

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
M99-R-35
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
5:30 P.M.**

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MINUTES

DECEMBER 20, 1999

I. Call to roll

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

II. ROLL CALL

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

V. COMMUNICATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Announcements:

- A. Eugenia Guerra announced her resignation as chairperson of the Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee. She submitted the following letter:

Mme. Mayor, Members of the City Council, my name is Maria Eugenia Guerra, chairperson of the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee. I recognize this presentation merits no action by council, nonetheless,

effective this evening I am tendering my resignation from the Citizens Environmental Committee.

I am one of several committee members who due to deadlines and schedule constraints did not complete the city's required protocol training. That, however, is not the reason I am resigning.

While I recognize that protocol gives city business credibility and a common language for communication, I believe that the substance of the city's work and the substance of the city's direction should take precedence over protocol. Of what use is protocol if you have no substance? If I believed for a moment that the environment had priority for this city government, I would gladly serve.

If I believed for a moment that clean water and quality of life issues were more than something you addressed when you wish to be elected to office, then I would believe that all of us, committee members and council, could be an effective team to address environmental issues. The environment is not even on your short list. Infrastructure, asphalt, ice hockey arenas. And the concerns of your own districts are on your lists. Your actions, or your inactions, speak louder than your words in the bigger regional picture of how we are to sustain life on the degraded ecosystem of the Rio Grande.

It is the sad history of this city and the committees it appoints that this city council ignores committee recommendations, overrides committee decisions arrived at in earnest, and services developers and others who see city appointed committees as little roadblocks to be circumvented. You can ask members of the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission. You can ask members of the City's Landmark Board, the Tree Advisory Board, and you can ask some of the members of the citizens environmental committee who previously served on the hazardous materials advisory committee.

Often you do not listen to the recommendations of those committees. Often you do exactly the opposite of what they recommend.

The citizens haz mat advisory committee worked for about two years to write an ordinance you have yet to enforce and which you have buried inside the ineptitude of the City of Laredo Fire Department. That ordinance asked the City of Laredo to establish an Environmental Services Division and to accord the environment the attention it needs with personnel, funding, equipment, and enforcement. Under funded and understaffed, working with computer equipment from the dark ages, four men are the first line of defense for environmental hazards in a city filled with trucks filled with chemicals and chemical waste moving in and out of Mexico over the watershed of the Rio Grande.

When I think that my work on this committee, and the valuable work of my fellow committee members might be wasted as were the two years we spent writing the previous ordinance which you have not funded or enforced, I feel it is foolhardy for me to serve a council that does not respect the sincere effort of the committees it appoints.

I would like any one of you to tell me why it is agreeable to live on this shared river of raw sewage, why we as a city do not press the Mexican government or our own state and federal agencies to bring action to the dumping of raw sewage into the river. I would like any one of you to justify why it was expedient to look the other way -- especially those of you in city government who were alerted by environmental engineering staff or by me -- when the City of Laredo abused the laws of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Water Act of the State of Texas during the construction of pilings for the new International bridge.

I would like any one of you in environmental engineering or in city management to tell me why there is no consequence for developers who destroy wetlands, particularly the recently destroyed 15 acres of wetlands on a 278-acre tract in South Laredo? What is the point of writing ordinances you have no intention of enforcing?

What in the world is wrong with enforcing laws and statutes that already exist in federal and state code? Why are you so willing to look the other way when it is an environmental concern that might impede a developer? The question doesn't beg an answer. I think it answers itself.

Thank you for your time.

- B. Dr. Jim Earhart appeared before Council to announce his resignation as a member of the Citizens Environmental Committee.
- C. Rolando Gallegos, employee of Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, appeared in order to offer his services to the City of Laredo. The services he offered are as follows:

**New Help From the TNRCC:
Compliance Assistance Specialists
For
Small Business and Local Governments in Texas**

What is a compliance assistance specialist?

A compliance assistance specialist is a new local resource for resolving environmental questions and problems confronting small businesses and local governments. Specialists in each of the 16 regional offices of the Texas Natural

Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) now offer front-line help with these questions, focusing environmental assistance when and where it's needed. Local specialists also serve as immediate points of contact and liaisons with regulated communities in their regions.

Who is my compliance assistance specialist?

Rolando Gallegos (956) 721-8457 if the compliance assistance specialist for TNRCC Region 16 – Laredo.

How can my compliance assistance specialist help me?

Your local specialist can provide free and confidential help to answer your questions about environmental issues and resolve them before they turn into problems.

What kinds of issues?

Everything from water, air, and waste questions to pollution prevention, regulatory reporting, recycling, and environmental outreach. Many of the TNRCC's compliance assistance specialists are seasoned agency veterans and all have undergone extensive training.

What happens if problems do occur?

We work together to correct them! Our job is to provide assistance, not perform inspections, issue citations or levy penalties. All compliance assistance specialists are part of the TNRCC's Small Business and Local Government Assistance section, an independent part of the agency that is completely separate – and confidential – from the enforcement division.

What other help can you offer?

Anything that furthers your compliance with state environmental regulations. Additional services offered by the TNRCC's Small Business and Local Government Assistance section include:

- A toll free hotline (1-800-447-2827) for technical questions;
- Free, confidential Site Assistance Visits by outside consultants to identify compliance problems and recommend corrective actions;
- Industry-specific compliance guidebooks for metal finishers, printers, dry cleaners, auto body and auto repair shops, and facilities making wood and fiberglass products;
- The Local Government Guide to the TNRCC;
- The Texas EnviroMentor program of volunteer consultants; and
- The Advocate bi-monthly newsletter.

SBLGA also helps resolve enforcement problems and ensures small business input into rule development. For more information about any SBLGA activities, call your local compliance assistance specialist or the SBLGA office at 1-800-447-2827.

John Vidaurri, Parks & Recreations Director, gave a presentation on Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan.

Jim Carrillo gave an overview of the above mentioned plan.

The Parks and Open Space Master Plan is available for public review in the City Secretary's Office and at the Parks & Recreation Department.

Motion to endorse the Parks Master Plan.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

- Public hearing concerning an application by Antonio Rivera, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 1625, Eastern Division, located at 2710 Barrios Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). This an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 10, Block 1625, Eastern Division, located at 2710 Barrios Street, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Antonio Rivera, property owner, requested approval for a zone change in order to establish a minor repair mechanic shop.

Luciano Malacara, a neighbor, spoke against the zone change.

Juan Benavides, of 2707 Barrios, spoke in favor of the zone changes.

Motion to close the public hearing and offer Mr. Rivera a Condition Use Permit for one year for his business, with the understanding that all discarded oil will be properly disposed of. The business may only operate between 8 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Agredano

4. Public hearing concerning an application by Laredo Ready Mix, applicant and David Richter, property owner amending Ordinance No. 95-O-100 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a concrete batch plant on 5.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of Hwy 83 and north of Masterson Road, by renewing the term of the Conditional Use Permit until April 15th, 2002. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 95-O-100 authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for a concrete batch plant on 5.0 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the west side of Hwy 83 and north of Masterson Road, by renewing the term of the Conditional Use Permit until April 15th, 2002.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ron Whitehawk, on behalf of property owner and applicant, spoke in favor of renewing their permit for two years.

Motion to close the public hearing and renew the Condition Use Permit until April 15, 2002. Applicants must comply by the landscaping and noise mitigation.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

The motion withdrawn.

Motion to table.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Public hearing concerning an application by Ricardo Paredes amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 22, Moreno Addition, located at 1417 Harding Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a welding shop. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 22, Moreno Addition, located at 1417 Harding Avenue, from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and table for the next meeting scheduled January 3, 2000.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Public hearing concerning an application by Jose Guardiola amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1825, Eastern Division, located at 2201 Lyon Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Commercial Business District). This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1825, Eastern Division, located at 2201 Lyon Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to B-3 (Commercial Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jose F. Benavides spoke in favor of the zone changes. He submitted a request for a condition use permit for a car lot.

Motion to close the public hearing and concur with staff to deny the zone change.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Public hearing concerning an application by RYR Ltd. amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Alvarado

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jerry O'Brian spoke on behalf of R4R Limited.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

8. Public hearing concerning an application by RYR Ltd. authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a mini-storage facility on 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Special Use Permit with conditions.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a mini-storage facility on 1.13 acres (the unplatted remaining portion of Lot 2, Block 4, McPherson Plaza Subdivision), located on the south side of Hillside Road and east of McPherson Road.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Jerry O'Brian representing R4R Ltd. Spoke in favor.

Motion to close the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance Introduction: Cm. Bruni

9. Public hearing concerning an application by Gloria Elena Lopez amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 738, Eastern Division, located at 1306 Reynolds Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed zone change and approval of a Conditional Use Permit. This is an appeal from an unfavorable recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 7, Block 738, Eastern Division, located at 1306 Reynolds Street from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

11. Public hearing concerning an application by Armando E. Garcia amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.7088 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the east side of McPherson Road and north of Shiloh Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District). The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning 4.7088 acres, as further described by metes and bounds located on the east side of McPherson Road and north of Shiloh Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-O (Residential/Office District).

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

There was no public input.

Motion to close the public hearing and introduced.

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Ordinance introduction: Cm. Guerra

12. Public hearing concerning approval of an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$74,409 for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 2000, through January 31, 2001.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Ordinance approving an amendment to the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$74,409 for the HIV/AIDS Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning February 1, 2000, through January 31, 2001.

Motion to open the public hearing.

Moved: Cm. Galo

1. Presentation by David Puig, Acting Director of Laredo Development Foundation on U. S. product flow through the Port of Laredo.

Daniel Hastings, Licensed U. S. Custom Broker, gave a presentation before the Council. He elaborated on the U. S. product flow through the Port of Laredo.

David Puig, Acting Director of Laredo Development Foundation, submitted charts of U. S. Imports and Exports thru the Port of Laredo.

B. Request by Council Member Eliseo Valdez Jr.

1. Status report on the Upper Zacate Creek Flood Control Study with possible action.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that the report on the Chacon Creek is complete and will be submitted to the Water Development Board.

Riazul Mia, Environmental Engineer, gave a presentation on the Zacate Creek Flood Control Study. He submitted the following information:

Task 1 – Existing Conditions

1. A Digital Terrain Model of the entire watershed has been developed. Field topographic surveying has been completed. Cross Sections of the detailed streams have been taken to develop a hydraulic model for the area in accordance with the FEMA guidelines.
2. Previous hydraulic/hydrologic studies performed for the watershed have been reviewed. Requested and obtained data on the 1981 Flood Insurance Study from the FEMA library.
3. HEC-1 Models for the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500-year frequencies for the entire watershed have been developed.
4. HEC-2 Storage – Discharge model for each detailed stream is under development.

Task II – Ultimate Conditions

1. The 100-year existing condition's HEC-1 model was revised to incorporate proposed improvements such as regional detention basins to evaluate alternatives such as channel improvements, diversions etc., to mitigate the flooding problem.

2. HEC-1 models for the 10, 25, 50, 100 and 500-year frequencies for the entire watershed have been developed for the Ultimate Conditions.
3. HEC-2 Storage-Discharge model for ultimate development condition for each detailed stream is under development

Task III – Interim Conditions

1. Identifying areas where immediate flood relief is required based on the results of the HEC2 backwater model.
2. Interim solutions to mitigate drainage problems based on existing condition’s flows is under development.

Tentative Schedule

1. Brown & Root to complete development of HEC-2 models for the existing, interim and ultimate conditions by 1/30/2000.
 2. Draft report on Task 1, Task II and Task III to be submitted for City’s review by 2/30/2000.
 3. Present the findings of the study at a public meeting, solicit inputs from the City and public, submit final report by 3/30/2000.
2. Discussion with possible action on a request for a traffic study on North Point due to the concerns of the residents in that area of the high volume of traffic and accidents.

Roberto Murillo, Traffic Engineer, reported that a traffic study will be compiled for North Point. The report will be completed in July when further action may be considered.

3. Status on COPS Program in District V and a request for an update on the current coverage of the other COPS stations that are serving District V.

Rogelio Rivera, City Engineer, stated that Item # 33, which is a contract to Groves and Associates for the designs and preparations of plans, was approving three Police substations.

Police Chief Dovalina, III reported that studies are in the fast track basis for a District V substation.

C. Request by Council Member Mario G. Alvarado

1. Adoption of the resolution to work together with our Nuevo Laredo counterparts to address underage drinking along the border with possible action.

Nuevo Laredo Councilmember Almanza stated that they are providing preventive efforts to combat underage drinking and drugs in conjunction with both city councils. They are ready and willing to continue to work with Laredo on this issue.

2. Presentation by the Nuevo Laredo Public Safety Commission on a public awareness campaign on the discharging of firearms on New Year's Eve, with possible action.

Mr. Almanza reported that Nuevo Laredo would be out in full force during this event and will be providing public service announcements on the possible danger and what precautions they should take.

IX. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

15. Approving the acquisition of an approximate 8.973 acre tract (surface only including improvements located thereon) of non-aeronautical use land located at the Laredo International Airport by the City of Laredo General Fund from the City of Laredo Airport Fund. The subject property will be donated to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for the public purpose of establishing and operating an extension campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in accordance with Section 272.001(J) of the Local Government Code. The fair market value of the subject 8.973 acre tract is \$1,446,000.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION: Cm. Bruni

16. Approving the donation of an approximate 8.973 acre tract (surface only including improvements located thereon) of non-aeronautical use land located at the Laredo International Airport to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas for the public purpose of establishing and operating an extension campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in accordance with Section 272.001(J) of the Local Government Code and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. The fair market value of the subject property is \$1,836,000.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION: Cm. Bruni

17. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Laredo Little Theater for approximately 5,801 square feet constituting Building no. 52

located at 4802 Thomas Avenue. Lease term is for five (5) years commencing on October 1, 1999 and ending on September 30, 2004 and may be extended for one (1) term of five (5) years ending on September 30, 2009. Appraised monthly rent shall be \$2,206 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension term of this lease according to changes in the Consumer Price Index. Current monthly rent is \$418.32.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION: Cm. Bruni

X. FINAL READINGS OF ORDINANCES

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

Motion to waive final reading of ordinances #99-O-360, #99-O-361, #99-O-362, #99-O-363, #99-O-364, #99-O-365, 99-O-366, and 99-O-367.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

18. 99-O-360 Ordinance approving a budget revision in the amount of \$12,754 and transferring this amount from the FY 99 fund balance to the current FY 2000 budget, 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-O-360.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-361 Ordinance approving a contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget in the amount of \$183,186 for the Tuberculosis Prevention/Control Project of the City of Laredo Health Department for the period beginning January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2000. The funding source for this project is the Texas Department of Health and it has been assigned budget number 226-6017. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-361.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-362 Ordinance amending the contract with the Texas Department of Health and budget for the Neural Tube Defects Project of the City of Laredo Health Department; changing the term to begin October 1, 1999, through August 31, 2000, and revising the budget amount of \$148,097. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-362.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-363 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Airport Land Marketing Policy which said Policy will allow Real Estate Brokerage participation in the leasing of land at the Laredo International Airport while the City retains and reserves the right to solicit and acquire tenants through internal capabilities. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #99-O-363.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-364 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease amendment to the lease agreement approved by Ordinance No. 90-0-019 dated February 5, 1990 between the City of Laredo, as Lessor, and Laredo Development Foundation, as Lessee, regarding Building No. 1007 located at 616 Leal Street. The purpose of the lease amendment is to extend the lease term an additional 15 years until February 28, 2020, amend the option to extend until February 28, 2030 and amend paragraph 1.05 rent adjustment during extension terms effective date to March 1, 2020. Lessee agrees to improve the leased premises by constructing an approximate 1,500 square foot building addition costing approximately \$75,000.00. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect; providing for effective date. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 99-O-364.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-365 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with Texas Migrant Council (CCMS) for approximately 5,723 square feet of office space constituting Suites 1, 3, 4, and 5 of Building No. 134 located at 4603 Maher Avenue. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on December 1, 1999 and ending on November 30, 2000 and may be extended for two (2) terms of one (1) year each ending on November 30, 2001 and November 30, 2002. Monthly rent shall be \$5,200.00 and will be adjusted annually during the primary and extension terms of this lease. Current monthly rent is \$5,194.38. (City Council)

Motion to approve Ordinance #F99-O-341.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

99-O-366 Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey fee simple title to the "Surface Only" at its combined market value of \$37,093.24 of certain property described as

TRACT 1 – a 9,500.76 sq. ft., more or less, parcel of land consisting of the east 171' x 55.56' of Coke Street between Santa Rita and Vidaurri Avenues and,

TRACT 2 – an 11,695.38 sq. ft., more or less, parcel of land, being the east 171' x 55.56 and the north half of the west 79' x 27.78' of Benavides Street between Santa Rita and Vidaurri Avenues to The Union Pacific Railroad Company and to Francisco J. Lerma and the "Surface Only" of certain property described as

TRACT 3 – a 4,389.24 sq. ft., more or less, parcel of land, being the west 79' x 55.56' of Coke Street between Santa Rita and Viduarri Avenues and,

TRACT 4 – a 2,194.62 sq. ft., more or less, parcel of land, being the south half of the west 79' x 27.78' section of Benavides Street between Santa Rita and Vidaurri Avenues at its combined market value of \$11,521.75. Said tracts being situated in the Western Division, City of Laredo, Webb County, Texas being described on the City Plat, and providing for an effective date. (Consuelo "Chelo" Montalvo)

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 99-0-366.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

27. Consideration to authorize In-House design and preparation of plans and specifications for the Clark Blvd. Sidewalks and construction by the Department of Public Works and Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

28. Consideration to authorize In-House design and preparation of plans and specifications for the McPherson Road Widening North of Del Mar, and construction by the Department of Public Works and the Utilities Department. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund Budget.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

29. Consideration for approval of construction plans and authorization to advertise for bids for the Three-Points Park Bathhouse Renovation Project. Funding is available in the Community Development 24th Action Year CD Projects/Three Points Park Improvements.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

30. Consideration to authorize to bid the 60 MGD High Service Pump Station project at the Jefferson Street Water Plant. The project is estimated to cost \$1.9 million and consists of buildings, yard piping, electrical and mechanical equipment, and pumps to increase the plant pumping capacity to 60 MGD. The project will be funded jointly from an existing EPA grant and bond proceeds.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

31. Consideration to authorize the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) for the Comprehensive Mobility Plan for Laredo, Texas which will analyze the present and future needs of Laredo and include incremental implementation of the plan and feasibility for each proposed improvement. This would include identifying location and impact of rail vehicle conflicts, as well as identifying and analyzing capital improvement alternatives. Funding for the project is available through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) account.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

32. Consideration to approve amendment no. 7 for an amount not to exceed \$551,835.26 to the engineering contract with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., (SEA) San Antonio, Texas, for the Laredo Northwest International Bridge and Border Station Facilities. This amendment no. 7 is primarily for the increase in scope of work due to the increase in time required to construct the border station facilities in two stages lasting 20 months rather than one stage lasting 15 months, and also from the fact that the border station facilities did not start construction at the same time as the bridge structure as previously anticipated, which would have provided for a more efficient overlapping of services. Other A/E services affected were materials testing, resident project representative and project management. The total fee to-date including this amendment no. 7 is \$4,830,059.43. Funding is available in the Bridge – Bridge #4 – SIB Loan Project Engineer Fees.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

33. Consideration to award an engineering contract to Groves and Associates, San Antonio, Texas, in the amount of \$25,000 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for three Police substations to be located at Farias Recreation Center, Hillside Recreation Center and Sierra Vista Blvd./Cenizo Loop area. Funding is available in the Capital Improvement Fund and Community Development.

Moved : Cm. Galo
Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

34. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to amend the professional services contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. for the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (Fourth Bridge) to reflect an extension of the contract period to April 30, 2000. There is no financial impact associated with this time extension.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

35. Consideration to approve change order no. 1 a decrease of \$26,239 to the Pete Gallegos Paving, Inc., for the construction of the Stormwater Management and Ecology Demonstration Park at Laredo Community College. This decrease is due to the change in construction plan as it needed to complete the Ecology Demonstration Showcase.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

36. Consideration to approve change order no. 4 a net decrease of \$2,500 for the balance of quantities actually constructed in place, acceptance of the Canizales Gym Improvements located at 1600 Guadalupe Project, approval of project plaque and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,682.19 to Cantu America Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final contract amount is \$159,312.90. Funding is available in the 1998 CO Issue- Canizales Gym.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

37. Consideration to approve change order no. 5, a decrease of \$5,808 for the deleted concrete support for the bridge project plaque and for adjustments made to contract price to account for actual quantities constructed; approval of an increase of 45 calendar days for delays to the construction contract time due to the rise in the river water level caused by floods from heavy rains from a hurricane during the month of August, 1999, and from delays beyond the contractor's control in the delivery of materials (light poles) to the project site; acceptance of the Laredo Northwest International Bridge (4th Bridge) Project; approval to retain \$2,000 until contractor has tested the bridge lighting system once power is available to the bridge site; and approval to release partial retainage in the amount of \$106,969.76 to Summit Contracting, Inc., Weslaco, Texas. Final construction contract

amount is \$2,200,295.10. Funding is available in the Bridge - Bridge #4 – Tax Exempt Bond Improvements Other Than Buildings.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

38. Consideration to approve change order no. 7, in the amount of \$193,500 to M.W. BUILDERS, INC., contractors for the Border Facilities of the Fourth International Bridge for 43 days in delays encountered at the initial commencement of construction due to various utilities not being relocated timely, as specified in the contract documents. All work required to achieve Stage 1 completion, shall be substantially completed and available for owner/tenant move-in by March 15, 2000, as originally scheduled.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

39. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to award 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant funds (ESG) made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of Sixty Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Ten Dollars (\$64,510) to Catholic Social Services for the shelter operations of La Frontera Halfway House in order to accommodate homeless females with or without children.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

40. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to award 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant funds (ESG) made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of Forty Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$45,900) to Webb County Community Action Agency to provide homeless prevention assistance.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

41. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to award 1999 Emergency Shelter Grant funds (ESG) made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$38,000) to Sacred Heart Children's Home for renovations to the Sacred Heart Cottages to include the costs associated with design,

construction and replacement of the children's living shelters.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

42. Consideration to approve monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amount to be adjusted for the month of October 1999, which represents an increase, is \$13,784.77. These adjustments are determined by the County Appraisal District and by Court Orders.

Moved: Cm. Agredano

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

43. Consideration to award contract FY00-009, to the SOLE BIDDER, Calgon Carbon Corp., Pittsburgh, PA., in the total amount of \$535,752.00, for the purchase and installation of granular activated carbon. This product is used as a filter medium and absorbent for organic substances in the potable water treatment process. The contract vendor will be required to replace the granular carbon on all eight gravity filters located at the Water Plant. The contract amount will be paid in three annual payments of \$178,584.00. This product has a useful life of five years.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

44. Consideration to reject all bids received for the re-plastering of the Thomas Swimming Pool (contract number FY00-016). The two bids submitted exceeded the project allocation. Staff will modify the bid documents to include alternatives for the installation of underwater lighting, ladder repairs, and the installation of kool decking. This action is needed to best utilize the available project allocation. Funding for this project has been allocated in the Capital Improvement Fund Budget.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 6

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo

Cm. Guerra

45. Consideration to award contract number FY00-029, to the SOLE BIDDER, Carlos Castillo Construction Co., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$24,500.00, for the replacement of the vinyl tile and acoustical ceiling of the three Civic Center meeting rooms. The contract vendor will be

required to remove the existing floor tile and acoustical ceiling within a two week period. No events have been booked from February 28 to March 9, 2000, to allow renovations to these meeting rooms. Funding is available in the Civic Center Fund.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

46. Consideration to award a thirty-six month rental contract (FY00-002) in the estimated amount of \$326,572.56, to the **LOWEST PROPOSER**, Digital Document Solutions, Laredo, Texas, for providing twenty-seven copiers for various City Departments. This vendor is being recommended based on the low cost per copy cost and is providing high quality digital copiers.

The per copy cost will include the use of the copier, a maintenance contract, all consumable supplies (toner, developers) during the three year period. The City will be receiving digital copiers that will be connected to our computers. The copiers can function as laser printers and with an optional feature, as fax machines. These copiers will be delivered within thirty days. The new contract pricing is approximately \$0.004 per copy higher than the previous contract.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

47. Consideration to award annual supply contract number 00-025, to the **LOW BIDDER** Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$850,000.00, for the purchase of transport and tank wagon loads of unleaded and low sulfur diesel fuel, for the City of Laredo's fleet. The transport load contract pricing per gallon for unleaded fuel is approximately \$0.035 less and for diesel, it is approximately \$0.025 less. The tank wagon load contract pricing for unleaded fuel is approximately \$0.017 higher and for diesel, it is approximately \$0.006 less.

Moved: Cm. Moreno

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

48. Consideration to award an annual supply contract number FY00-017, to the **LOW BIDDER**, Municipal Pipe and Fabricating Co., McAllen, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$75,598.80, for the purchase of water meters for the Utilities Department. The bid pricing will be fixed for a one year period and will allow the department to purchase meters on an as needed basis.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

49. Consideration to authorize the purchase of 405 police badges from the SOLE PROVIDER, Entenmann-Rovin Co., Commerce, CA., in the total amount of \$20,047.50. All officers will have their badges replaced to a new design featuring the Police Department building. Funding is available in the Police Department's general operations budget.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

50. Consideration of an award of contract to Holt Company of Texas, Laredo, Texas in the estimated amount of \$16,431.80, for repairs to a 1994 Caterpillar D8N dozer (tract type tractor). Repairs are needed to the tracks of this dozer. This equipment is vital to the operation of the City landfill and staff is requesting City Council authorization to proceed with these repairs. The replacement cost for this equipment is approximately \$370,000. With these repairs, it is estimated that the tracks will provide approximately three to four thousand hours of use.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

51. Consideration to award contract number FY00-024, to the LOW BIDDER, Nick Benavides, Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$137,400.00, for providing monthly mowing and maintenance of the Zacate Creek areas from Meadow and Canal Streets to the mouth of the river. This includes the collection of trash, debris, rubbish, and other floatable material along the creek. The contract will be monitored by the Engineering Department's – N.P.D.E.S. Division. Funding is available in the N.P.D.E.S. budget.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

52. Consideration to authorize the City of Laredo Parks and Recreation Department Cemetery Division to buy back 3 (three) previously sold interment rights. Proposed request would entail creation of a budget line item to allow the City of Laredo Cemetery to repurchase interment rights that are no longer desired by current owners. A transfer of funds within the

FY99/00 Cemetery budget will provide the \$1,200 necessary to purchase the plots.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

53. Consideration of approval of the Children's International Advocacy Center General Fund Aid to Other Agencies contract for the Fiscal Year October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000 in the amount of \$50,000.

(This item is related to Staff Report Item #61 and may be considered before approval of this item)

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Guerra

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 2

Cm. Galo

Cm. Alvarado

54. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to submit an application for Tree City USA designation to the National Arbor Day Foundation and Adoption of a per capita fee of \$2.00 for a total of \$350,000 to fund Tree City USA program implementation.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

55. Consideration to approve proposed changes to the City of Laredo Cemetery Rules and Regulations as per recommendation of the Cemetery Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Moreno

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

56. Consideration to refund property taxes to the following taxpayers:
- A refund for Jesse Martinez in the amount of \$1,984.53 due to a double assessment as per the ARB Supplement #13, Cause #99-5497.
 - A refund for La Bota Ranch Owners Association, Inc. in the amount of \$1,339.08 due to a clerical error. Pursuant to the Property Tax Code Section 23.18 – Property owned by the Home Owners Association should have been appraised at a nominal value.

These refunds will be paid from line item Deferred Revenue/Unapplied Payments.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

57. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to execute a two month purchase order in the amount of \$37,924 and to execute Contract Solicitation No. DTFA07-99-02887 a four year and ten month contract in the amount of \$1,369,254 with the Federal Aviation Administration for air traffic control services at the Laredo International Airport utilizing City of Laredo Airport Fund employees. The City of Laredo will provide labor, supervision, materials and equipment or supplies as required in accordance with description/specifications/statement of work and all contract clauses for air traffic control services at the Laredo International Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration will reimburse the City of Laredo a total amount of \$254,8984 during FY 1999-2000.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

58. Consideration to accept a donation for display purposes only, of the cannon from the American Legion Post 59 for the purpose of restoring and displaying in the Veterans section of the City of Laredo Cemetery. The cannon shall continue to be the property of the American Legion Post 59. Funding for the restoration totals \$271.00 and is available in the City Cemetery FY99/00 budget. Funding for the display preparations total \$246.92 and is also available in the City Cemetery FY 99/00 budget.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

59. Consideration of the presentation and discussion on the naming of the Fourth International Bridge.

Motion to name the 4th bridge as: "World Trade Bridge"

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to accept plaque with both councils.

Moved: Cm. Guerra
Second: Cm. Alvarado

The motion was rescinded by Cm. Alvarado and the maker of the motion, Cm. Guerra.

60. Consideration to approve the Project Plaque for the City of Laredo Telecommunications Center.

Motion to table.

Moved: Mayor Pro Tempore Montalvo
Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

61. Status report on the Children International Advocacy Center.

Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager, was the spokesperson for the Children International Advocacy Center. The following report was submitted to Mrs. Collazo by Jose Vela, III, non profit Management and Volunteer Center Coordinator:

Children's International Advocacy Center

Staff Report

December 9th - Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo and Nonprofit and Volunteer Center Coordinator Jose Vela III met with Sylvia Gutierrez at the CIAC to deliver a videotape copy of the December City Council meeting. Ms. Gutierrez gave City staff a tour of the facility, explaining its day to day operations and long term mission.

December 14th - Acting City Manager Cynthia Collazo, City Attorney Jaime Flores, Internal Auditor Judith Baber and Nonprofit and Volunteer Center Coordinator Jose Vela III met with the CIAC board and District Attorney Joe Rubio. The CIAC Board indicated that they would be making a presentation to the City Council at the December 20 meeting.

December 20th - The Internal Audit Division performed a review of the 'Request for Reimbursements submitted by the CIAC for the period October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, The review does not constitute a financial audit. The scope of the review was limited to examining expense invoices submitted by the CIAC to the City of Laredo to determine if the documents supported expenses reimbursed by the City of Laredo. Based on the expenditure invoices reviewed, expenses appear to be generally in order with the approved budget for City funding. Some minor errors valued at less than

\$2,700 were identified and will be resolved through the submittal of additional expense invoices by the CIAC. Additional documentation consisting of cancelled checks has also been requested in order to confirm that expenditures submitted have been paid.

Based on the meetings and research conducted, City staff recommends approval of the Third Party Contract.

President of the Child Advocacy Center, Mary Guevara Capello, made a presentation before council and a video was shown on the services provided by the Advocacy Center. She voiced her strong support for the non-profit organization who receives funding from the City of Laredo.

Sylvia Gutierrez, representing the Children's Advocacy Center, gave a report on the number of cases handled, services given, and the process of the agency.

Dr. Gregorio Pina, III spoke on services that he provides for the Advocacy Center.

Sylvia Bruni, Dr. Henry Carranza, Ms. Notzon, Dr. Susan Baker and Ms. Cookie Muller, members of the board of the Advocacy Center, voiced their strong support for the center.

62. Report regarding the division of City Departments reporting to the Acting City Managers.

Cindy Collazo advised the council of the different departments that will be reporting to her and Luis Dovalina .

Larry Dovalina, Acting City Manager, will be reviewing reports from Public Works, Engineering, Traffic Bridge, Utilities, Parks & Recreation, Library, Transit, MIS, Municipal Court and the Fire Department.

Cindy Collazo, Acting City Manager, will be reviewing reports from the Building Department, Tax Department, Planning & Zoning, Health, CD, CVB, Airport, Police, Administration Services and Internal Audit.

Both Acting Managers will be working with Secretary's Office, Attorney's Office, Public Information Office, Finance and Budget.

Mr. Dovalina announced that Gustavo Guevara will be responsible for the agenda. Horacio De Leon will assist the City Manager's Office as well as the City Council in tracking the motions and the directives that we have.

63. Presentation on the Plan of Finance by Noe Hinojosa of Estrada Hinojosa Financial Consultants on the funding mechanism for the donation of land to the University of Texas Health Science Center with possible action.

In the absence of Noe Hinojosa, Peter Tart, of McCall, Park Hurst & Horton gave the presentation before council. He stated that they have obtained the approval from the Attorney General's Office of a plan of financing in reference to the donation of the land to the Texas Health Service.

The plan will entail the city issuing General Obligation Refunding Bonds to fund the city's obligation to the airport fund for the transfer and release of the property which would be conveyed from the airport in effect to the city's General Fund. The city could convey this to the University of Texas System. At that time of transfer, there is a method by which we can completely fund the city's obligation to the airport fund.

Cm. Moreno inquired about the detail of the funding mechanism.

Mr. Tart stated that once the total dollar amount that we will be funding is ready, there will be a plan of financing as far as the proposed maturity and debt service requirements. It will be a general obligation refunding bond of the city in order to fund the obligation that we have to the airport fund in order to get the release of the land. We will give a presentation to the city of the actual maturities and the assumed interest rates when all the information has been reviewed.

Motion to support the donation of an additional approximate 2.6 acres located at the Laredo International Airport not used for aeronautical purposes to the University of Texas Board of Regents for the Laredo extension campus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and directing City Managers to proceed with the process necessary to effectuate said donation.

Moved: Cm. Bruni

Second: Cm. Galo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XIV. RECESS AND CONVENE AS MASS TRANSIT BOARD

Motion to recess as the City Council and convene as the Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Cm. Galo

Second: Cm. Bruni

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

64. Consideration to award an annual supply contract number 00-025, to the LOW BIDDER, Arguindegui Oil Co., Laredo, Texas, in the estimated amount of \$400,000, for the purchase of transport loads of low sulfur diesel fuel and tank wagon loads of unleaded fuel for the El Metro fleet. The transport load contract pricing per gallon for diesel is approximately \$0.0016 less. The tank wagon load

contract pricing for unleaded fuel is approximately \$0.0174 higher.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

65. Consideration for the approval to initiate special truck driver's bus service from the Unitec Industrial Park in North Laredo to points in Central Laredo.

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

66. Consideration to authorize the issuance of request for proposals for bus bench, bus exterior and interior and/or shelter/kiosk advertising sales and service. The solicitation seeks proposals for any of the following options:

- Module I –Bus Benches
- Module II – Bus Exterior and Interior Advertising
- Module III – Bus Shelter/Kiosk or
- All three options

Motion to approve.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn as the Mass Transit Board and Reconvene as City Council.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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

Moved: Cm. Guerra

Second: Cm. Montalvo

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Alvarado

Second: Cm. Agredano

For: 8

Against: 0


Abstain: 0

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

T I M E: 9:33

p.m.

I hereby certify that the above minutes contained in pages 01 to 36 are true, complete, and correct proceedings of the City Council Meeting held on 20 th day of December 1999.



Gustavo Guevara, Jr.
City Secretary