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the existing lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 95-0-295 between the City of Laredo and Texas Migrant Council (CCMS Unit). The amendment reflects an increase in monthly rental from \$2,912.04 to \$4,352.04. Furthermore, Texas Migrant Council agrees to pay a one time lump sum payment for April, May, and June 1999 in the amount of \$19,536.12 and the remaining term at a revised rental of \$4,352.04.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

4. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute Lease Amendment to the Foreign-Trade Zone Operators Agreement with T.F.S. U.S. Customs Brokers, Inc. dated October 19, 1998 and approved by Ordinance No. 98-O-265. Said amendment increases the Zone Site Operator's activated area from 29,825 square feet to 117,228 square feet of warehouse space within Lot 6a, Block 4, of the Killam Industrial Park, Unit 4.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

5. Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to remove (15) fifteen parking meters from both sides of the 1000 block of Flores Street between Victoria and Washington Streets.

Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, stated that this ordinance an answer to a request by the Sheriff regarding the safety of the courts and the Justice Center in their travels to and from the jail to the courts and in the interest of maintaining safety and allowing the safe traversing back and forth from the jail to the County Courts. They have asked that we allow them to have that area for parking law enforcement vehicles.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

#### V. FINAL READING

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Motion to waive the final reading of ordinances #99-0-110, #99-0-111, #99-0-111, #99-0-112, #99-0-113, #99-0-114, #99-0-115, and #99-0-116.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 99-0-110 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-110.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-111 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-111.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

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For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Cw. Moreno

- 99-O-112 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.

    (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-112.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-113 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-113.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second. Cm. Alvarado

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-114 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. (City Council)

Cm. Galo thinks this should go for RFP's in the future because someone could have expressed interest to maybe doing this cheaper. He said that Mr. De Anda has done a good job and he is happy with what he has done, but thinks that we need to be fair in the future and should have gone out for RFP's

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-114.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-115 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-115.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-0-116 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. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-116.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

### VI. RESOLUTIONS

7. 99-R-055 Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Laredo to accept a \$4,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Services Fund to assist with the Stabilization Plan for the Benavides-Herrera Home at 802 Grant Street and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 99-R-061 Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Governor's Office for funding of personnel and direct operating expenses for a Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force in the amount of \$83,435 with the City designating \$423,925 in matching funds for a total of \$1,256,360 and authorizing the City Manager to sign any and all documents pertaining to this grant application.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

9. 99-R-062 Supporting the enhancement of the Industrial Pretreatment Program of the Utilities Department to comply with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The pre-treatment program exists to protect the health and welfare of the wastewater employees; to maintain the integrity of the wastewater collection system and treatment plant; and to prevent certain untreatable pollutants from entering the environment through the operations of the wastewater system.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, said there is a correction on the item, the caption is correct as

presented in the agenda, but in the body of the resolution he should have included that the sections to be changed to reflect "sections 31-16 to 31-112".

Motion to approve as amended.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

### VII. MOTIONS

10. Consideration of award of contract number 99-078 to the MOST RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER, Intercom Communications Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$21,877.40, 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 approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

11. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to request interest statements from professional firms interest in providing consulting services for the complete installation of the toll system up-grade and electronic toll collection implementation for all four (4) international bridges as specified in "Toll Collection System Up-grade" RFP. Funding is available in our interim loan agreement with Norwest Bank Texas, N.A.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to amend the City's contract with Catholic Social Services of Laredo, Inc. regarding the use of 1997 Emergency Shelter Grant funds (ESG) made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to allow a project fund balance of \$36,006 to be

used for operational costs of the Frontera Halfway House and to extend the contract's termination date from June 1, 1999 to July 15, 1999.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. Consideration of a contract for collection of delinquent taxes with the firm of Ricardo De Anda, Attorney at Law to be renewed for the period of June 30, 1999 to June 30, 2002.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

### VIII. STAFF REPORTS

14. Advising the City Council on the plans to relocate Risk Management and the Employee Health Divisions to the Utilities' Department, 618 Del Mar Office Building and to approve payment not to exceed the monthly amount \$1,748.50 and requesting City Council approval for same.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, stated that he recognized the need to relocate Risk Management and the Employee Health Division. He said that the Municipal Court building needs have changed due to the demand, increased workload, and increased traffic laws are up by 40%. Currently they have space limitations and authorized positions that cannot be filled because there is not enough space. They are also looking for an office for an attorney, as well as a jury room. Currently, the Risk Division occupies the second floor, but it would be advantageous for the Municipal Court to be able to take over that second floor to ease the burden of their operations. He advised City Council of the need to relocate and asked for council's approval.

Cw. Moreno questioned where would the additional funds be coming from.

Mr. Migura replied that the funds will come from the Risk Management fund which has a line item savings that will be used for the remainder of this year. There is a line item set aside to do some extended services that will require additional location or facility changes, etc.

Cw. Moreno wanted to know if these were appropriated general fund monies?

Mr. Migura answered, no. These are from the Risk Fund and Employee Health fund.

Cw. Moreno asked, "are we suggesting that what people are paying for their medical insurance, that the money is going to be used for this rent?"

Mr. Migura answered that there were some contributions there.

Cw. Moreno disagreed and said she thinks that if there is rent to be paid, it should be paid through the general fund. We should not tap into the Health Fund and other funds being used for people's insurance for this purpose.

Mr. Migura explained that the Administrative Services
Department has a general fund, a risk fund, and an employee
health fund. He said there are some concerns on the employee
health fund because it comprises contributions from employees.
However, the risk fund doesn't comprise contributions from
employees. The cost of the rent will be dealt through the
city's risk fund; however, because the employee health nurse is
assigned to the employee health fund, Mr. Migura wanted to
absorb some of the cost of the rent to that fund. He explained
that besides employees' contributions, the employee health
benefit fund takes in contributions from all departments in all
funds.

Motion to proceed with the move of the Risk Management and the Employee's Health Division to the Utilities Department Building located on Del Mar Blvd., and that no funds from the health fund be used to provide for this move, and for the next budget process to reflect general funds provided.

Moved: Cw. Moreno Second: Cm. Bruni

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

15. Presentation and possible action for approval regarding the Library Conversion (Bruni Plaza) Project plaque.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Presentation and possible action for approval regarding the Project Plaque for Fire Station No. 10 located at 5210 Hwy 359 at Las Cruces Subdivision, Unit I and Fire Station No. 11 located at 11015 McPherson Road North of Loop 20.

Motion to approve the plaque with the inclusion of the Fire Chief's name.

Moved: Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

17. Presentation by the City Manager on the creation of an Assistant City Manager position.

Florencic Pena, City Manager, stated that another Assistant City Manager will allow him to have approximately seven people report to him as opposed to the seventeen that currently do. The goal is to streamline the operation and to decrease his spanning control. The creation of this position requires an additional secretary who will be working with the two Assistant City Managers. Also, changes in our building's third floor will be made to accommodate for these new positions. Assistant City Manager's position will improve the way department heads report to the City Manager. Hopefully, things will get done a lot faster and more efficiently. The cost of this transition will be about \$80,000 for the rest of this year. Next year's budget will have to include the entire cost for the 12-month period. Both, the current position and the new position for Assistant City Manager will be reclassified to 45-A which salary range is \$62,400 to \$101,566. The funds will come from the reserve fund.

Cw. Moreno raised the issue of last year's motion that read: Motion to freeze the classification steps for this year in order to improve the pay plan. She asked, "If we have frozen the steps that everybody was in, how did anybody get to 11?"

Mr. Migura replied that when the "freezing" took place, a lot of things were done at the low end of our pay plan, but things were intact in the upper end. Steps were renamed. He added that someone could have been moved to step 11 because of reclassification or downgrade.

Cw. Moreno requested from Mr. Migura a report on those positions that were moved to step 11. Then asked the City Attorney if council has to take action in order to go back to the original process, since action (freezing the steps) was taken for that year only, but they expect the process to go back to what it used to be where people move up to the next

step.

Mr. Migura replied that since the language of that motion specifically states "for this year", it is assumed that if no action is taken again by October 1, 1999; the pay plan will revert to its original process.

Motion to proceed draft order to create an additional Assistant City Manager position along with an additional secretarial position.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

### IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Cm. Bruni informed council on the current Rain Enhancement Project. He said that effective May 1st, our Weather Modification Project will kick-in. By April 28, an aircraft with all the back-up equipment will be stationed at the Laredo International Airport. Another aircraft as well as the doppler radar will be stationed at Cotulla, La Salle County.

South Texas Weather Modification Programs:	<u> Acreage</u>
South Texas Weather Modification Assoc. (Atascosa, Frio, Wilson, Karnes, McMullen, Live Oak, and Bee Counties).	4.4 million
Texas Border Weather Modification Assoc. (Val Verde, Maverick, and Kinney Counties).	3.7 million
South West Texas Rain Enhancement Program (Dimmit, Zavala, La Salle, and Webb Counties).	4.9 million
Edwards Aquifer Authority Program (Kerr, Real, Uvalde, Bandera, Kendall, Comal, Bexar, Hays, Medina, Guadalupe, Blanco, and Caldwell Counties).	6.4 million
Total Acreage	19.4 million

Cm. Bruni submitted for the record the above report along with a map that reflects the regions in which rain enhancement programs will take place. He added that most of the weather modification will take place in the Rio Grande watershednorthwest of Amistad all the way down to Laredo.

B. Cm. Bruni received two letters via e-mail and submitted them to the Police Chief. These letters address problems occurring on Sunday night with cruisers on San Bernardo Street.

Note: Letters were not submitted to the City Secretary Office.

- C. Mayor Flores welcomed Eugene Amaya to our Communications Department.
- D. Jerry Garza, Public Information Officer, announced that one of the projects that they have been working on is to make sure that the citizens of Laredo are aware of all the services and activities that the city does for them. He thinks it is vital that the Public Information Office facilitates that dissemination of information to the public.

One of the goals assigned to him by the City Manager was to develop a news magazine, which would run in our Public Access Channel, for the citizens of Laredo. He announced that the pilot episode or the first half-hour episode is almost complete and ready for airing. It should air tomorrow (April 27th) at 9:00 on the Public Access Channel. It will be shown five times before their next show will come out. It is called, "Laredo at a Glance".

He explained it will break down into four segments. The first is comprised of everything the city has done the previous two weeks, in forms of proclamation, ribbon cuttings, etc. The second segment would be a highlight of city departments. This first pilot highlights the Airport Department, grants received, and construction done at the airport.

The last segment consists of an interview with members of the City Council or City Departments, in which they will be able to voice everything they have done in their particular district or things that have been stored for the districts or for the City of Laredo. Finally, the news magazine closes with a calendar of events for the next two weeks.

Note: Video presentation on the pilot program was shown.

E) City Manager Pena said he wants a confirmation on setting a meeting date. He said that a notice advising about our Community Development meeting for April 29th was sent out. He thinks there might be a quorum, but there are some council members that might be out-of-town. He wants to know if they want to re-schedule this meeting. He added that they need to hold this meeting within the next two weeks.

Council concurred with holding the meeting on April 29th.

- F) City Manager Pena also questioned in reference to the Strategic Planning Session date. May 12th is the date he has set and wants to know if City Council is in concurrence. The purpose of this session is to set goals for next year. General topics include financial status, growth management, etc.
  - City Council concurred to Wednesday, May 12th from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the 3rd Floor Conference Room.
- G) Rafael Rodriguez, Mayor of El Cenizo, asked that the City of Laredo sell them a trash truck. He informed that in response to a letter they sent us making this request, they received a quote of \$6,000 on such truck. But, for the past two weeks, they have not been able to get in contact with City Council to see what would be the best way whereby City Council can help them. He added that they are willing to pay the trash truck in payments as they have indicated in their letter. Currently, they are making payments on a previous 1992 account they have with the City of Laredo.

He was before City Council asking that the City of Laredo help them, that council consider them, and answer their request.

Mayor Flores replied that the issue was not in the agenda, so the item cannot be discussed, but they will take this request in consideration and will put this item in the next agenda.

- Mr. Rodriguez asked that they be notified at the next meeting and asked that they be granted approval on their request.
- H) Cm. Alvarado brought to Council and to the public's attention the reconstruction work in Santa Maria. The section being worked is from Markley through Calton. There is oly one lane open, and it is difficult for traffic to traverse through that area. He asked motorists that do not have to use that particular section to please look for an alternate route.

He talked to the Engineering Department in reference to this issue and asked them to send letters explaining the situation and circulation patterns being worked to all the businesses along the Santa Maria Avenue area.

- I) Jesus Ponce spoke in reference to the poor lighting in the downtown area. He asked that council go to downtown during the evenings and see the poor lighting. He spoke of an accident that occurred. He thinks this is something that should be taken care of.
- J) Mayor Flores presented plaques of recognition to two "Tiger

Legends" Mr. Rogelio Rivera and Cw. Cecilia May Moreno for their outstanding accomplishments and achievements in civic service in our community.

### X. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

- 18. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.
  - A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores
    - 1. Status report on Legislative issues.

Note: Mayor Flores announced that they have decided to do via phone conference calls with city legislative liaison every Monday at every council meeting until the Legislature ends in order to keep the public informed on issues that are of interest to Laredo.

Mr. Mario Martinez and Representative Henry Cuellar placed a call to council and spoke on concerns of tax issues.

Mr. Martinez reported that he received a couple of phone calls from some City Departments earlier today. One call was from Mr. Robinson on some of the Bills that will be up for hearing tomorrow. It is his understanding that Mr. Robinson will be traveling to Austin this evening to attend a couple of those hearings. They will meet Mr. Robinson prior to the hearings to go over the issues, and they will set him up for witness testimony.

He added that another concern that Mr. Pena expressed Friday evening is in reference to the tax issue that would have an impact on the city. He said that Mr. Bob Strauss, another consultant for the City would elaborate on the issue.

Mr. Bob Strauss elaborated that the primary issue was Senate Bill 441 that would not permit a city to opt out of the sales tax exemption that it has on some personal items. He said the bills that are likely to pass is a package of five House Bills. One of the bills would permit to opt out and not grant the sales tax exemption.

He continued briefing City Council on several proposed House Bills and exemptions.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, said he likes the idea of

opting in or opting out, but he would recommend to council that we don't have to take action and it stays in. And if we have to take action, that would be to take those items out.

Mr. Strauss, Mr. Martinez, and Representative Cuellar updated council on other bills.

Note: At this point, council went back to item #14.

# B. Request by Council member Louis H. Bruni

 Discussion with private parties interested in acquiring, pumping, treating, and delivering to Laredo drinking water from the Carrizo Aquifer Northwest in Webb County sufficient to supply Laredo current and future needs with possible action.

(Co-sponsored by Cm. Joe A. Guerra and Cm. John C. Galo)

Even though the city has no immediate intent to accept an offer to have water piped into its distribution system from a secondary source, council members said they were interested in learning more about the idea.

Rod Ponton, of Waterbridge in Houston, presented his offer to the council. He proposes that his company form a non-profit corporation and use tax-free revenue bonds to build a system of wells on private property in north-west Webb County. The wells would draw water from the Carrizo aquifer, which would be treated, stored and then piped to Laredo. The deal would allow the infrastructure of the system to revert into the ownership of the city after 15 years.

According to Mr. Ponton, it is believed the system could begin delivering, in about two years, up to 21 million gallons of water per day to Laredo, and then expand to provide even more water as needed. Currently the city uses anywhere from 30 to 45 million gallons of water per day.

Mr. Ponton said, however, that in order to determine specific information about the aquifer, such as quantities that can be drawn from it or how long it would last, engineering studies must be made. He is offering to do the studies without charge. Also added that the deal would require the city, for the next 15 years, to sign a "take or pay" agreement, in which the city would be required to purchase a minimum amount of water, whether all of it is used or not.

He requested council to sign a "letter of intent" to mean it would be willing to enter into an agreement with the company pending the outcome of engineering studies yet to be done by the firm, free of charge to the city. Then his company will several thousand dollars worth of work to prove up the well field, share that information with the city's staff, and them come before council to conclude negotiations of the contract.

Mr. Ponton told the council that San Antonio officials are allegedly interested in drawing water from the same aquifer.

City Manager Pena, said it is hard not the be in favor of the plan proposed by Mr. Ponton. He mentioned that we have a contract with CH2MHILL which is doing the same thing that Mr. Ponton's company will do. Some council members expressed interest in learning the results of the studies and comparing them to CH2MHILL's findings which are due this fall.

City Attorney Jaime Flores said that a letter of intent could possibly bind the city to an agreement with Waterbridge. Therefore, the council decided it would sign a letter of interest, which would not bind the city to accept Mr. Ponton's offer after his engineering studies are complete.

Motion to instruct the City Attorney to meet with Waterbridge Company and negotiate a non-committal declaration of interest, and to bring back to council.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- C. Request by Council member John C. Galo
  - 1. Motion to require City staff to notify City Council at least 120 days before the termination date of any contract.

Cm. Galo explained that this is just to clarify that this is not including contracts that are mandated to go out for bids.

Florencio Pena asked if they can exclude contracts under \$15,000.00? What about Inter-governmental contracts?

Cm. Galo said this motion is only for contracts that need to be brought to council and for things that council needs to know about.

Cm. Guerra asked about contracts with non-performance nature such as defaults on a building, etc.? Are we leaving it at staff's discretion to act accordingly?

Mayor Flores said the discussion here is that if council needs to take action, that they be given plenty of time not only 30 days before the contract is due. That they be given four months (120 days) notice.

City Manager Pena expressed that it is not clear in some areas.

Cm. Bruni clarified that they only want all the contracts before City Council 120 days before they expire, because the 30-day notice is not adequate.

After discussion it was agreed, in order to avoid additional paper work for staff, that staff prepare a listing of contracts, place the listing in the internet, and for the listing to include the contract's terms and expiration dates. The exception will be competitive bid contracts.

Motion to approve that all contracts that need to come before City Council for action and all the contracts that council needs to know about, be brought before Council, and that Council be notified 120 days prior to expiration of such contracts, with the exclusion of competitive bid contracts.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Discussion with possible action on the ordinance dealing with the qualifications for the application for firefighters.

Cm. Galo explained what brought this item up. A gentleman applied for a firefighter position, and although this person scored #1 on the test, he was subsequently denied because he is not a citizen of Laredo. However, this person has been a resident of Laredo for 21 years. He can join the Army and serve this country, but cannot belong to the Fire Department nor the Police Department. Cm. Galo wants clarification whether

this ruling is correct, and if it is, what can be done about it.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, reported that the gentleman was denied, not because of his citizenship status, but upon a misrepresentation on the application. There was misrepresentation of the citizenship question on the application that led to the examination. He added that the local government code in civil service doesn't require citizenship for firefighters but does require it for the members of the commission. He recommended that we need to look into the issue of citizenship for different positions.

Cm. Galo spoke in defense of Mr. Menchaca who checked the citizenship status incorrectly, but did provide a copy of his resident alien card. Cm. Galo thinks this is a technicality rather than a misrepresentation.

Mr. Menchaca came before Council and gave a brief narrative about the ordeal has gone through.

Motion to instruct staff to refer this issue to a State Representative or Senator and have him/her ask for an Attorney General's opinion on citizenship as a criteria for firefighters and to instruct staff to review Code of Ordinances for citizenship requirements.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Valdez

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- D. Request by Council member Eliseo Valdez Jr.
  - 1. Status report on the traffic circulation study at Alma Pierce; what are your recommendations and when will they be implemented; also consideration of Tomas Sanchez Elementary School in the listing of schools for traffic circulation study.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that Traffic Engineers, a company from Houston, was selected to conduct early this year a study at Alma Pierce. Other four schools are included in this study -Ryan, Diaches, Memorial and Lamar. The study was as a result of several meetings held with LISD who provided a priority listing of the schools they wanted a study conducted on. The preliminary report was received three weeks ago. Staff submitted their comments, but are still waiting comments from LISD. As soon as that happens, a final report will

be submitted for consideration.

In regards to including Tomas Sanchez School, he said he contacted Mr. Conrado Cruz from LISD. He mentioned that the five schools they sent as a first time priority being studied was a result of the committee that provided those priorities. They do not have any specific schools to consider for the next batch of schools to study. He added that Tomas Sanchez can be submitted to them for consideration as being the next one. He is looking at about three or four weeks for the study to be completed, depending on the LISD review.

He added that this request (Tomas Sanchez request) can be brought up to LISD's attention to find out what school they want to consider next, since it requires joint funding from both entities (school/city).

2. Request for city staff to review any ordinance for trash hauling trailers along sidewalks and street curbs particularly the ones that have become idle fixtures.

Cm. Valdez said he receives calls every month in reference to these trailers that have been sitting there for months obstructing the view. He wants to know what the city can do without having to issue citations, but at least to letting the people know that they have 30 or 60 days to either go dump the trash or pull their trailers into their driveway. In some areas the idle trailers are there for months and some don't even have adequate reflectors.

City Manager Pena answered that there is an ordinance. He questioned, "When they were cited is it because they were not moved for more than 48 hours?" The problem is if they move it and then put it back. He added that they can be cited, however if they have trash it might be a separate section of our ordinances. He asked for the address locations and said they will look into the issue.

Cm. Bruni asked that they look at everything east of Bartlett from Market to 83.

Cm. Valdez said that two weeks ago, he called staff and reported accumulated trash on specific sites, and today he received another call from one of the residents in that area complaining of the same problem. He said he addressed these problems two weeks ago, and questioned why does he have to drive around the neighborhood and address this to staff. He thinks it is somebody else's

responsibility and job, not his to ride around the city and take inventory of lights that don't work, trash that needs hauled, etc.

Mayor Flores said that this a problem with enforcement.

Cm. Bruni suggested that maybe the Sanitation Department can jot down these violations and deliver a report to the supervisor who would in turn submit it to the City Manager's Office.

Mayor Flores said this is a good idea since the Sanitation Department personnel works on all the streets. She asked Assistant City Manager Dovalina to look into this issue and see if they have the time to report all the things that are out of order.

Cm. Galo inquired about the Customer Service position.

Horacio De Leon, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that they do get council's calls everyday and staff is working on those calls, plus they have a log where all this requests are worked on a daily basis. He added that sometimes the complaints/requests take more than five or ten days to get completed because it depends on the workload they have.

In reference to the Customer Service Coordinator, he said they are currently receiving applications, but they are still not ready for interviewing. They will move on this as soon as possible.

Cm. Agredano spoke in reference to tagged vehicles and asked what the procedure was on this.

Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, indicated that the vehicles are red tagged and logged down. The officer who does the actual tagging goes back to follow-up. He makes sure that vehicle is either out of the way or he verifies that the tag is still in place. If the vehicles hasn't been moved and its allotted time is expired, then the officer will give orders to have it picked up. He added that once a vehicle is tagged, it has 48 hours to be removed.

3. Request for City staff to review the existing Conditional Use Permits issued for compliance and if not in compliance possible revocation of CUP and return to original zoning.

Cm. Valdez said that people come before council, they lobby the residents in certain areas, promised things, and then, in a six month or one year period they have had code enforcement visit them three or four times, as well as the Police Department. He suggested that maybe some sort of a report card be given to these businesses, and see how many times have code enforcement and police been to these places. Then, these "report cards" shall be provided for council action. He added that this will make these business people aware that council is serious about making sure that they are complying and coming through with their promises.

Benny Salinas, Building Director, reported that they have done a review on all the CUP's. He said that all the businesses are all in compliance, except for one. That "one" has been cited and it is being addressed in court. The issue deals with an antenna that was supposed to have been removed. All the others CUP's are in compliance with the provisions.

4. Status report on community park improvements.

Motion to table for the next meeting.

Moved: Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

19. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the Benavides-Herrera Home Fund by \$4,000 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget, providing for publication and effective date.

# INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 budget by increasing estimated revenues and appropriations in the Benavides-Herrera Home Fund by \$4,000 and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget, providing for publication and effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

20. Public hearing concerning application by Servando Hinojosa amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 480, Eastern Division, located at 420 E. Eistetter St., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of this item. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 480, Eastern Division, located at 420 E. Eistetter St., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Servando Hinojosa, petitioner, asked council to consider the zone change to build two apartments there.

Keith Selman, Planning Director, informed that of the 29 letters mailed to surrounding property owners none was received in favor, but one in opposition. Also he provided staff's reasons for opposing this change. The R-1 lines are clearly defined, also this is a low density area that if changed to a R-2 would be maxed-out in terms of density.

Ricardo Perez, a resident, spoke against the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and follow staff's recommendation (not to support the proposed change).

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

21. Public hearing concerning application by Hector and Maria G. Canales amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the Lot 160, Block 1, Flynn Subdivision, located at 406 Laurel Ct., from R-2 (Multi-family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of this item. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning the Lot 160, Block 1, Flynn Subdivision, located at 406 Laurel Ct., from R-2 (Multi-family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Agredano

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For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning Director, made the presentation before City Council.

Ms. Elva Diana Canales de Garza spoke in favor of the zone change request for the purpose of providing a Child Day Care Center.

Mr. Javier Martinez and Mrs. Oralia Martinez spoke against the zone change due to traffic safety concerns, and because it is a residential area and wants to keep it that way.

Ms. Juanita Cantu, next door neighbor, spoke in favor of the zone change request.

Motion to close the public hearing and deny the zone change.

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

22. Public hearing concerning an application by Institute of Psychorientology and Jose Silva amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 6 and 7, Block 34, Eastern Division, and the north 88 ft. of Lot 8, Block 35, Eastern Division, located at 1102 Cedar Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the zone change and approval of a C.U.P.

# INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 6 and 7, Block 34, Eastern Division, and the north 88 ft. of Lot 8, Block 35, Eastern Division, located at 1102 Cedar Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of Jose Silva, spoke in favor to provide an adult day care center.

Guadalupe Zamarripa, owner of the home care agency, stated that a maximum of 59 patients will attend the adult day care facility. The patients will be dropped by in increments.

Keith Selman asked council to consider limiting the proposed C.U.P. to one year because this is one of the busiest intersections in town. This one-year period will determine if the particular use creates a traffic congestions problem. Also asked council to consider restricting the parking of the vehicles to the sites that the petitioner has. Off-street parking should not be allowed in this area.

Mr. Jose Silva stated that one year is a short time frame to recoup.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with the P&Z denial and C.U.P. approval with no off-street parking.

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

23. Public hearing concerning an application by Del Trautmann amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.34 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located south of Del Mar Blvd. and east of the proposed Country Club Dr. extension, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 2.34 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located south of Del Mar Blvd. and east of the proposed Country Club Dr. extension, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-family Residential District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

24. Public hearing concerning application by Antonio Martinez, owner and Victor H. Cabello, applicant amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 6, Block 939, Western Division, located at 3701 San Dario Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 6, Block 939, Western Division, located at 3701 San Dario Ave., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Keith Selman, Planning Director, made the presentation and said that staff does not support the zone change because the lot does not meet the provisional standards of the B-4 zoning. If it is the desire of council to issue a conditional use permit,

they would request that one of the conditions placed on it would be that it would be restricted to on-site activity.

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Cabello spoke in favor and were present to answer any questions.

Mayor Flores explained that the location criteria for a B-4 zoning has specific dimensional requirements. The site that is being proposed does not meet the 10,000 square foot minimum lot size at 5,750 sq.ft., also it does not have the 100 foot width that is required for a B-4 zoning. These are the reasons why Planning and Zoning thought that they rather recommend a Conditional Use Permit.

Mr. Selman explained that as it will probably be introduced, a C.U.P. would simply restrict the use and activity that Mr. Cabello is proposing to do. The difficulty in a B-4 is that once a B-4 is in place, any use allowable on a B-4 could be done, and since this site does not meet the criteria required for a B-4, there are concerns about it and added that City Council can place a time stipulation at their discretion.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with a C.U.P. (Conditional Use Permit) with the criteria presented to council.

Moved: Cm. Valdez Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Valdez

25. Public hearing concerning an application by Export Storage Co., J.C. Pepe Trevino amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8 and the north 7.4 varas of Lot 6, Block 202, Western Division, located at 1119 Santa Cleotilde Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8 and the north 7.4 varas of Lot 6, Block 202, Western Division, located at 1119 Santa Cleotilde Ave., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Drew Claes spoke in favor of the zone change.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce the ordinance with a conditional use permit.

Moved: Cw. Montalvo Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cw. Montalvo

26. Public hearing concerning an application by D&D Automotive Paint amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the west 13.44' of Lot 2, Block 1413, Eastern Division, located at 2401 Market St. from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of a B-3 zone change and approval of a B-1.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the west 13.44' of Lot 2, Block 1413, Eastern Division, located at 2401 Market St. from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce as recommended by P&Z to deny a B-3 zone change and to approve as a B-1.

Moved: Cm. Agredano Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Galo

27. Public hearing concerning an application by Rafael Cisneros amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 1723, Eastern Division, located

at 2820 Ross St., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

# INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 1723, Eastern Division, located at 2820 Ross St., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of the Cisneros Family, spoke in favor of the zone change. This zoning change will allow the Cisneros family to build a retail site for welding supplies including oxygens and acetylene.

Mr. Richard Cisneros, of 4219 Maryland Avenue, asked for council's consideration because he needs more space. He explained that although his line of business is considered hazmat, the oils and gases don't get mixed, so he delivers a very clean operation.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with a C.U.P.

Moved: Cm. Agredano Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

28. Public hearing concerning an application by Eddie Jacaman, General Partner and John S. Jacaman Cattle Ltd. amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 6.752 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 9205 San Dario Ave., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

# INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 6.752 acres, as further described by metes

and bounds, located at 9205 San Dario Ave., from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk spoke on behalf of the applicants Mr. Kenneth Smartt, and Elizabeth Jimenez. They were before City Council asking that this zoning case be treated like any other zoning case, on its merits and allow the C.U.P.

City Attorney Flores explained there is an ordinance that specifically states that when annexation comes to the site of a sexually oriented business, the business is given up to one year (12 months) from the date of the annexation in order to recoup its investment. If the business brings forth evidence in an appeal to the Board of Adjustments, this Board may hear and decide an appeal that alleges error in the ordinance adopted under the ordinance's subchapter. Mr. Flores added this may be what the business is trying to do because its investment is too great to be recouped in only one year.

Motion to close the public hearing and table for further review by P&Z.

Moved: Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

29. Public hearing concerning an application by Eddie Jacaman, General Partner and John S. Jacaman Cattle, Ltd. authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Sexually Oriented Business on 10.48 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 9205 San Dario Ave. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the Special Use Permit. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

# INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Sexually Oriented Business on 10.48 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located at 9205 San Dario Ave.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Mr. Ron Whitehawk spoke in favor of a Special Use Permit for a two-year Conditional Use Permit.

Motion to close the public hearing and accept the P&Z's recommendation to deny the Special Use Permit, however, to allow the enterprise to continue operating under its current license as allowed by City Ordinance 95-0-227, Section 24.93.7.13, Subtitle E of the Laredo Land Development Code, for one year or longer if the applicant is able to present evidence to the Board of Adjustments that the enterprise needs more than a year to recoup its investment.

Moved: Cm. Guerra Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Public hearing authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 1998-1999 Airport Construction Budget to appropriate two grants received from the Federal Aviation Administration, being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-22 in the amount of \$1,191,494.00 to reconstruct portions of Taxiways "A", "F" and "G" and to appropriate Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-23 in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 to reconstruct a portion of the southwest air cargo apron to include construction of a new section of air cargo apron and to account for a partial reimbursement to the City regarding the acquisition by the City of an approximate 114.77 acre tract of land, which reimbursement will be used to match said grants and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. And authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY1998-99 Airport Budget to increase expenditures in the amount of \$4,691,494.00.

### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 1998-1999 Airport Construction Budget to appropriate two grants received from the Federal Aviation Administration, being Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-22 in the amount of \$1,191,494.00 to reconstruct portions of Taxiways "A", "F" and "G" and to appropriate Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-23 in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 to reconstruct a portion of the southwest air cargo apron to include construction of a new section of air cargo apron and to account for a partial reimbursement to the City regarding the acquisition by the City of an approximate 114.77 acre tract of land, which reimbursement will be used to match said grants and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. And authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY1998-99 Airport

Budget to increase expenditures in the amount of \$4,691,494.00.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Alvarado

Against: 0 For: 8 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn. Adjournment time: 9:35 P.M.

Moved : Cm. Bruni Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 31 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 26th day 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