

CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

M99-R-26

M I N U T E S

SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo,	Councilmember, District VIII
Gustavo Guevara, Jr.,	City Secretary
Florencio Pena, III	City Manager
Jaime L. Flores,	City Attorney

ABSENCES:

Motion to excuse Cm. Alvarado.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. MINUTES

1. City Council Meeting, August 16, 1999
City Council Budget Workshop, August 19, 20, 21
City Council Meeting, August 30, 1999

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

V. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

- 2. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Scheduled Airline Operating Agreement and Terminal Building Lease with American Eagle Airlines, Inc., for exclusive and non-exclusive joint use space located at the Laredo International Airport passenger terminal for the purpose of conducting commercial air transportation services. The term of the agreement is for three (3) years effective July 1, 1998 and ending on June 30, 2001. The monthly rent including landing fees is capped at \$1.50 per enplaned revenue passenger and is retroactive to July 1, 1998.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Juan Vargas d/b/a The Education Center for approximately 4,308 square feet constituting Building #1169 located at 4407 Foster Avenue, and used to house a day care facility. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000. Monthly rent shall be \$1,537.00. Previous monthly rent was \$850.00.

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

VI. FINAL READING

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

Motion to waive the final reading #99-O-265, #99-O-266, #99-O-267, #99-O-268, #99-O-269, #99-O-270, #99-O-271, #99-O-272, and #99-O-273.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 4. 99-O-265 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Omniamerica Development Corporation for a ground lease at the La Bota Water Tower Complex to construct on such premises a one hundred eighty (180) foot high self-supporting type monopole and related equipment for use in connection with its communications business.
 - 1. Term of the lease is ten (10) years commencing on September xx, 1999 and ending September 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 Consumer Price Index, providing for effective date.
(Cm. Mario G. Alvarado)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-265.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 99-0-266 Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 by appropriating the estimated revenues and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 1999 and ending September 30, 2000, consistent with the financial plan described in said Annual Budget; and authorizing the City Manager to implement said Annual Budget. (City Council)

Mayor Flores stated that on the CPL Road, if we select the engineer this month and we contract an award in October, we will not need the whole \$1,000,000 million dollars. She recommends that we transfer \$600,000 to finish the Killiam Road extension because it is short in funds now and then the balance be used to proceed with the engineering and the land acquisition for the CPL Road so that it will not be delayed any further.

Motion to approve Mayor Flores' request.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to confirm and adopt the motions made by City Council during Budget Workshop on August 19, 20, and 21, and the requested programs public hearing motions made on September 7; and to add the appropriation motion of \$60,000 for the Laredo Veterans Coalition and the \$600,000 appropriation to Killiam Road.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-266.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 99-0-267 Ordinance providing for the levy and the collection of General and Special Ad Valorem and Alcoholic Beverage taxes for the City of Laredo for the tax year 1999 and the fiscal year 1999-2000. To adopt the tax rate and authorize staff to proceed with the proposed ad valorem tax rate and set the date of September 20, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers as the date to take the final vote. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-0-267.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-268 Ordinance closing the hearing on the Paving Assessment Street Improvements Project 61-B and fixing a lien and charge. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-268.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-269 Ordinance approving an amendment to the FY 1998-1999 City of Laredo Airport Fund Budget to transfer the sum of \$407,777.00 being the excess local match appropriated to the Federal Aviation Administration AIP Grant Project No. 3-48-0136-21 Airport Noise Compatibility Program to the Airport Operations Budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget amendment. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-269.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-270 Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$2,106,480 to operate the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, and to issue approximately \$12,000,000 in federal food vouchers by the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-270.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

99-O-271 Ordinance approving a budget revision in the amount of \$90,000 allocating additional earned funds reimbursed by the Texas Department of Health to further the activities and scope of work of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-271.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Montalvo

For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-272 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 annual budget in the amount of \$140,966 for the Multi-Agency Narcotic Task Force. Funding is available from the opening balance of the Narcotics Task Force Division and will be used to pay overtime from June 1999 through November 1999. Grant period is from June 1, 1999 through May 31, 2000.
(City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-272.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 99-O-273 Ordinance amending the City of Laredo 1998-1999 Public Access Channel Fund annual budget to appropriate \$582,029 in revenues and expenditures from the proceeds of the settlement agreement of the construction of City of Laredo Telecommunication Building and penalty assessed to the previous contractor and authorizing the City Manager to implement said budget. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-273.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VII. RESOLUTIONS

5. 99-R-131 Appointing Mary Lou Mendiola as Lay Representative and Patricia Vela as Alternate Lay Representative for the Laredo Public Library to the South Texas Library System for a two year term beginning September 1, 1999 through August 31, 2001.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-131.

Moved : Cm. Agredano
Second: Cw. Moreno
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 99-R-136 Accepting a grant from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in the amount of \$10,800 for the UT-HETCAT Child Health Insurance Enrollment Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999. The source of funding is the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the grant will be assigned budget number 226-6700.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-136.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 7. 99-R-137 Amending Resolution No. 96-R-024 approved on February 24, 1997 setting a ten year moratorium against future sale of non-aeronautical use land at the Laredo International Airport to exclude the approximate 8.973 acres from said moratorium. The subject tract being the proposed site of the extension campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The subject property is being acquired by the General Fund of the City of Laredo Airport Fund at its appraised fair market value of \$1,446,000. The City will donate the subject property to the University of Texas Board of Regents to establish and operate the Laredo campus.

James D. Kazen, Extension Vice-President of the University of Texas HSC, San Antonio, spoke on the presence of the Health Center in Laredo at the airport and its expansion.

Motion to instruct staff to revise the Airport Master Plan to include medical facilities only in certain areas of the airport and within 90 days a recommendation be brought back for City Council action.

Moved : Cm. Bruni
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-137 as amended.

Moved : Cm. Agredano
Second: Cm. Bruni
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 8. 99-R-139 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service for the reimbursement of \$5,000 for funding the joint Operation-Cooperation to search for stolen vehicles and contraband crossing into Mexico at the City's International Bridges. These monies will be used to pay overtime wages for police officers involved in this operation from September 1, 1999 through September 30, 1999.

Motion to approve Resolution #99-R-139.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano
For: 7 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

VIII. MOTIONS

- 9. Consideration to approve the construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Calton Road Widening Project at the Public Library and the McPherson Road Widening Project from Calton Road to the Culvert Drainage Channel at Cotulla's Restaurant. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue Calton Road Improvements.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
 Second: Cm. Agredano
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 10. Consideration to approve construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Killam Industrial Blvd. Extension Project approximately 8000 L.F. from Sara Road to I.H. 35. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Project - Killam Industrial Blvd. Extension.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
 Second: Cm. Agredano
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 11. Consideration to approve selection of consultant Crane Engineering Corporation, Laredo, Texas, for the West Laredo CP&L Road Extension from Del Mar Industrial Boulevard to Mines Road (F.M. 1472), and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. Funding is available in the CPL Road.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Guerra
 Second: Cm. Agredano
 For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

- 12. Consideration to approve change order no.1 to the engineering contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., approved on June 21, 1999 to increase the contract amount from \$ 127,722 to \$ 136,922 an increase of \$ 9,200. The scope of work is for additional engineering, design and survey work to rehabilitate an additional approximate 1,000 linear feet of Runway 17R-35L. The Federal Aviation Administration has issued an Airport Improvement Program Grant No. 3-48-0136-25 in the amount of \$606,000 which enables additional runway rehab work than what was originally anticipated. The local match to the FAA Grant is available in the Land Reimbursement Account that the City maintains with FAA.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

13. Consideration to refund property tax to the following taxpayers:
S. Carbell & wf. Alba M. Reinhardt in the amount of \$2,010.00. Mr. Carbell and Ms. Reinhardt included their school taxes with their payment of the City taxes to the Ricardo De Anda Law Firm. Funding is available in the deferred revenue/unapplied payments account.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

14. Consideration to approve monthly adjustments to the tax roll. These adjustments are produced by the County Appraisal District and by Court Orders.

June	\$ (18,970.40)
July	\$ 7,559.48
August	\$ (264.42)

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

15. Consideration to set November 1, 1999 as the date for a public hearing to discuss water and wastewater impact fees.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

16. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of 90 acres of class "B" water rights from Armadillo Construction Co., Inc. for the sum of \$43,200. The water rights convert to 36 acre feet of municipal water.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

17. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of 95.844 acres of class "A" water rights from James L. Goode and his wife Sue F. Goode; and Jean Goode Love and her husband Michael Love for the sum of \$143,766. The water rights convert to 119.805 acre feet of municipal water.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute professional services renewal contracts for one year with health care providers to provide public health services to clients of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. Funds to be utilized are from state grant budgets.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

19. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit a continuing grant application in the amount \$74,409 to the Texas Department of Health for the HIV Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 2000, through January 31, 2001.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

20. Consideration to approve the bid specifications and requesting authorization to advertise for bids for a three year lease purchase contract for the acquisition of 102 police sedans. The City is requesting that these vehicles be delivered fully equipped with light bars, sirens, decals, and other accessories normally installed by the Fleet Maintenance Division. Only the radios will be installed after the vehicles have been delivered to the City. This will expedite the process to activate units for patrol duty. Funding for this lease purchase contract has been allocated in the Police Department's FY2000 general fund budget and the Police Trust fund. Staff will present the formal contract award in October and delivery of these units will commence in February, 2000.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

21. Consideration of an award of contract number FY99-147, to the LOW BIDDER, for the purchase of one pot patcher truck, for the Public Works Department. This truck will be assigned to the

street maintenance division. Delivery of this truck is expected within ninety days. Funding is available in the Public Works Department capital outlay budget.

Motion to table until the 27th.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

22. Consideration of an award of contract number FY99-146, to the LOW BIDDER, for the purchase of three vibratory rollers and hydraulic rear lift platforms, for the Public Works Department. These vibratory rollers are used for street repairs by the pot patching crews. Delivery of these rollers is expected within sixty days. Funding is available in the Public Works Department capital outlay budget.

The winners to the bids were United Rentals for a total cost of \$12,337.29 for the three vibratory rollers and HD Industries a total cost of \$ 4,659.00 for the lift platforms.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

23. Consideration to reject the SOLE BID received from Jorge Dominguez, DBA Laredo Class-One Builders Inc., Laredo, Texas, for the re-plastering of the Thomas swimming pool. The rejection is based on the total cost of the project. Staff is requesting authorization to rebid this project with alternate structural coatings such as the use of fiberglass which have a fifteen year warranty versus concrete plaster which has a one year warranty.

Motion to approve the rejection of the SOLE BID and to rebid this project.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 5

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Cm. Guerra

Cw. Montalvo

24. Consideration to award contract number FY99-140, to the SOLE BIDDER, Rush Truck Center, Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$69,987.00, for the purchase of one 12 cyd. dump truck for the Public Works Department. This truck will be assigned to the Creek Cleaning operation. The truck is a Peterbilt truck with a Fruehauf dump body. Delivery is expected within two months. Funding is available in the 1998 contractual obligation bond proceeds.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

25. Consideration to award contract number FY99-137, to the LOW BIDDER, Rush Truck Center, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$74,500.00, for the purchase of one utility truck for the Fleet Maintenance Division. This truck will be equipped with a service body and a mobile lubrication system to service city vehicles at job sites. This will be a replacement vehicle for a 1986 International truck. Delivery of this truck is expected within two months. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Division's capital outlay budget.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

26. Consideration to award contract number 99-144, to the LOW BIDDER, Micron Government Computer Systems, Inc., Meridian, ID., in the amount of \$15,374.00, for the purchase of ten computers for the Police Department and one computer for the Utilities Department. Delivery of all requested equipment is expected within thirty days. The Police Department computers will be purchased with block grant funds and funds for the Utilities Department computer purchase are available in the department's capital outlay budget.

Motion to approve .

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to award a two year service contract (FY99-129) to the LOW BIDDER, J.M.C. Security Co., Laredo, Texas, in the yearly estimated amount of \$155,091.30, for providing security guard services for the City's three International Bridges, the Health Department Complex, Civic Center/Veterans Field, and the City Hall building. The overall bid pricing is approximately 4% less than the previous contract period.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to award a contract for a Tennis Professional, in an amount of \$19,999.92 for a twelve (12) month period from October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000, with Francisco Beltran, individually and D.B.A. Tennis Professional, to provide professional lessons for the playing of tennis at the Market

Street Tennis Courts. Funding for FY 99/00 in an amount of \$19,999.92 will be available from Professional Services.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Note: The contract on file was signed by Enrique Beltran.

29. Consideration to approve change order no. 1, an increase of 20 working days to the construction contract time due to weather delays, acceptance of Reconstruction of Los Dos Laredos Park Sidewalk and Fence (West Side Only) and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,852.00 to Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., Laredo, Texas. Funding is available in the Capital Improvements Project - Los Dos Laredos Project.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to approve amendment No. 2, to the professional services contract with Wilbur Smith Associates for the update of the Laredo Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The proposed amendment will extend the contract completion date from September 30, 1999 to December 15, 1999 in order to comply with the Public Involvement Process of the Laredo Urban Transportation Study. Funding for the project is available through the MPO account. Neither the scope of the project nor the amount of the contract has changed.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to adopt a schedule of hearings and proceedings and directing staff to prepare a service plan for the unilateral annexation of one (1) tract of land totaling 2,447.7141 acres, more or less, also known as Tract 7 South Laredo Tract as shown on attachment "A", in accordance with Section 43.052 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to opt out of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of

1996 (HIPAA), effective October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, as a result of the City currently meeting or exceeding minimum HIPAA Benefit Provisions.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, L.L.P. for legal services regarding the City's Ground Water Development Program including review of procurement documents produced by the program's technical consultants, identification of legal or regulatory issues, and preparation of final contract documents. The contract is for legal fees at \$90-190.00 per hour, plus costs and expenses, for a maximum of \$50,000.00 for this contract.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

IX. STAFF REPORTS

34. Presentation by Administrative Services Department regarding their activities and projects.

Dan Migura, Administrative Services Director, made the presentation before the Council. The provided report is as follows:

CITY OF LAREDO
Administration Services Department

MISSION STATEMENT

To attract, maintain, and develop a quality workforce by providing employee training, benefits, security, and safety to the City of Laredo Organization; while minimizing the Potential for Risk and Exposure to Liabilities.

Personnel and Recruitment

Function:

- △ Recruitment
- △ Employee Relations/Disciplinary Action Training
- △ City Employee Leadership Development Program
- △ Appeal and Grievance Committee
- △ Record keeping and File Maintenance
- △ Administer City's EEO and AAP

- △ New Employee Orientation
- △ Administer City's ADA program
- △ Personnel Policy and Procedure Admin.
- △ Administer City Employee Parking
- △ Administer City Employee Tuition
- △ Reimbursement Program
- △ Maintain Excellent Customer Service Standards for Department

Significant Projects:

- △ Family Medical Leave Act
- △ Renew and Update City's Sexual Harassment Policy
- △ Automate Applicant Tracking System

Payroll and Benefits

Function:

- △ Process all Personnel Payroll Maintenance Transactions
 - Promotions
 - Reclassification
 - New Hires
 - Transfers
- △ Record all Performance Evaluations
- △ Manage all Benefit Programs
 - Medical and Dental Plan
 - Life and AD&D Plan
 - Section 125
 - Retirement City (TMRS)
 - Deferred Compensation (Section 457)
- △ Develop and Maintain City's Pay Plan

Significant Projects:

- △ Conduct Medical Benefit Rate Study
- △ Enhance Benefit Awareness Program
- △ Implement Retirement Incentive Program
- △ Implement City Retirement Awareness Campaign

Civil Service

Function:

- △ Provide support services for Civil Service Commission
 - Conduct Entry Level Exams
 - Conduct Promotional Exams
 - Facilitate Civil Service Hearings and meetings
- △ Conduct Salary Surveys for Collective Bargaining Agreements
- △ Maintain Civil Service Files and Records

Significant Projects:

- △ Centralize Civil Service Administration
- △ Update Local Civil Service Rules
- △ Renew Collective Bargaining Agreement with

Police Officers

Risk ManagementFunction:

- △ Process City Property and Liability Claims
- △ Process City Employee Workers' Compensation Claims
- △ Provide Safety Training for Employees
- △ Administer and Facilitate the Hazard Communications and Tier II Programs
- △ Administer the City's Drug and Alcohol Program
- △ Provide Case Management for Lost Time Accident Cases
- △ Administer City's Safety Incentive Program

Significant Projects:

- △ Safety Incentive Program
- △ Defensive Drivers Training
- △ Implement Workplace Violence Policy
- △ Hearing Conservation and Respiratory Programs

Employee Health and WellnessFunction:

- △ Oversee City Employee and Police Serious Illness Pool
- △ Conduct Employee Wellness Fairs
- △ Oversee the City's Return to Work Program
- △ Provide Ergonomics Consultation
- △ Provide Drug and Alcohol Employee Assistance Program Counseling
- △ Assist Risk Management in Case Management Review

Significant Projects:

- △ Pre-Placement Physicals
- △ Base line Physicals for Safety Sensitive Positions
- △ First Aid for Injuries/Illnesses

(End of Report)

35. Presentation to City Council regarding the current Capital Improvement Program.

Keith Selman, City Planner, made the presentation before the Council.

The C.I.P. update is available on the webpage for public viewing.

36. Status report of the City of Laredo International Airport Noise Compatibility Program for the month of September 1999. Erasmo Villarreal, CD Director, made the presentation before

the Council.

The following is a status report on the International Airport Noise Compatibility Program as of September 20, 1999.

Noise Compatibility Program Status Report

Group I - Participation selection breakdown is as follows:

- Fee Simple Acquisition 21 - appraisals completed to date.
- Acquisition Offer Presented 21
- Offers Accepted 21 - 0 pending
- Acquisition Completed 19
- Acoustical Treatment 07
- Avigation Easement 12 - 8 at Neel, 2 at offers, 1 at review, 1 - Closed
- Undecided 0 - originally 11
- Non-Qualifying 04 - non-occupant owners
- Non-Participating 06 - do not wish to participate
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- Avigation Easement - Staff has met with residents who chose this option of the NCP.

- A total of 12 families signed up for participation in this program. Of these:

- 12 letters have been presented informing them of the 8 percent to be offered to acquire avigation easements.
- 8 at Neel Title, 2 offers pending, 1 at review appraiser, 1 closed

- Acoustical Treatment - Consultants' Contract presented to City Council on August 16, 1999, Council Approved. By letter dated 8-26-99 FAA approved Contract. September 28-29 Consultants will meet with Staff to Start Program.

- 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 26 - 1 at commitment, 10 at appraisals, 10 at review, 5 at legal department
- Offers presented 1
- Offers accepted 1
- Avigation Easement 8 - 4 at appraisals, 3 at review appraisers, 1 legal
- Acoustical Treatment 3
- Non-attendees 3

- Undecided 10
50
- Non-attendees have been contacted individually, waiting on response.
- The additional residences will be processed as far as current funding allows.

Funds committed - \$2,856,500.00
 Funds actually spent - \$1,656,686.00 including appraisals and closing costs.
 Average cost - \$88,271.50

(End of Report)

37. Status report on the Laredo International Bridge (Fourth Bridge).

Cindy Collazo reported the status on the Laredo International Bridge (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. Current construction contract amount is \$2,206,103.10.

Construction Status of U.S. portion of Bridge:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
	Substructure		
1	Drilled Shafts	41 of 41	100%
2	Columns	32 of 32	100%
3	Caps	5 of 5	100%
	Superstructure		
4	Beams Fabricated	80 of 80	100%
5	Beams Erected	80 of 80	100%
6	Precast Panels Fabricated	915 of 915	100%
7	Precast Panels Erected	915 of 915	100%
8	Cast-in-place Slab	5 of 5	100%
	Miscellaneous Items		
9	Concrete Approach Slab		100%
10	Interior Rail		100%
11	Exterior Rail		100%
12	Light Poles		0%
13	Security Fence		100%
14	Rip Rap		100%
15	Excavation at Bridge end		100%
16	Pavement Markers and Markings		100%
17	Bridge Concrete Painting		100%
18	Temporary Fence Across Bridge		100%

Amount of Bridge
Construction Complete 98%

Border Facilities:

A contract was awarded on January 4, 1999 to M.W. Builders, Inc. from Temple, Texas in the amount of \$29,277,000. Total contract to date with change orders is \$30,672,593.70.

Construction Status of U.S. Border Facilities:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
1	Mobilization	1.00	100%
2	Clear & Grub Site	1.00	100%
3	Site cut & Fill	0.90	90%
4	Import Dock	0.45	45%
5	Site Utilities	0.65	65%
6	Off-Site Utilities	0.40	40%
7	Primary comm. Insp. Booths	0.08	8%
8	City Toll Admin. Building	0.08	8%
9	Storm Drainage	0.90	90%
10	Retaining Wall	0.30	30%
11	Trucker's Pavilion	0.25	25%
12	Empty Truck Inspection Facility	0.20	20%
13	Exit Control Booths	0.15	15%
14	Export Dock Building	0.05	5%
15	Import Dock Area Paving	0.20	20%
16	Northbound Comm. Roadway Lanes	0.33	33%
17	South Berm/Wall	0.25	25%
18	Federal Admin./Ped. Proc. Building	0.05	5%
19	Kennels Building	0.05	5%
20	SouthBound Comm. Roadway Lanes	0.05	5%
Amount of U.S. Border Facilities Construction Complete			41%

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

Roadway - TxDot:

Milo Approach:

Project Summary:

Total % Complete - 52.65%
 Total Time Used - 34.60%
 Total Contract Amount - \$32,842,589.99-awarded February 1999

Embankments on the project are 95% complete.
 Concrete Box Culvert #2 (100% complete).
 Concrete Box Culvert #3 (100% complete).
 Concrete Box Culvert #4 (90% complete).

Riverbank Bridge:

Concrete columns are 100% complete.
 Concrete slab is 100% complete.
 Large box culvert is 100% complete.
 Concrete paving is 100% complete.
 Retaining walls is 20% complete.

FM 1472 Bridge:

Columns are 100% complete.
 90% of the retaining walls are complete on both sides of the roadway.
 Concrete slab is 100% complete.
 Concrete paving is 60% complete.

FM 1472 Roadway:

Concrete roadway pavement is 70% complete.

FM 1472 Connector:

The drill shaft work for the connector is 75% complete.
 Concrete columns are 60% complete.
 Concrete beams and deck panels are 20% complete.
 Retaining walls are 50% complete.

Approach Roadway:

Main Lanes (east of FM 1472):
 Hot mix placement is 95% complete.
 Concrete roadway pavement is 90% complete.

Frontage Road (east of FM 1472):
 Hot mix placement is 90% complete.
 Concrete roadway pavement is 80% complete.

Main Lanes (west of FM 1472):
 Hot mix placements is 100% complete.
 Concrete roadway pavement is 70% complete.

Frontage Road (west of FM 1472):
 Hot mix placement is 95% complete.
 Concrete roadway pavement is 50% complete.

Construction Status of Mexico's Portion of Bridge:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Quantity Complete</u>	<u>Percent Complete</u>
	Substructure		
1	Drilled Shafts	41 of 41	100%
2	Columns	32 of 32	100%
3	Caps	5 of 5	100%
	Superstructure		
4	Beams Fabricated	80 of 80	100%

5	Beams Erected	80 of 80	100%
6	Precast Panels Fabricated	1290 of 1290	100%
7	Precast Panels Erected	1290 of 1290	100%
8	Cast-in-place Slab	5 of 5	100%
	Miscellaneous Items		
9	Concrete Approach Slab		100%
10	Interior Rail		100%
11	Exterior Rail		100%
12	Light Poles		90%
13	Rip Rap		100%
14	Embankment at Bridge end		100%
15	Pavement markers and markings		0%
16	Bridge Concrete Painting		0%
	Amount of Bridge Construction Complete		95%

Work has commenced in Nuevo Laredo. In order to meet the deadline of March 15, 2000, the work has been divided into 10 zones. Each zone will have a different contractor performing a certain portion of the work.

Villa de Aguayo is still considered to be the main contractor and will also construct the approach roadway.

The cost of construction is \$30 million which translates to \$18 million for the facilities and \$12 million for the approach roadway.

The water and sewer treatment plants will be constructed outside the facilities.

(End of Report)

38. Status report regarding City Council motion to evaluate the possible privatization of the management of the Laredo International Airport.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, reported that they contacted the firms that were suggested to them. They do have one response and the interest statement from one company.

The contact firm is Wilbur Smith and Associates. They have indicated a price range of \$25 through \$35 thousand dollars to do an evaluation and make a recommendation to City Council for the privatization of the management and operations of the airport.

He stated that a team was assembled from Code Enforcement, Environmental Divisions of the City, a complete inventory of all airport properties was made, an account was made on each problem area, staff, our tenants and other city departments are working on addressing the concerns.

Mr. Pena, City Manager, stated that the Airport Advisory Board staff does not recommend, at this point, proceeding with the privatization of the airport.

Motion to postpone the privatization of the Laredo International Airport for another time.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- 39. Presentation of Street Paving Improvements Project No. 62 (26 blocks).

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, reported that they have recommendations to close and sell about eight or nine blocks, which are in the warehousing industry; six or seven to pave with no curve and gutter with limited access; and the rest to go ahead and pave with regular residential streets.

Florencio Pena, City Manager, stated that Project 62 are very urban and difficult blocks but now they have been categorized mainly as industrial roads that maybe they can be leased. Another category that they can treat is by using black base without putting curve and gutter. On the last category they will do paving and assessment. He suggested that staff put a program together showing all three programs.

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

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

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- a.) Mayor Flores introduced the Expomex delegation as follows:
 - 1. Maria Teresa Pintada

- 2. Lic. Ana Maria Arechiga - Directora de Reynado ExpoMex
- 3. Ana Lee Pena - ExpoMex Queen
- 4. Daniela Christina Chapa - ExpoMex Princess
- 5. Lizette Esmeralda Macias - ExpoMex Dutchess
- 6. Mrs. Enrique Resendez - ExpoMex

b.) Cm. Bruni reported the two week weather report from Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association as follows:

Southwest Texas Rain
Enhancement Association

Weekly report 9/06/99 - 9/12/99

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weather</u>
9/6/99	Partly cloudy with late afternoon isolated showers and thunderstorms.
	<u>Activity Summary</u> Two seeding flights were conducted. One flight was in S.W. LaSalle Co. extending NE towards Cotulla; E. Dimmit County. Second flight seeded large cell S.E. of Laredo and isolated cells in N.W. Central Webb County.
9/7/99	Partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms in afternoon.
	<u>Activity Summary</u> No seedable conditions developed.
9/8/99	Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and showers in afternoon.
	<u>Activity Summary</u> One seeding flight was conducted. One large cell over S.E. Laredo with expanded coverage across W. Webb Co., small cell over S.E. Cotulla and S.W. Cotulla. Conditions were considered excellent.
9/9/99	Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms and showers during late afternoon.
	<u>Activity Summary</u> One seeding flight was conducted over S.W. LaSalle County and S.E. Dimmit County. Conditions were considered fair.
9/10/99	Partly cloudy clearing into the night.
	<u>Activity Summary</u> No seedable conditions developed.
9/11/99	Partly cloudy with clear skies in the night.
	<u>Activity Summary</u>

No seedable conditions developed.

9/12/99 Partly cloudy.

Activity Summary

No seedable conditions developed.

Rainfall Reports

<u>Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9/6/99	Dimmit	Ed Walker	.36
9/6/99	LaSalle	Bill Maltsberger	.94
9/6/99	Zavala	Bill Martin (2 mi. S.W. of Crystal City)	.52
9/6/99	LaSalle	Chris Hinojosa (Lower Four Corners)	.10
9/6/99	Zavala	Bay Laxson (Pops Ranch)	.63

No Seed Area continues for East Zavala County (East of Highway 83) due to cotton harvest.

Southwest Texas Rain
Enhancement Association

Weekly Report 9/13/99 - 9/19/99

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weather</u>
9/13/99	Mostly clear with isolated scattered showers in late afternoon.

Activity Summary

One seeding flight was conducted. First cell was seeded over W. and S. LaSalle Co. Cell moved E. into Dimmit Co. Second cell over S.E. Dimmit Co. Third seeding is 2 cells over N. Webb Co. Conditions were considered good.

9/14/99 Partly cloudy with mostly clear nights.

Activity Summary

One seeding flight was conducted. Cluster of cells seeded over North Central Webb Co; one cell close to Laredo; one cell S.W. of LaSalle Co. Conditions were considered good and flight was reported as successful.

9/15/99 Partly cloudy with mostly clear nights.

Activity Summary

No seedable conditions developed.

9/16/99 Partly cloudy with mostly clear nights.

Activity Summary

No seedable conditions developed.

- 9/17/99 Mostly sunny with mostly clear nights.
Activity Summary
 No seedable conditions developed.
- 9/18/99 Mostly sunny.
Activity Summary
 No seedable conditions developed.
- 9/19/99 Mostly sunny in the day and mostly clear nights.
Activity Summary
 No seedable conditions developed.

There have been no rainfall reports for this reporting period.

(End of reports)

- c.) Cm. Galo recognized the staff that is responsible for doing a good job in maintaining the city cemetery's appearance.
- d.) Mayor Flores read a letter from Laredo Community College. Letter quotes:

"Laredo Community College commends Agustin Dovalina, Chief of Police, City of Laredo for his work in support of the College's Police Academy and thanks the Honorable Mayor Elizabeth Flores and members of the City Council for allowing us, through the cooperation of Chief Dovalina, to be able to accomplish the success that we have achieved.

The Police Academy has been rated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education as one of the most successful Community College Academies in the State of Texas. Much of the success is due to the fact that Chief Dovalina has demonstrated his support through active participation in the Advisory Committee, collaboration of training, and endorsement of the Academy.

The Academy services the Counties of Webb, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr, and any other institution that would like to participate. The Academy not only services the Laredo Police Department, but the Laredo Fire Department as well.

Chief Dovalina's professionalism is demonstrated through his dedication, leadership, integrity, and commitment to the community he serves."

(End of letter)

- e.) Mayor Flores congratulated Jerry Garza for his newsletter.

XI. CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

41. Requests by Mayor and City Council members for presentation and

discussion.

A. Request by Mayor Elizabeth G. Flores

1. Presentation by the Parks and Recreation Board.

David Garza, from the Parks and Recreation Committee, made the presentation before the Council. He reported some of the completed accomplishments as:

- a.) The inauguration of the Azteca Neighborhood Park.
- b.) The Ochoa Sanchez Neighborhood Park.
- c.) The Father McNiber recreation complexes which is 60% complete.
- d.) The Zacate Park is 80% complete.
- e.) The Santa Fe Phase I has been completed
- f.) The renovations of the Market St. Tennis Courts and the Carrizales Gym have been completed.
- g.) The re-plastering of the Thomas Pool and the Civic Center swimming pool.
- h.) The creation of the City Tree Board.
- i.) The creation of the Cemetery Board is almost complete they lack two officers that have been named by the Council.
- j.) The Los Dos Laredos flood repairs has been up for the advertisement committee and for Council.
- k.) They have also recommended to Council a space for the Skateboard Park which is located in South Laredo near Zacatecas St.

Some of the goals are:

- a.) To educate the public about the importance of parks and the quality of our citizens, the need and care of our parks in Laredo; presently they are looking into promoting our parks and the responsibility of care through television commercials.
- b.) To attempt to compile with the City Comprehensive Plan by pursuing the creation of parks near schools combined with substations for our city police department to work with the young children of our community.
- c.) To pursue to create a large centralized park for Laredo. This park should have public transportation access, hiking and walking trails, should be a sufficient size to provide citizens outdoor quality recreations free from the noise and exhaustion of automobiles.

2. Discussion on October Fiesta.

Don Raulie, Convention & Visitors Director, reported that the feature entertainer is El Flaco Jimenez and an 8 piece German band from New Braunfels called the Swinging Dutchmen. The festivities will be on October 29, 1999 starting at 6:00 p.m. and it will be held at the Park and

Ride lot on Hillside Road and Thomas Avenue. There is no admission charge.

B. Request by Council member Alfredo Agredano

1. Discussion and possible action on the used car salvage yards on Highway 359.
(Co-sponsored Cm. Louis H. Bruni)

Benny Salinas, Building Director, reported that they did look at the sites some time back and identified 11 salvage yards outside the city limits; 5 of them inside the city limits. He stated there is nothing they can do about the ones outside the city limit. The status on the 5 salvage yards inside the city limits is: 1) one has put up a fence 2) two of them have been cited and 3) two have closed their operations.

Larry Dovalina reported that there are some EPA regulations that they should have registered with the EPA on January 1, 1999.

Mr. Salinas added that they have started identifying some salvage yards near the Casa Blanca Ballroom on Hwy 59.

C. Request by Council member Louis H. Bruni

1. Discussion and possible action on the elimination of four positions at the Laredo International Airport.

Jose Flores, Airport Director, reported that they have been contacting other departments to see if they can place the four individuals that are being affected at the airport and hopefully by the end of next week they will accomplish this.

Cm. Bruni stated his main concern is that he does not want to see these people left out on the streets when they've been employed with the city for 7 through 14 years.

Mr. Pena, City Manager, stated that they should have a report by September 27, 1999 concerning the employees job placements status in other departments.

Cm. Bruni requested an extension on the termination date until they are relocated.

2. Discussion and possible action on creating a task force at our international bridges to enforce our curfew Ordinance.

Cm. Bruni stated that the reason he put this item on the agenda was certainly not to intimidate and harass or to incarcerate the youth of this community, but to inform them of the dangers of drinking and driving.

He suggested that we establish a similar Task Force like in California (once the youths passes customs, there is an immediate sign that says "Curfew Task Force Ahead Please Stop", and at this Task Force there are different law enforcement agencies that check the youth's driver's license and age) to monitor at random, weekends or the whole week, to be set up at our international bridges to help and educate our youth.

He would like to see the Legal Department and Chief of Police set up some type of education program.

Motion to revisit the ordinance and add some teeth into the ordinance and establish a task force at our International Bridges to inform our youth of the dangers of drinking and driving and also to inform their parents if they are caught and come back to the City Council with a recommendation within 30 days; also instruct police to look for opportunities for grants that would fund this program.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

D. Request by Council member Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Status report on the replacement of water lines in the Hillside area with project schedule and completion date.

Fernando Roman, Utilities Director, reported that the bonds includes a total of 8,300 ft. in the streets of Indiana, Mayberry, Kentucky, Illinois and Kansas. They can begin working on this on January of next year.

2. Status report on the construction of speed humps at Allende Street, Maryland Avenue and other sites previously identified in District V.

Cm. Valdez requested that these streets be included in the next program and also to include Martin Street.

E. Request by Council member Joe A. Guerra

1. Discussion and possible action on the citizens awareness of Y2K and the City's Emergency Management Plan.

Jerry Garza, Public Information Officer, reported that they did have their Y2K Conference which was attended by about 20 members of the community ranging from law enforcement, education, banks and also H.E.B; it has continued to run in the Access Channel. He stated that as far as education is concerned they have started with the education.

The second part is the Cities Emergency Management Plan. There are different organizations that are putting up different information on how people should cope with Y2K. As far as the City is concerned they are going to treat this as "in the event of" any emergency and do have their emergency plans in place.

2. Presentation by the Veterans Coalition on their request for 3rd party funding with possible action.

Hector Farias, representing the Laredo Veterans Coalition, appeared before the council requesting third party funding of \$60,000 for the purpose of general expenses. Their breakdown is as follows:

prescription drugs	-	\$10,000
health services	-	\$15,000
funeral expenses	-	\$20,000
utilities	-	\$10,000
meals	-	\$ 5,000
		\$60,000

Motion to instruct City Manager to find the funds and for the Veterans Coalition get their tax exempt status permit.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

F. Request by Council member Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo

1. Presentation by Minerva Stellema, property owner of 806 Iturbide on her appeal to City Council of the Historic Landmark Board's decision to not approve the demolition of 806 Iturbide with possible action.

Mr. Ron Whitehawk and Mrs. Minerva Stellema spoke on their request to demolish the house located at 806 Iturbide stating that it is an eyesore and not considered historic. The house has been vacant for over 20 years.

Keith Selman, City Planner, reported that 806 Iturbide is a significant structure, it was identified in the November 1996 on our Old Mercado Historic District and Historic Urban Design guidelines that were produced. In 1981 it was listed in the Texas Historical Commission Inventory. This item did go before the landmark board in 1994, it was in better repair at that point in time.

Jaime Flores, City Attorney, asked to refer it back to the Historic Landmark Board for review, if it is denied, then allow Mrs. Stellema the 30 days appeal process to formally come back to Council.

Motion to make a recommendation to the Historic Board ruling that the building be demolished.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

42. Public hearing amending the provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-16 which sets forth the departments of the City; thereby creating the Budget Department; providing for publication and providing for an effective date.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the provisions of the City of Laredo's Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-16 which sets forth the departments of the City; thereby creating the Budget Department; providing for publication and providing for an effective date.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cw. Moreno

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

43. Public hearing approving a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and budget in the amount of \$10,800 for the UT-HETCAT Child Health Insurance Enrollment Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving a contract with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and budget in the amount of \$10,800 for the UT-HETCAT Child Health Insurance Enrollment Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning May 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 44. Public hearing approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the Comprehensive Public Health Service Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The source of funding is the Texas Department of Health and has been assigned budget number 226-6011.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$3,000 for the Comprehensive Public Health Service Program of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning September 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000. The source of funding is the Texas Department of Health and has been assigned budget number 226-6011.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 45. Public Hearing amending Chapter 2, article II, Division 3, Section 2-59 (Annual Leave) and section 2-60 (Sick Leave) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo as follows respectively; by amending subsection (F) thereof to allow any annual leave to the employee's credit over the sixty (60) days maximum to be transferred and added to the employee's sick leave accrual balance at the end of the leave year, and to add subsection (n) 1&2 as a sick leave buy back provision, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Chapter 2, article II, Division 3, Section 2-59 (Annual Leave) and section 2-60 (Sick Leave) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo as follows respectively; by amending subsection (F) thereof to allow any annual leave to the employee's credit over the sixty (60) days maximum to be transferred and added to the employee's sick leave accrual balance at the end of the leave year, and to add subsection (n) 1&2 as a sick leave buy back provision, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cw. Montalvo

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 46. Public hearing amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-58, Subsection (a), holidays, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, by adding one additional holiday, December 24th, for the City of Laredo employees, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement, with an effective date of October 1, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3, Section 2-58, Subsection (a), holidays, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, by adding one additional holiday, December 24th, for the City of Laredo employees, except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement, with an effective date of October 1, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved : Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 47. Public hearing identifying and granting retiree benefits to employees who retire between October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 with the exception of firefighters and police officers who are provided for under a collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance identifying and granting retiree benefits to employees who retire between October 1, 1999 through March 31, 2000 with the exception of firefighters and police officers who are provided for under a collective bargaining agreement and providing an effective date of October 1, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved : Cm. Agredano
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

- 48. Public hearing amending, adding, and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances respectfully as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 7 (Performance Evaluations) Section 2-87.11, 2-87.13, 2-87.14 and 2-87.15 except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date of October 3, 1999.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending, adding, and repealing certain subsections, paragraphs, sections of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances respectfully as follows: Chapter 2, Article II, Division 7 (Performance Evaluations) Section 2-87.11, 2-87.13, 2-87.14 and 2-87.15 except as otherwise stated in any collective bargaining agreement and providing for an effective date of October 3, 1999.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0 Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce and include Division 6 (Pay Administration), Section 2-87.6, 2-87.7.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

49. Public hearing amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 budget in the amount of \$5,000 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service for the reimbursement of the additional \$5,000 for overtime wages to continue the joint venture during the month of September of Operation-Cooperation to search for stolen vehicles and contraband crossing into Mexico at the City's International Bridges. These monies will be used to pay overtime and benefit wages for police officers involved in this operation.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the City of Laredo's 1998-1999 budget in the amount of \$ 5,000 and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Department of Treasury/U.S. Customs Service for the reimbursement of the additional \$ 5,000 for overtime wages to continue the joint venture during the month of September of Operation-Cooperation to search for stolen vehicles and contraband crossing into Mexico at the City's International Bridges. These monies will be used to pay overtime and benefit wages for police officers involved in this operation.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: City Council

XIII. MOTION TO RECESS AND CONVENE AS LAREDO MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION

Motion to recess as City Council and convene as Laredo Municipal Housing Corporation.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Consideration to award a two year service contract (FY99-129) to the LOW BIDDER, J.M.C. Security Co., Laredo, Texas, in the yearly estimated amount of \$22,440.00, for providing security guard services for the Tomas Flores Apartment Complex. One security guard is assigned Monday through Sunday patrolling this complex.

Motion to approve.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cw. Montalvo
For: 7

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Municipal Corporation and convene as the City Council.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.


Adjournment time: 10:30 p.m.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 34 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on the 20th day of September 1999. A certified copy is on file at the City Secretary's Office.


Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary

Minutes approved October 4, 1999