

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

M99-R-22

MINUTES

August 2, 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 Bruni	Councilmember, District II
John C. Galo,	Councilmember, District III
Cecilia May Moreno,	Councilmember, District IV
Eliseo Valdez, Jr.	Councilmember, District V
Joe A. Guerra,	Councilmember, District VI
Mario A. 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, July 6, 1999  
Aid to Other Agencies Meeting, July 14, 1999

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE**

2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Omnamerica Development Corporation for a ground lease at the Laredo Civic Center to construct on such premises rooftop antennas and outdoor equipment and related equipment for use in connection with its communication business.

- 1. Term of the lease is ten (10) years commencing on August xx, 1999 and ending August xx, 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

- 3. Amending Chapter 20, Municipal Court, Section 20-37. Costs to be taxed pursuant to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo; by adding Section 2, Municipal Court Building Security Fund; and Section 3, municipal court technology fee; and providing for effective date and publication.

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**VI. FINAL READING**

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

Motion to waive the final reading of ordinance #99-O-207, #99-O-208, #99-O-209, #99-O-210, #99-O-211, #99-O-212, #99-O-213, #99-O-214, #99-O-215, #99-O-216, #99-O-217, #99-O-218, #99-O-219, #99-O-220, #99-O-221, #99-O-222, #99-O-223, #99-O-224, #99-O-225, #99-O-226, #99-O-227, #99-O-228, and 99-O-229.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 4. **99-O-207** Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Parking System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1999, in the principal amount of \$1,050,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's Contractual Obligations for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving and equipping a Municipal Parking Lot in the City's Central Downtown Area, and the payment of legal and fiscal fees in connection with this project, approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and other matters related thereto. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-207.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Cw. Moreno asked what the plans are for this project?

Mr. Pena stated the plans are to acquire a property within the next 6 months in the downtown area.

**99-0-208** Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, Texas Combination Tax and Waterworks System Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 1999, in the principal amount of \$3,850,000 for the purpose of paying all or a portion of the City's Contractual Obligations for the purpose of improving and extending the City's Waterworks System, constructing and equipping an addition to the City's Public Works Building, and the payment of legal and fiscal fees in connection with this project, approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and other matters relating thereto. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-208.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

**99-0-209** Ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Laredo, International Toll Bridge System Revenue Bonds, Series 1999, in the principal amount of \$9,000,000 for the purchase and installation of a Toll Bridge Collection System, and other improvements in connection therewith, approving an official statement, authorizing the execution of a purchase contract, and other matters related thereto. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-209.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

Mr. Noe Hinojosa reported on the rate as follows:

Bridge Financing - - 5.3001%  
Parking CO's - - 5.16949%  
WaterWorks CO's - - 5.27289%

He stated all three issues went up 20 years for the exception of the Parking CO's it went up 15 years.

**99-0-215** Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Quitclaim Deed to CMX Corporation, owner of the Seven Flags Plaza Subdivision, abandoning and thereby

releasing a Water Tank Easement situated in the most Southwesterly corner of Lot 24, Block 8, as per plat recorded in Volume 12, Page 33, Webb County Plat Records. Said Water Tank Easement being delineated on City Plat, and providing for an effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-215

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

99-0-216 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Gas Extraction on 2.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Colonia Los Presidentes and United South High School. Known as Hilltop Farm Well No. 1. (Alfredo Agredano)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-216.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

99-0-217 Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Gas Extraction on 2.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Colonia Los Presidentes and United South High School. Known as Hilltop Farm Well No. 2. (Alfredo Agredano)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-217.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

99-0-218 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8, Block 10, Crownridge Subdivision I, located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Molly Dr. and Northstar Road., from M-1 (Light Manufacturing District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District). (Joe A. Guerra)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-218.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

99-0-219 Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.95 acres, located at

22711 Mines Road., from AG (Agricultural District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-219.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 99-0-220** Ordinance amending the zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 3.5730 acres, located south of FM1472 approximately three tenths of a mile north of Pico Road from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). **(City Council)**  
Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-220.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 99-0-221** Ordinance amending the City of Laredo FY1998-1999 Water Availability Fund to appropriate \$1,500,000 from the beginning balance for water right acquisition and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-221.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 99-0-222** Ordinance approving a contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$42,000 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-222.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

- 99-0-223** Ordinance approving a contract with the Texas Department of Health and Budget in the amount of \$492,000 for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-223.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

- 99-0-224** Ordinance approving a budget revision in the amount of \$53,500 allocating the Texas Department of Health's share of program income projected to be earned to the appropriate budget line item to further the activities and scope of work for specified programs of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 1998, through August 31, 1999. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-224.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

- 99-0-225** Ordinance approving a budget revision to transfer the amount of \$10,860 from the FY97/98 fund balance to the current FY98/99 budget for the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period September 1, 1998, through August 31, 1999. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-225.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

- 99-0-226** Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's FY1998-99 Annual Budget by appropriating General Fund Revenues and Expenditures in the amount of \$157,800, which represents the amount of past due payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-226.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

- 99-0-227** Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-99 Annual Budget in the amount of **\$1,680.00**, for an additional amount from the South Texas Development Council of Governments to construct a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-227.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

**99-0-228** Ordinance to grant Ad Valorem Tax Relief for the Certified Historic Rehabilitation Project at:

Location: Lots 6 & 7, Block 43 WD  
Commonly known as: 801 Hidalgo  
Petitioner: Roberto Villarreal Correa  
Old Mercado Historic District

The estimated total amount of taxes to be exempt over the four year period is \$4,737. This will be followed by a four year period in which the taxes on the enhanced value of the property are exempt, and property on the present tax roll will continue to be taxed at present value. **(City Council)**

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-228.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Alvarado  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

**5. 99-R-098** Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Gas Extraction on 2.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Colonia Los Presidentes and United South High School. Known as Hilltop Farm Well No. 1.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-098.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Galo  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

**6. 99-R-106** Authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for Gas Extraction on 2.06 acres, as further described by metes and bounds, located east of Colonia Los Presidentes and United South High School. Known as Hilltop Farm Well No. 2.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-106.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Galo  
For: 8                    Against: 0                    Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni stated that the Oil & Gas committee, which consists of Cm. Guerra, Cm. Galo and himself,

have reviewed all documents and every thing is in order.

- 7. 99-R-107 Accepting a grant from the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in the amount of \$60,000 to continue the operation of two continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000; and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-107.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 8. 99-R-108 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$220,000 for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-108.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 9. 99-R-110 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$146,000 for the Maternal and Child Health's (Community) Health Education Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-110.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 10. 99-R-111 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of \$212,928 for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-111.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0



11. 99-R-112 Accepting a grant from the Texas Department of Health in the amount of **\$95,483** for the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-112.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

12. 99-R-113 Authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 with the City designating \$25,000 in matching funds and/or in-kind services for a total of \$125,000 for the environmental education program including but not limited to non-point source pollution prevention, illegal dumping control, used oil recycling, pesticides and fertilizer management or the year of 2000 and 2001. The City's matching funds are available in the NPDES fund.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-113.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

13. 99-R-116 Accepting an Airport Improvement Program Grant, if offered, from the Federal Aviation Administration in the estimated amount of **\$7,500,000** for the purpose of reconstructing a portion Taxiway "A", Rehabilitating a portion of Runway 17R, and to continue implementing Laredo's FAR Part 150 Airport Noise Compatibility Program and to construct a portion of parallel Taxiway "I" at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant agreement. The amount of the grant is not yet determined however, the Federal Aviation Administration requires that the City accept the grant, if offered, by no later than August 6, 1999, the date the Airport Improvement Program expires, unless it is extended by Congress. The local match is available from Land Acquisition Reimbursement Account and from the FAR Part 150 excess local match.

Mayor Flores announced that an addition to the resolution was the wording "and to construct a portion of parallel Taxiway "I".

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-116 as amended.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

#### VIII. MOTIONS

14. Consideration to award contract number 99-118, to the **LOW BIDDERS**, ICSS, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of **\$24,744.00**, for the purchase of sixteen computers, and Dell Computers, Round Rock, Texas, in the amount of \$2,362.00, for the purchase of one computer, for the Health Department. The award of contract to ICSS, Laredo, Texas, is contingent on a successful evaluation of a prototype computer or the failure to provide a prototype computer. In the event that this prototype computer is not fully compatible with the specialized software requirements of the Health Department, staff is requesting authorization to purchase the sixteen computers from the second low bidder, Gateway Computers.

The State of Texas Health Department has approved the use of state program income to purchase these computers with the computers with the condition that the funds be expended (paid) by August 31, 1999. This is the reason that staff is requesting authorization to purchase these computers from a secondary source in the event that the low bidder cannot comply with our technical requirements.

Motion to accept with the change from "Gateway" to "Dell" in the first sentence.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Cm. Guerra suggested they work closely with ICSS, which is the lowest bidder and is a local company.

15. Consideration to a award professional service contract (99-111A), to **SOLE PROPOSER, A.G. Pellegrin** to perform drug and alcohol testing for all City of Laredo employees for an amount not to exceed **\$43,500** per year and authorizing the City Manager to execute all contract documents.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to a accept a bid from the **LOW BIDDER**, to be announced at meeting, for two (2) with the option to buy a third, double-wide, pre-constructed buildings to be used by the City of Laredo Health Department's WIC Program.

Development in request for funding through the 25th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$4,299,000 and \$39,900 in anticipated CDBG Program Income; the 1999 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,357,000; and the 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$153,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission.

Motion to not fill the position of assistant CDBG Director.

Cw. Moreno stated that \$10,000 be appropriated for additional money in Demolition and the remainder be used for additional sidewalks for District 4 for this year.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to authorize the award of FY 1998 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$101,000 to Metro Affordable Housing Corporation for the rehabilitation of the Villa de Guadalupe Apartments located at 301 Garza, FY 1998 HOME Program CHDO set-aside funds in the amount of \$87,850 to the Azteca Economic Development and Preservation Corporation for the acquisition of approximately four lots on which to construct affordable rental housing; and the award of \$185,384 of FY 1996 HOME funds to the Laredo-Webb Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (N.H.S.) for the acquisition of 12 lots on which to construct affordable housing for home ownership; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents.

Motion to approve with the amendment of "a minimum of 10", instead of "12".

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

27. Consideration of an award of a construction contract to the LOWEST BIDDER, Ramos Industries, Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the bid amount of \$216,205.90 for the Frost Street at McPherson Avenue and Plum Street at East San Francisco Avenue Drainage Improvements. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni  
Second: Cm. Galo  
For: 7

Against: 1 Abstain: 0  
Cm. Bruni

Cm. Bruni against Ramos Industries, Inc. (RAMEX).

28. Consideration of an award of a contract to the LOWEST BIDDER,

Motion to approve the lowest bidder, Sierra Homes, with a unit price of \$51,900. for a total of \$155,700.00

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 17. Consideration to a award professional service contract number (FY 99-119) to South Texas Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse for Substance Abuse Contract (Employee Assistance Program), for an amount not to exceed \$22,000 per year and to authorize the City Manager to execute all contract documents.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 18. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of 737.5 ac-ft of Class "B" and 1,439.65 ac-ft of Class "A" water rights from Arthur E. Beckwith and Nan E. Beckwith for the sum of \$1,217,790.00. The water rights convert to 1,014.825 acre-feet of municipal water.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 19. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with PSA Engineering, of Dallas, Texas for professional services to update the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and Airport Property Map for the Laredo International Airport in accordance with all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines, regulations, and requirements. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$26,500.00.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 20. Consideration to accept the re-roofing of Building No. 170 at the Laredo International Airport and approval of final payment in the amount of \$3,100.00 to American Construction Corporation of Texas of Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the Airport Retainage Payable.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8                              Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

- 21. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of **\$149,000** to continue the HIV/AIDS Prevention Activities Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

- 22. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to enter into a one year service agreement in the amount of **\$43,515.00**, with H.T.E., Inc., Lake Mary, Florida for providing software service and maintenance of the municipal applications residing on the City's computer system. The term of this service agreement will be from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

- 23. Consideration to approve change order no. 1, a decrease of **\$20,525.37** for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place and to add 13 calendar days to the construction contract time, acceptance of the Library Conversion at Bruni Plaza and approval of final payment in the amount of **\$72,747.28** to Cantu America Construction Company, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue.

Motion to table.

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

Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

- 24. Consideration to refund property tax to the following taxpayer:
  - a. A refund in the amount of **\$631.43** payable to Garza Genaro Est. c/o Dora and Veronica Dilley. Veronica Dilley paid the taxes erroneously, believing she would have title to the property by paying the taxes.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0                              Abstain: 0

- 25. Consideration to approve the submission of the 1999 Consolidated Plan U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development in request for funding through the 25th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of **\$4,299,000** and **\$39,900** in anticipated CDBG Program Income; the 1999 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,357,000; and the 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) in the amount of **\$153,000** and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plan's submission.

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Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni

28. Consideration of an award of a contract to the LOWEST BIDDER,

Ramos Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$497,013.40, to construct the channel improvements in Zacate Creek from the Hillside Road Bridge to the McPherson Road Bridge for the Zacate Creek Erosion Control Project. These channel improvements will control erosion and increase aesthetics along 3,660 linear feet of Zacate Creek. Funding is available from the 1998 Certificate of Obligation Issue.

Motion to table for next meeting.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 1  
Cm. Bruni

Abstain: 0

Cm. Bruni against Ramos Industries Inc.(RAMEX).

- 29. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a Joint-Use Agreement with Gulf Coast Council, Boy Scouts of America, a Laredo Chapter for joint use by the City of Laredo, Parks and Recreation Department of Camp Huisache for a contract amount of \$38,754.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**IX. STAFF REPORTS**

- 30. Presentation to City Council regarding the current Capital Improvement Program.

Oscar Medina, Asst. Public Works Director, went over the changes in the projects. Changes and complete projects updates are available for viewing by the public in the City of Laredo web page.

- 31. Status report on the following Utilities Projects: Colonias water and sewer lines; Chacon Creek wastewater interceptor; and extension of a 16" waterline to landfill.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that they met with The Texas Water Board and presented them with a \$20 million project.

Colonias Project:

Since the Laredo/Webb project total cost lies beyond the \$20,000 cost per connection guideline, it is anticipated that the committee will question heavily the technical merits of the request, and suggest that additional, external funds be sought. The City will submit a Step I application to BECC (Border

Environmental Cooperation Commission) by August 1, 1999, which is a summary of project descriptions and costs. Once the funding needs are identified, the City will pursue a Step 2 application to BECC which is a more detailed summary of the project.

Chacon Creek Project:

A bidding date is possible in 60 days.

16" water line to the landfill:

This line will serve the department of Public Works relocation of the Sanitation Division, construction of a wash rack for garbage trucks, and construction of the hazardous waste collection facility, all to be done at the landfill. The timetable for the landfill project causes this water line project to move forward.

32. Status report on the Airport Noise Abatement Program for the month of August 1999.

Erasmus Villarreal, Community Development, submitted the following status report on the International Airport Noise Compatibility as of August 2, 1999:

**Group I** - Participation selection breakdown is as follows:

- |                               |    |  |
|-------------------------------|----|--|
| * Fee Simple Acquisition      | 21 | - appraisals completed to date.                |
| * Acquisition Offer Presented | 21 |  |
| * Offers Accepted             | 19 | - 2 pending                                    |
| * Acquisition Completed       | 19 |  |
| * Acoustical Treatment        | 07 |  |
| * Avigation Easement          |    | 13 - 6 at Legal, 3 at appraisals, 04 at review |
| * Undecided                   | 0  | - originally 11                                |
| * Non-Qualifying              | 04 | - non-occupant owners                          |
| * Non-Participating           | 05 | - do not wish to participate                   |
|                               | 50 |  |
- \* **Avigation Easement** - Staff has met with residents who chose this option of the NCP.
- \* A total of 13 families signed up for participation in this program. Of these:
- \* 13 letters have been presented informing them of the 8 percent to be offered to acquire avigation easements.
  - \* 13 have signed and appraisal work is proceeding.
- \* **Acoustical Treatment** - City Legal Department is reviewing consultants' contract and will make recommendations to Council on August 16, 1999, meeting.



- \* Acoustical Program will take between 5 and 6 months to actually start with construction due to necessary procedures as dictated by FAA.
- \* Group II - Title Commitments are being prepared, as well as appraisals and reviews.

The Group II breakdown is as follows:

* Fee Simple Acquisition	21	- 4 at commitment, 6 at appraisals, 11 at review
* Avigation Easement	8	- 4 at appraisals, 2 at commitment, 2 at review
* Acoustical Treatment	3	
* Non-attendees	6	
* Undecided	<u>12</u>	<u>50</u>

\* Non-attendees have been contacted individually, waiting on response.

**\* THE ADDITIONAL RESIDENCES WILL BE PROCESSED AS FAR AS CURRENT FUNDING ALLOWS.**

**Funds committed - 2,165,500.00 .**

**Funds actually spent - \$1,656,686.00 including appraisals and closing costs.**

**Average cost - \$88,271.50**

(End of Report)

**33. Presentation regarding the status report of the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge) Project.**

Cindy Collazo, Asst. City Manager, reported on the status of the Fourth Bridge as follows:

**Bridge Structure**

A construction contract was awarded to Summit Contracting, Inc. of Weslaco, Texas in the amount of \$2, 182,436.60 on September 21, 1998.

**Construction Status of U.S. portion of Bridge:**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
<b>Substructure</b>		
Drilled Shafts	41 of 41	100%
Columns	32 of 32	100%

Caps	5 of 5	100%
<b>Superstructure</b>		
Beams Fabricated	80 of 80	100%
Beams Erected	80 of 80	100%
Precast Panels Fabricated	915 of 915	100%
Precast Panels Erected	915 of 915	100%
Cast-in-place Slab	5 of 5	100%
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>		
Concrete Approach Slab		0%
Interior Rail		0%
Exterior Rail		15%
Light Poles		0%
Security Fence		0%
Rip Rap		63%
Excavation at Bridge end		95%

**Amount of bridge construction complete: 89%**

The scheduled date for completion is July 1999, a month ahead of the required completion date of August 27, 1999.

**BORDER FACILITIES:**

A contract was awarded on January 4, 1999 to M.W. Builders, Inc. from Temple, Texas in the amount of \$29,277.00.

**Construction Status of U.S. Border Facilities**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
Mobilization	1.00	100%
Clear & Grub Site	0.90	100%
Site Cut & Fill	0.80	80%
Import Dock	0.35	35%
Site Utilities	0.50	50%
Off-Site Utilities	0.40	40%
Primary Comm. Insp. Booths	0.05	5%
City Toll Admin. Building	0.08	8%
Storm Drainage	0.8	80%
Retaining Wall	0.1	10%
Trucker's Pavilion	0.05	5%
Empty Truck Inspect. Facility	0.05	5%
Exit Control Booths	0.05	5%

**Amount of U.S. Border Facilities Construction Complete: 23%**

Note: Those items for which work has not yet commenced are not included above.

**ROADWAY - TxDOT:**

Milo Approach:

Project Summary:

Total % Complete - 38.16%

Total Time Used - 25.20%

Total Contract Amount-\$32,842,589.99-awarded February 1999.

Embankments on the project are 85% complete.  
 Concrete Box Culvert #2 (100% complete).  
 Concrete Box Culvert #3 (100% complete).  
 Concrete Box Culvert #4 (80% complete).

Riverbank Bridge:

Placement of prestressed concrete beams is 100% complete.  
 Placement of Bridge Panels is 90% complete.  
 Retaining walls is 0% complete.

FM 1472 Bridge:

Abutments, as well as bents are 100% complete.  
 The west side retaining walls are 100% complete.  
 80% of the east side wall and embankment is complete.  
 The placement of prestressed concrete beams is 100% complete.  
 Placement of Bridge Panels is 90% complete.

FM 1472 Roadway:

Phase I of the programmed construction phases is 100% complete.  
 The switch to the second phase was on Saturday, June 19, 1999.  
 Phase II of the programmed construction is 15% complete.  
 Will be working on the northbound lanes on Phase II.

FM 1472 Connector:

All footings, as well as the drill shafts are 80% complete.  
 50% of the columns are complete.

Loop 20 Roadway:

Placement of Asphalt Base is 80% complete.  
 Placement of concrete started Monday, July 12, 1999, and to this date is 15% complete.

**MEXICO**

**CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF MEXICO'S PORTION OF BRIDGE**

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
<b>Substructure</b>		
Drilled Shafts	41 of 41	100%
Columns	32 of 32	100%
Caps	5 of 5	100%
<b>Superstructure</b>		
Beams Fabricated	80 of 80	100%
Beams Erected	80 of 80	100%
Precast Panels Fabricated	1290 of 1290	100%
Precast Panels Erected	1290 of 1290	100%
Cast-in-place Slab	5 of 5	100%

**Miscellaneous Items**

Concrete Approach Slab	100%
Interior Rail	100%
Exterior Rail	100%
Light Poles	90%
Rip Rap	100%
Embankment at Bridge end	100%

**Amount of Bridge Construction Complete: 95%**

**Roadway/Interchange and Border Facilities:**

A contract should be awarded shortly to Materiales y Construcciones Villa de Aguayo. On July 27, 1999, the City was notified that construction equipment is already on site and work should commence very soon.

(End of Report)

Carlos Rodriguez, TxDOT Area Engineer, reported that the Milo Interchange contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, which is Blake West from Juliette, TN, for \$59.6 million dollars. They have 45 days to start construction.

He stated that they have a scheduled outlined done by the consultant so that they can have an idea of how long the project is going to take, but now it is up to the contractor to present their own revision of his own schedule of how he is proposed to do this project.

However, he stated the contract does specify they have 36 months of actual work on the project.

34. Presentation by the Laredo Chamber of Commerce Customer Service Committee regarding accomplishments, upcoming program and a status report on the implementation of the City's Customer Service Plan.

Clema Owen, Laredo Chamber of Commerce member, reported that the Laredo Chamber of Commerce is focusing on long term customer service for the millenium.

Don Raulie, Conventions & Visitors Bureau Director, stated that A&M Agricultural Extension Services and LCC have established customer services training programs.

Virginia Meyers, Director of Continuing Education for LCC, stated that LCC is now designated as the Educational Arm in partnership with the City of Laredo and the Chamber of Commerce.

Joe Garcia, from Graffitics, stated that "Customer Committed" is our logo.

Jerry Quintero, SunLap representative, demonstrated a portion

of our "jingle".

Ana Verdin, Customer Service Representative for City of Laredo, reported that the City Manager's Office has been working diligently to implement the City's customer service plan. They are creating an awareness among city employees at all levels of employment. The City of Laredo has committed to providing its citizens with the outmost professional, courteous, and friendly services possible.

35. Presentation by Mr. Edward Woodruff of Mercy Regional Medical Hospital on the scheduled August 31, 1999 "Patient Move Day"; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the hospital for emergency medical services at a cost of \$165.00 per trip or at no cost contingent on a finding of a valid public purpose by the City Council.

Tomas Ramirez, Fire Chief, reported that they will be assisting Mercy Hospital with the critically ill patients. They will be providing two ambulances starting at 7:00 a.m. because of great demand for ambulances throughout the city.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, stated that he had two areas of concerns:

- 1.) Liability - being transported by a city ambulance, whether the city would be covered or not by the insurance (TML).
- 2.) Expenditures of the public funds - he recommended that the City Manager prepare an agreement covering liability issues with Mercy Regional "at cost" instead of a grant to the public fund with no exchange of value to the city.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mercy Regional to also include the recommendations of the City Attorney, Jaime Flores.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a.) Robert Sepulveda, Camp Coordinator for Camp Huisache Aztec District, appeared before Mayor Flores and Council to express his gratitude for the approval of contract #29.
- b.) Robert Eads, Laredo Chamber of Commerce Special Projects Coordinator, appeared before Council and spoke on the August 6, 7, and 8 Sales Tax Holiday exemption for school clothing of \$100 or less.
- c.) Cm. Bruni submitted the rain enhancement report for the month of July from Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association as follows:  
The rainfall report for July: zero.

- d.) Cm. Galo congratulated Mr. Roy Garcia from Community Development Dept. for doing a good job for the City. He was happy to see that many persons were enjoying the Tennis Market Courts and taking advantage of those parks.
- e.) Cm. Guerra made two comments on a memo addressed to "Members of the National Low Income Coalition":
  - 1.) Money belong to the tax payers.
  - 2.) The tax payers should decide how to spend the money.
- f.) Cm. Alvarado stated that tomorrow 8/3/99 is National Night Out. He encouraged the public to visit with Law Enforcement Agencies.

## I. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

### 36. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and discussion.

#### A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Presentation by the Electrical Examining Board

Motion to table.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### B. Request by Council member Louis H. Bruni

1. Discussion with possible action on the placement of a 4 way stop or speed humps at the intersection of Canada and Elm and also at the intersection of Lane (Between Bartlett and Arkansas).

Mr. Landin, Bridge & Traffic Director, stated that Ash Street does not qualify for another traffic count because it deadends 3 blocks to the East.

Cm. Bruni requested a study of a speed hump for Ash Street. He also requested a traffic count in the intersection of Lane (between Bartlett & Arkansas).

#### C. Request by Council member John C. Galo

1. Staff report on the possibilities to supply the County of Webb with more effluent water for the golf course.

Fernando Roman reported that on the short term basis they could not increase the production of the plant. Right now they are producing 500,000 gallons and they are splitting it on a 75/25 basis.

Mr. Roman suggested a project that the Laredo Country Club is interested in, which is a storage basin about 250,000 sq. ft. by 8 ft. deep and it takes about 6 acres worth of land. He stated the project is about \$1 million dollars.

Mr. Roman stated that the city would profit from this project if the Laredo Country Club and the County participate in this project.

2. Staff report on the vacant properties owned by the City of Laredo.

Erasmus Villarreal reported they went through the list of City owned property and found that 90 properties are shown as tax exempt, 16 were shown as Sheriff's Sales, other properties need to be analyzed again to get their exact location because they might be creeks or unbuildable property.

3. Staff report on the Chacon Creek clean-up and property acquisitions.

Erasmus Villarreal reported that they had requested ownership data on 20 parcels of land starting at the mouth of the river on Chacon Creek. They have to date received from the title company one parcel, it has been appraised and sent to be reviewed by the appraiser.

#### **D. Request by Council member Eliseo Valdez**

1. Status report on the replacement of the street name signs.

Luis Landin, Traffic/Bridge Director, reported that as of July 30, 1999, Cantu-American Construction Co. through their subsidiary, Equity Welding, had assembled all of the 684 intersection signs, (313 CDBG and 371 non-CDBG), that were to be installed in areas missing street name signs or needing replacement signs.

Assembling the signs is the most time consuming part of this project and the assembling task is 100% complete.

An installation crew headed by Mr. Richard Rivera has taken over the installation part of the project, and as of July 30, 1999 they informed Mr. Landin's Superintendent in charge of street signs who is overseeing this project, Homero Martinez, that they had installed 137 of the 684 intersections.

They are currently putting up 21 to 24 intersections daily. Mr. Homero Martinez has informed Mr. Landin that Equity Welding, the sub-contractor for installation, will complete this project by September 3, 1999.

**E. Request by Council member Cecilia May Moreno**

1. Recognition of the artists of the "Birds of Paradise" mural. (Clark/Hendricks Street Improvements Project)

Cw. Moreno recognized William Ibanez, Andy Ibanez, Jerry Garza, Kevin Hardy, Andrea Guevara, Gabriel Medina, Victor Rosales, Elda Marroquin, Eddie Rodriguez, Jerry Garcia, Monica Martinez, Jose Ortiz, Olga Salazar, Agustin Salazar, Celina Guevara, Albert Ramon, Aaron Peralta, Hector Moran, Dora Gonzalez, and Marlena Aguilera for their volunteer work.

The construction crew members (City of Laredo Employees) recognized were Adan Cedillo, Gabriel Elijio, Juan P. Flores, Valentin Granado, Alfredo Leal, Jorge Ramon, Raul Rincon, Armando Rodriguez and Victor Vasquez. In the Fleet Maintenance were Venancio Mota and Glenn Enstrom.

**F. Request by Council member Joe A. Guerra**

1. Presentation by Maldonado's Plumbing on a request for consideration of additional plumbing inspectors, equipment and the compliance of the new ordinance for customer service inspections.

Mr. Maldonado stated inspectors are lacking equipment and instruments to complete their assignments and felt that additional personnel is needed to enforce the ordinance. In the future he would like to see if a plumbing inspector goes to a job site and sees any violation, example: sees a plumber(s) without a license, that plumber should be removed from the job site because they are in violation of the plumbing code.

Cm. Guerra asked that Mr. Maldonado meet with Benny Salinas, Cindy Collazo, and City Manager.

**XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

37. Public hearing amending Division 3 (Rates and Charges) of Chapter 31 (Utilities) of the Code of Ordinances specifically Section 31-138 which provide for water rate charges, by increasing the residential and commercial rates in two phases: the first phase, effective October 4, 1999, and the second phase effective October 1, 2000. The **FIRST PHASE** increases include (a) a 5.6% increase for each tier in the residential escalating water rate, (b) a \$3.00 increase to the commercial minimum rate, and (c) a 3% increase for each tier in the commercial escalating rate structure. The **SECOND PHASE** increases include (a) a 3.9% increase for each tier in the residential escalating rate, (b) a \$3.00 increase to the commercial minimum, and (c) a 3% increase for each tier in the commercial escalating rate structure; and providing for



publication and effective date.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

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Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jesus Ponce asked how does the household increase compare to the commercial increase?

Mr. Roman replied that commercially it is \$3.00 on the minimum and 3% to each tier in the escalating commercial water rate.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce with final reading to be in September.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: Cm. Guerra

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 38. Public hearing approving a budget revision in the amount of **\$189,000** allocating WIC Program surplus funds to the capital outlay line item for the purpose of purchasing three (3) double-wide modular buildings for the WIC Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance approving a budget revision in the amount of **\$189,000** allocating WIC Program surplus funds to the capital outlay line item for the purpose of purchasing three (3) double-wide modular buildings for the WIC Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

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. Agredano  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 39. Public hearing approving a contract with the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation (TNRCC) and budget in the amount of **\$60,000** to continue the operation of two continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance approving a contract with the Texas Natural Resource and Conservation (TNRCC) and budget in the amount of **\$60,000** to continue the operation of two continuous air monitoring stations (CAMS) by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

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. Agredano  
For: 8

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: 9

- 40. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$220,000** for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$220,000** for the La Familia Health Care Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through

August 31, 2000.

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.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

41. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$146,000** for the Maternal and Child Health's (Community) Health Education Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$146,000** for the Maternal and Child Health's (Community) Health Education Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

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. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

42. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$212,928** for the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

#### INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$212,928** for

the Tuberculosis Elimination Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 43. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$95,483** for the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

**INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE**

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of **\$95,483** for the HIV/AIDS Health and Social Services Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 44. Public hearing to amend the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 annual budget by increasing the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the amount of **\$388,709** for the lease purchase contract of 18 unmarked units for the Laredo Police Department.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 annual budget by increasing the revenue and expenditure appropriations in the amount of \$388,709 for the lease purchase contract of 18 unmarked units for the Laredo Police Department.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 45. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 annual budget to reflect an appropriation in Transportation Planning Funds. The appropriation of \$80,015 comes from the release of 1997-1998 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) unexpended funds.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 annual budget to reflect an appropriation in Transportation Planning Funds. The appropriation of \$80,015 comes from the release of 1997-1998 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) unexpended funds.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

IX. STAFF REPORTS

Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (a) (b) to discuss pending litigation and a settlement offer in Cause No. 99-CVQ-00798-D3, styled Gilbert Leyendecker and wife, June Leyendecker vs. City of Laredo, and return to open session for possible action.

Motion to go in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) (a) (b).

Moved : Cm. Galo  
Second: Cm. Alvarado

After Executive Session, Mayor Flores announced that no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

#### XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

Presentation with possible action on the City of Laredo's designation as an official White house Millennium Community and the selection of members to the Millennium Committee.


Mayor Flores showed council the certification designation received and asked that council members help her to appoint members from the community, as well as members of the council and staff, to the Millennium Committee by next council meeting.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.                      Adjournment time: 10:38 p.m.

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

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 29 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 2nd day of August, 1999. A certified copy is on file at the Secretary's Office.

  
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Gustavo Guevara, Jr.  
City Secretary

Minutes approved: September 7, 1999